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# education in UPSTATE, SC

*Families in Upstate have excellent education opportunities available. Children get award-winning public schools, while adults get some of the best colleges in the south*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Award-winning schools throughout the Upstate region*

School-aged children in the Upstate area of South Carolina have access to many award-winning schools. The area includes ten counties, including Greenville, Anderson and Spartanburg, and has a population of approximately 1.4 million. In a recent survey, nearly 75% of the residents called the region an “excellent” or “very good” place to live, and access to excellent education is just one of the reasons.

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### The largest

Greenville County students have access to the largest school district in the state and the 45th-largest in the country. The county's school system is also the leader in the state when it comes to offering alternative schools, including magnet academies and charter schools with specialized arts and sciences curriculum. The AdvancED Accreditation Commission recognized Greenville as a high quality school district "with some of the finest schools the review team had ever seen."

### Blue ribbon schools

Many Spartanburg County schools have earned statewide or nationwide recognition including Spartanburg High School of District 7, the first four-time National Blue Ribbon School that was also named one of the most rigorous high schools in the nation by the Washington Post.

Upstate-area students also have access to additional special focus centers that offer learning opportunities outside the standard public school offerings.

**FOR EXAMPLE** students in Greenville County have access to special engineering and arts schools such as The A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering in Greenville. The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities is a high school for emerging artists offering concentrations in creative writing, dance, drama, music and visual arts.

McCarthy Teszler School, in Spartanburg, serves students aged five to 21 and offers specific programs for students who are disabled or handicapped or emotionally disabled.

High school students in Easley, as another example, may also be assigned to the state-of-the-art Pickens County Career & Technology Center. CTC provides skills and training in 20 different programs with a mission to ensure college and/or career readiness for the students.

### Magnet Schools

Magnet schools offer children unique educational choices with "a theme or focus that is designed to give students an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift, talent or skill." Some of the magnet schools in Upstate require students to apply and be accepted into the schools. The application consists of information on the student's attendance record, discipline and grade average and a student statement indicating why the student would like to attend the magnet academy. However, other schools, with a goal to offer specialized education to a diverse group of students, enroll students via lottery.

There are almost 30 magnet schools combined in Greenville and Anderson County public schools. Make sure to check with your school district for information about magnet school offerings for your children.



## Early and Middle Colleges

Developed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as a way of giving high school students greater options and promoting higher education, this tuition-free program allows high-achieving, mature kids to study in small classes. Dual enrollment courses offer students the opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school diploma.

Two of Upstate early colleges include:

[Greenville's Early College](#) is available for students in grades 6-8, soon to serve students through the 12th grade and focuses education on literacy, mathematics and critical thinking skills, with the opportunity to enroll in dual credit classes once in high school. Greenville Early College students will have the opportunity to apply to Clemson University, Furman University and/or USC Upstate, the program's partner schools. (See the Higher Education section below for more information on these colleges.)

The Viking Early College, in Spartanburg, a partnership between School District 7 and Spartanburg Community College, is a "rigorous yet supportive program" that compresses the time to complete high school and the first two years of college. The Viking program is a male-only program focused on "first-generation college goers" in families from Spartanburg.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

*Another option for small classrooms and innovative learning*

South Carolina charter schools are "independent public schools that are nonsectarian, nonreligious, non-home-based and nonprofit." As such, the schools are open to all students in any given county of residence, although they must apply and are subject to acceptance standards. Charter schools offer smaller classroom size and provide new, innovative and more flexible ways of education.

### THERE ARE NUMEROUS CHARTER SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE UPSTATE AREA SUCH AS:

- [Brashier Middle College Charter High School](#) is at the Brashier campus of Greenville Technical College in Simpsonville. The curriculum includes a strong core academic program providing a personalized academic plan based upon each student's interests, talents and abilities, with an eye on sending them on their way to earning a college degree.
- [Spartanburg Prep](#), in Spartanburg, offering single gender classes, class sizes limited to 12 students and a "Character Counts Curriculum," a character development framework, as well as foreign language, art, music and PE.
- [The South Carolina Youth Leadership Academy](#), located on Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute in Pickens, is available to Easley middle school students,



grades 6-8. The school that is about eight miles outside of Easley, follows a curriculum focused on STEM courses.

For more information about charter schools in your district, check the “schools” section of the district’s website or see the [South Carolina Public Charter School District](#) website.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

*180-day school ‘year’*

### ALL OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS

in Upstate S.C. follow the traditional school calendar schedule giving students an extended summer break. Nearly all of them start in late August and go through early June. Spartanburg County students often get out before Memorial Day for a slightly longer summer.

### Choice

Students are most often assigned to their primary school based on their parents’ home address. But the Greenville County School District, the largest school district in the state, offers “choice” schools to the residents. Through a choice program, parents may request that their children attend another school by requesting a change of assignment and entering the “lottery,” or by applying to the school system’s magnet academies. Some of the other school districts may offer limited choice, such as Laurens in Laurens County, for the Preparatory

Academy, where students in grades 6-12 receive positive behavior intervention.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

*No way around the tests*

Students all over Upstate S.C. follow the South Carolina State Department of Education testing requirements designed to measure their performance on the goals, objectives and competencies set forth by the state.

### FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE STATE’S REQUIRED TESTS:

**PASS** (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards) Students take PASS in grades 3-8 and are tested on English language arts, mathematics, writing, social studies and science.

**EOCEP** (End-of-Course Examination Program) The EOCEP tests high school core courses and middle school students for high school credit in the following subject areas: Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2; English 1; US History and the Constitution; and Biology 1/Applied Biology 2.

**HSAP** (High School Assessment Program) The HSAP is South Carolina’s exit exam. Every student must pass the HSAP to graduate from high school.

**SC-ALT** (South Carolina Alternate Assessment) The SC-Alt is an alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities.



Students aged 8-13 and 15 as of September 1 of the assessment year are tested.

All of the schools post a calendar on their websites listing test days for each of the tests. Parents are encouraged to note the dates and ensure their children are present for all testing. Detailed information can be found with the State Board of Education at [State-Assessments.gov](http://State-Assessments.gov).

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### *56 alternative, tuition-based schools*

There are 56 private schools in Greenville County, 21 in Spartanburg, 15 in Anderson County and many more throughout the Upstate area. Many of the private schools teach students in grades K-12 in one facility and nearly 90% of them are religiously affiliated giving parents choices for providing their children a faith-based education.

"Privates" offer small classroom size and low student-to-teacher ratios, with some of the Greenville County private schools boasting a 6:1 ratio, as compared to the public school state average of 16:1, giving students lots of individualized attention.

Private schools are tuition-based and often involve a competitive application process, however, many parents believe the benefits their children gain from the specialized curriculum and the competitive edge gained in college is worth the investment.

## A SAMPLING OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN UPSTATE INCLUDE

[Montessori School of Anderson](#), serving students from childhood through graduation, with a curriculum based on the Montessori methods and philosophy, a holistic curriculum designed to promote "the development of social skills, emotional growth and physical coordination as well as cognitive preparation; [Prince of Peace Catholic Church](#), in Taylors, is a Pre-K4 to 8th grade school with a goal for students to be prepared for an honors high school curriculum and to be prepared for college; and [Meeting Street Academy](#), in Spartanburg, for students aged K-5 with a focus on "rigorous, college-preparatory education."

The numerous private schools in Greenville range from the The [Bob Jones Academy](#), with an enrollment of over 1,000, offering education for students K-12 to the [Camperdown Academy](#) providing a "progressive education for bright dyslexic children" to [Augusta Road Baptist Church Kindergarten](#) with about 80 Pre-K and K students.

## HOME SCHOOLING

### *Growing movement for homeschooling*

Although just 10 years ago, homeschooling was considered "cutting edge" education, now some researchers report it is becoming more popular in South Carolina than private schooling. Currently, 2% of South Carolina students are being home schooled, or approximately 16,000 students.



**THE TOP REASON PARENTS HOME SCHOOL** is for their concern about public schooling environments for their children. In addition, they cite a desire to provide religious or moral instruction, dissatisfaction with academics in other schools and a need for a non-traditional schedule and learning environment.

### Required guidelines

Regardless of the reasons, parents must follow S.C. state guidelines in order to home school their children. Students in Upstate have three options available to them for home schooling their children: home school under the auspices of a school district; home school with support of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools; or home school with support from a home school association of which the parent is a member. Parents are encouraged to select the option that is best for their children.

Some of the home school associations available include [South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools](#), [Upstate Home School Co-Op](#), [Family TOUCH](#) and [Academic Advantage Association](#).

### Minimum time in home school

Home-schooled children throughout the Upstate region must receive instruction at least four and a half hours each day for 180 days of the year, but the daily schedule can be flexible. Students will follow a curriculum that includes reading, writing, arithmetic as well as other subjects mandated by the state.

Students are also required to take the PASS, HSAP and EOCEP tests.

For more information about homeschooling your children, visit the [State Department of Education](#) website.

## CHILD CARE

### *Follow your ABCs for quality care day care in Upstate*

South Carolina wants to ensure parents have a safe, nurturing environment when they leave their children in day care; however, only licensed providers are required to meet the state's health and safety requirements. According to the state, "a quality provider has a set program along with written plans for the day; they also have standards for nutrition and physical activity." This means that when you drop your child off for day care, they are well cared for by a professional staff.

### Grading Criteria

South Carolina offers a voluntary quality grading system for child care centers and encourages parents to look for the ABC Quality grades of centers before enrolling their children. Grading criteria include health and safety, teacher-to-child ratios, certifications of staff, on-going training for staff and much more.

There are more than 3,000 child care facilities in South Carolina representing the six different types of options available. The options include:



**LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS** are authorized for more than 12 children and are regularly inspected by the Child Care Licensing Staff.

**REGISTERED FAITH-BASED CENTERS** care for 13 or more children, are sponsored by a religious organization with the option to be licensed.

**LICENSED GROUP CHILD CARE HOMES** care for seven to 12 children in a provider's home and have regular visits from the Child Care Licensing Staff.

**LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** care for up to five children in a provider's home. The home is required to be licensed or registered if care is provided for more than one unrelated child.

**REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** care for up to six children in the provider's home. The home is required to be licensed or registered if care is provided for more than one unrelated child. Child Care Licensing staff may make one unannounced visit each year and may also visit in response to a complaint.

## **FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

There are no regulations, standards or requirements for daycare provided by families, friends or neighbors.

Detailed information about South Carolina child care can be found online at [scchildcare.org](http://scchildcare.org).

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

### *Up-and-coming colleges in "Tiger" Country*

It doesn't get much better than it is for Upstate, S.C. residents when it comes time to look for a college or university. Not only are they in "Tiger" country with Clemson University, one of the premier universities of the South, but they are also near the #1 Up-and-Coming Regional College in the South, Anderson University, and Furman University, internationally recognized for its beautiful campus.

The list of Upstate colleges seems to go on and on, but here is a start:

**ANDERSON UNIVERSITY** in Anderson S.C. has received its share of accolades - One of America's 100 Best College Buys, One of the Best Regional Colleges in the South (#21), the #1 Up-and-Coming Regional College in the South and the #1 Regional College in the South with the Best Undergraduate Teaching. No wonder AU has seen enrollment numbers grow for 10 consecutive years and is the fastest-growing private university in South Carolina.

The private, liberal arts university is popular not only for its faith-based Christian education, but also for its academic excellence and the over 50 majors available. In addition to the full-time residential students at AU, the university offers evening and weekend classes as part of its ACCEL program and for its Masters students. There are approximately 3,200 students enrolled at AU. The Anderson



Trojans compete in the NCAA Division II, South Atlantic Conference in athletics.

864.231.2000 • [Anderson University](#)

**BOB JONES UNIVERSITY** is a Christian liberal arts university in Greenville that focuses on helping students to integrate a Christian view of life with all facets of their personal life, including their career choice. Aside from graduates of the seminary, popular programs at BJU include accounting, criminal justice and elementary education. The University is known for its academic excellence and boasts a medical school acceptance rate of greater than 80%, versus the national average of 49% and an engineering graduation pass rate of 95% on the National Engineering Exam, with a 100% pass rate in 2012. With an enrollment of around 3,000 students, the Bruins participate in NCAA athletics in basketball, soccer, cross-country and golf. 864.242.5100 • [Bob Jones University](#)

**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY** is one of the premier universities of the south and the country. Ranked as the 20th best national public university by U.S. News & World Report, Clemson University focuses its curriculum in the science and engineering fields. Founded in 1889 by Thomas Green Clemson who had a love for education and a vision to rebuild South Carolina, the University has grown into an elite university with more than 16,000 undergraduates and 4,000 graduate students. According to the Princeton Review, Clemson ranks 3rd in the US for having the happiest students. Some of that may have to do with the nationally prominent Tigers football team

with 18 total conference titles, including the 1982 national title and 14 ACC titles.

864.656.3311 • [Clemson University](#)

**CONVERSE COLLEGE** is a four-year, women's only undergraduate college with a co-ed graduate program. Homing in on the advantages that single-gender studies bring, Converse emphasizes empowerment through internships, student research, leadership development, community service and study-travel. Through its motto of "Voice. Value. Vision." the college encourages collaboration, and with a student-to-faculty ratio of 11:1 and a total enrollment of just over 1,100, students have plenty of opportunities to find their voice in class.

Converse offers programs through its three schools: School of the Arts, School of Humanities and Sciences and School of Education and Graduate Studies. The college is the country's only women's college with a school of music and is one of just two colleges in S.C. with a degree in Music Therapy.

864.596.9000 • [Converse College](#)

**FORREST COLLEGE** with a motto of "small college, big difference," is a non-traditional associate's degree program college offering nine areas of specialization, as well as numerous diploma programs. The college boasts small classes affording students individualized instruction. The flexible class hours and the locally pertinent programs appeal to Anderson residents of all ages from teens through those in the seventies. Whether



students take their degree and continue on in a four-year institution, use the training to advance in their current job, or start a new career, Forrest College can accommodate.

864.225.7653 • [Forest College](#)

**FURMAN UNIVERSITY** is private, four-year liberal arts university in Greenville that prides itself on its outstanding academics, beautiful 750-acre campus and close-knit community where all undergraduate students live on campus for four years. Furman has a diverse enrollment of just over 2,700 with students representing the U.S. and 53 other countries. The small population translates to small class sizes, approximately 19 students per class and its 11:1 student-faculty ratio provides the perfect setting to allow students to think deeply, develop creative solutions, be heard and form lasting relationships.

864.294.2000 • [Furman University](#)

**GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE** prepares its students for a career and the skills needed to be prepared for the “real world,” with more than 100 programs geared toward helping you get in the job market quickly. Campuses in Greenville, Simpsonville and Taylors SC.

864.250.8000 • [Greenville Technical College](#)

**LANDER UNIVERSITY** in Greenwood, a regional, four-year university with an enrollment of about 3,000 students, offers traditional liberal arts and science programs as well as professional programs in business, education and nursing.

864.388.8000 • [Lander University](#)

**NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY** is a co-educational liberal arts institution in Tigerville and Taylors SC that provides opportunities for higher education in a biblically sound Christ-centered environment and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor, master and doctorate degrees in more than 30 fields of study.

864.977.7000 • [North Greenville University](#)

**PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE** Located in Greenwood, the College offers university transfer; associate degrees, diplomas and certificates in technical and occupational areas; college preparatory programs; student development programs providing academic, career and individual support; and custom-designed continuing education programs provide training for business and industry.

800.868.5528 • Piedmont Technical College

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE** is a private liberal arts college in Clinton, with an enrollment of just over 1,000 students. With an average class size of 15 students and 30 major programs available, students are able to choose a program they can excel in and have their voice heard in class. PC is proud of its high academic standards with approximately 90% of the graduates being employed within six months of graduation. The Blue Hose athletic teams compete in the Big South Conference.

864.833.2820 • [Presbyterian College](#)

**SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY** is a four-year Christian college, founded in 1906 by the Wesleyan Church. The main campus is



in Central S.C., with learning centers located in Greenville, Greenwood and Spartanburg. The school offers approximately 35 major areas of study for undergraduates and also offers graduate degrees in the areas of business and education. 874.672.7981 • [Southern Wesleyan University](#)

**SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE** is a two-year institution with more than 100 programs of study that lead to high-demand, high-growth careers and take as little as four months to two years to complete. Fees are 60% lower than public four-year university tuition and 80%-90% lower than private college tuition. The transfer program is a great way to save money and get into the four-year colleges of your choice. 864.592.4600 • [Spartanburg Community College](#)

**SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE** is a private, two-year institution of higher learning located in Spartanburg. It is the only independent, regionally accredited, residential two-year college in South Carolina. SMC offers the liberal arts courses you'll need to build a solid foundation to select a major and complete your bachelor's degree at some of the finest colleges and universities in the country. SMC also offers an Associate in Arts, Associate in Religious Studies, Associate in Science, Associate in Business Administration, Associate in Fine Arts and an Associate in Criminal Justice Degree. 864.587.4000 • [Spartanburg Methodist College](#)

**TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE** is a two-year public community college with an enrollment of more than 9,000 students pursuing education in more than 70 fields of study. The school has a proud history of service to the citizens and employers of Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties. Campuses in Anderson and Easley, S.C. Tri-County's Anderson campus delivers "innovative educational resources and life-long learning opportunities" to Anderson residents. The school has partnered with Anderson County to bring a S.C. QuickJobs Development Center to Anderson bringing business and industry training right into town.

An agreement with Clemson University allows Tri-County graduates with degrees in nursing, medical lab technology, veterinary technology and certain sciences to be accepted with junior standing in a comparable major at Clemson University.

864.646.8282 • [Tri-County Community College](#)

**UNIVERSITY OF SC-UPSTATE** in Spartanburg, is part of the USC system with four-year campuses in Aiken, Beaufort, Columbia and with its Palmetto Campus locations in Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter and Union. Upstate offers bachelor's programs in liberal arts, the sciences, business, education and nursing. It also offers master's degrees in education and informatics. Upstate is a public institution with an average yearly enrollment of 5,500 students and with a goal of becoming "one of the southeast's leading 'metropolitan' universities." 864.503.5000 • [University of South Carolina Upstate](#)



**WOFFORD COLLEGE** is a private, liberal arts college in Spartanburg. It was founded in 1854, and boasts an enrollment of about 1,600. The 170-acre campus is designated as the Roger Milliken Arboretum and nearly 5,000 trees have been planted in the last 25 years. Wofford offers 51 majors, minors and programs including computer science, government, mathematics, philosophy and economics. The

strength of the college's academics shows in its successful alumni with 3,218 in senior management of corporations or organizations, 1,302 practicing medicine, dentistry or in other health care professions and 827 are attorneys or judges. The school participates in NCAA Division I Southern Conference athletics. 864.597.4000 • [Wofford College](#)





# Anderson County Schools























# Anderson County School District 1

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
CEDAR GROVE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	614	Traditional
CONCRETE PRIMARY	Public Regular	K-2	616	Traditional
HUNT MEADOWS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	431	Traditional
PALMETTO ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	608	Traditional
POWDERSVILLE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	3-5	543	Traditional
SPEARMAN ELEMENTARY	Public Magnet	PK-5	530	Traditional
WEST PELZER ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	457	Traditional
WREN ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	544	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Williamstom	864.847.3500		
Easley	864.269.4571		
Easley	864.850.3987		
Williamstom	864.847.5442		
Greenville	864.269.4431		
Piedmont	864.947.9787		
West Pelzer	864.947.6424		
Piedmont	864.850.5950		

















# Anderson County School District 2

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
BELTON ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	3-5	458	Traditional
HONEA PATH ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-4	484	Traditional
MARSHALL PRIMARY	Public Regular	PK-2	570	Traditional
WRIGHT ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-6	190	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
BELTON MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	519	Traditional
HONEA PATH MIDDLE	Public Regular	5-8	423	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOL				
BELTON-HONEA PATH HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,099	Traditional



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Belton	864.338.7738		
Honea Path	864.369.7612		
Belton	864.338.7611		
Belton	864.296.1776		
Belton	864.369.4712		
Honea Path	864.369.4715		
Honea Path	864.369.7382		













# Anderson County School District 3

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
FLAT ROCK ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	377	Traditional
IVA ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	415	Traditional
STARR ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	443	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOL				
STARR-IVA MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	602	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOL				
CRESCENT HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	746	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Anderson	864.296.9191		
Iva	864.348.6400		
Starr	864.352.6154		
Starr	864.352.6146		
Iva	864.352.6175		










# Anderson County School District 4

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
LA FRANCE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-6	434	Traditional
MOUNT LEBANON ROAD	Public Regular	PK-6	503	Traditional
PENDLETON ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-6	395	Traditional
TOWNVILLE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-6	286	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOL				
RIVERSIDE MIDDLE	Public Regular	7-8	468	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOL				
PENDLETON HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	841	Traditional



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Pendleton	864.403.2300		
Pendleton	864.403.2400		
Pendleton	864.403.2500		
Townville	864.403.2600		
Pendleton	864.403.2200		
Anderson	864.403.2100		



# Anderson County School District 5

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
CALHOUN ACADEMY OF THE ARTS	Public Magnet	K-5	635	Traditional
CENTERVILLE ACAD OF 21ST CENT. LEARNING	Public Magnet	K-5	661	Traditional
CONCORD ELEMENTARY	Public Magnet	K-5	670	Traditional
HOMELAND PARK PRIMARY	Public Magnet	K-2	381	Traditional
MCLEES ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP	Public Magnet	K-5	650	Traditional
MIDWAY ELEM. SCH. OF SCI. AND ENGIN.	Public Magnet	K-5	759	Traditional
NEVITT FOREST COMM. SCH. OF INNOVATION	Public Magnet	K-5	504	Traditional
NEW PROSPECTS STEM ACADEMY	Public Magnet	K-5	517	Traditional
NORTH POINTE ELEMENTARY	Public Magnet	K-5	386	Traditional
VARENNES ACAD. OF COMM. & TECH.	Public Magnet	3-5	312	Traditional
WHITEHALL ELEM. GLOBAL COMM. SCHOOL	Public Magnet	K-5	435	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
GLENVIEW MIDDLE	Public Magnet	6-8	686	Traditional
LAKESIDE MIDD SCH OF INQUIRY & INNOV.	Public Magnet	6-8	529	Traditional
MCCANTS MIDD. INTERNL. BACC. WORLD SCH.	Public Magnet	6-8	652	Traditional
ROBERT ANDERSON COLL. & CAREER ACAD	Public Magnet	6-8	653	Traditional
SOUTHWOOD ACADEMY OF THE ARTS	Public Magnet	6-8	352	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOLS				
T.L. HANNA HIGH INTERN.BACC. WORLD SCH.	Public Magnet	9-12	1,749	Traditional
WESTSIDE HIGH	Public Magnet	9-12	1,716	Traditional



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Anderson	864.260.5090		
Anderson	864.260.5100		
Anderson	864.260.5105		
Anderson	864.260.5125		
Anderson	864.716.3600		
Anderson	864.716.3800		
Anderson	864.260.5190		
Anderson	864.260.51-95		
Anderson	864.260.5040		
Anderson	864.260.5215		
Anderson	864.260.5225		
Anderson	864.716.4060		
Anderson	864.260.5135		
Anderson	864.260.5145		
Anderson	864.716.3890		
Anderson	864.260.5205		
Anderson	864.260.5110		
Anderson	864.260.5230		







# education in ANDERSON

*Home to Anderson University and a public school system where quality instruction is the highest priority*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Magnet schools challenge students*

Anderson students are served by District 5 of Anderson County School District.

District 5 serves students through its nine elementary schools, three middle schools, and three high schools.

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### AVID- Advancement Via Individual Determination

Anderson District 5 students also have access to four AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) school programs. AVID students are B, C, and sometime D students who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard, but need additional support. Many of these students will be the first in their families to attend college or are from socio-economically disadvantaged families.

AVID schools are: T. L. Hanna High School, an International Baccalaureate World School; Westside High School, an Early College Academy; Glenview Middle School of Choice; and Robert Anderson College and Career Academy, an AVID demonstration site.

### Magnet Schools

Magnet schools in Anderson provide children unique educational choices with “a theme or focus that is designed to give students an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift, talent or skill.” The curriculum is taught using strategies centered on the magnet school’s theme. Students must apply and be accepted into the schools, and all students residing in the geographic area served by Anderson School District Five may apply for admission to three magnet schools.

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Anderson residents have a wide variety of magnet schools from which to choose. There are 11 elementary magnet schools, five middle

school magnet schools and two high school magnet schools.

### A Top 5 school

Magnet schools in Anderson include: Calhoun Academy of the Arts, for K-5, integrates drama, music, dance, visual arts, and creative writing into teaching all subjects; Centerville Academy of 21st Century Learning focuses on 21st-century skills-collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking; Midway Elementary School of Science and Engineering, a magnet school dedicated to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education; Glenview Middle School offering middle school students an education in academics, arts, and athletics; and TL Hanna High School, an International Baccalaureate World School, named the #5 top ranked SC school by U.S. News & World Report.

See Anderson District 5 website for more information on [Magnet Schools](#).

### Early and Middle Colleges

Developed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as a way of giving high school students greater options and promoting higher education, this tuition-free program allows high-achieving, mature kids to study in small classes. Dual enrollment courses offer students the opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school diploma.



## Early College Academy

Westside High School is an Early College Academy for 9-12 grade students. At present, English, math, social studies, and science classes are taught in the academy. Students that are accepted into Westside typically exhibit "maturity, determination, and responsibility in their demeanor and communication skills."

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

### *Learn your way*

Anderson charter schools, as mandated by the State Department of Education, are independent public schools that are nonsectarian, nonreligious, non-home-based, and nonprofit. As such, the schools are open to all students in Anderson, although they must apply and are subject to acceptance standards. Charter school instructors are allowed the freedom to be more innovative, but they are also held accountable to the same academic standards as all state public schools.

The [Anderson 5 Charter School](#) offers a non-traditional educational setting, "any time, any place, any path, any pace," to educate students "who model integrity, citizenship, and the value of lifelong learning."

For more information about charter schools in South Carolina see the [South Carolina Public Charter School District](#) website.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

### *Stay near your home, or choose a magnet*

The 15 public schools in Anderson follow the traditional school calendar schedule - late August through early June - and meet 180 days.

Anderson students are assigned to a home-based school based on the address where their parents reside, however, parents may request that their children attend another school by requesting a change of assignment by applying to the school system's magnet academies. Some magnet schools have acceptance standards. See Anderson 5 Magnet School FAQ's for more information on school choice.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

### *Testing progress against the state's standards*

Students in Anderson public schools follow the South Carolina State Department of Education testing requirements designed to measure student performance on the goals, objectives and competencies set forth by the State. Following is a list of the state's required tests:

**PASS (PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS)** Students take PASS in grades 3-8 and are tested on English language arts, mathematics, writing, social studies, and science.



### **EOCEP (END-OF-COURSE EXAMINATION PROGRAM)**

The EOCEP tests high school core courses and middle school students for high school credit in the following subject areas: Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2; English 1; US History and the Constitution; and Biology 1/Applied Biology 2.

### **HSAP (HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM)**

The HSAP is South Carolina's exit exam. Every student must pass the HSAP to graduate from High School.

### **SC-ALT (SOUTH CAROLINA ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT)**

The SC-Alt is an alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Students aged eight to 13 and 15 as of September 1 of the assessment year are tested.

Check your student's school calendar for timing and dates for the tests. Detailed information can be found with the State Board of Education at [State-Assessments.gov](http://State-Assessments.gov).

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### *Faith-based learning*

"Privates" offer small classroom size and low teacher-to-student ratios, affording students individualized attention. Many of the private schools across South Carolina house students in grades K-12 and are religiously affiliated.

Private schools are tuition-based and often involve a competitive application process, however, many parents believe the cost is

worth it for the specialized curriculum and the competitive edge many students gain in college.

There are 15 private schools in Anderson County with an enrollment of approximately 1,500 students.

*Montessori School of Anderson* curriculum is based on the Montessori methods and philosophy, a holistic curriculum designed to promote "the development of social skills, emotional growth, and physical coordination as well as cognitive preparation." Students are assigned to "classes" that correspond to the developmental stages of childhood, while the curriculum follows the child's needs and skills. Montessori serves students from childhood through graduation. In a partnership with Anderson University, Montessori juniors and seniors may take up to 30 semester hours of college courses in the School of Arts and Sciences that count for dual credit.

*St Joseph Catholic School* teaches students K-8 while instilling Catholic faith and values. St. Joseph follows the curriculum standards of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston. The school offers the standard math, English, science and social studies curriculum as well as specialized offerings including Spanish, Latin, music and art.

Other private schools in Anderson include Calvary's Kids Preschool and First Presbyterian Day School for PK and K students, Temple Christian Academy for PK-9, and Trinity Christian Education School serving K-12.



## HOME SCHOOLING

### *Flexible schedule under the watchful eye of parents*

Although just 10 years ago, homeschooling was considered “cutting edge” education it is now becoming more and more popular in the U.S. and in South Carolina. Whether parents are concerned about the public school environment, their children have special needs, or they want to instill family and religious values on their children without the cost of private schools, more and more parents are choosing to home school their children. In South Carolina approximately 2%, or 16,000, children are home schooled.

### **Three options available**

Parents in Anderson have three options available to them for home schooling their children: home school under the auspices of a school district; home school with support of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools; or home school with support from a home school association of which the parent is a member. Some of the local home school associations available to Anderson parents include [South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools](#), Anderson Home School Association and [Carolina HomeSchooler](#).

### **Rules to follow**

Home schooled children in Anderson must receive instruction at least four and a half hours each day for 180 days of the year, although the parents have flexibility in the daily schedule. Students must follow

a curriculum that includes reading, writing, arithmetic as well as other subjects mandated by the state. Students are also required to take the PASS, HSAP, and EOCEP tests.

For more information about homeschooling your children, visit the [State Department of Education](#) website.

## CHILD CARE

### *Keep your child safe and learning*

South Carolina wants to ensure parents have a safe, nurturing environment when they leave their children in day care; however, only licensed providers are required to meet the state’s health and safety requirements. The state also notes that “a quality provider has a set program along with written plans for the day; they also have standards for nutrition and physical activity.” This means that when you drop your child off for day care they are well cared for by a professional staff.

### **Check your ABCs**

South Carolina offers a voluntary quality grading system for child care centers, and encourages parents to look for the ABC Quality grades of centers before enrolling their children. Grading criteria include health and safety, teacher-to-child ratios, certifications of staff, on-going training for staff and much more. Make sure to check your ABCs when you are looking for day care.



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There are more than 3,000 child care facilities in South Carolina representing the six different types of options available. The options include:

**LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS** are authorized for more than 12 children and are regularly inspected by the Child Care Licensing Staff.

**REGISTERED FAITH-BASED CENTERS** care for 13 or more children, are sponsored by a religious organization with the option to be licensed.

**LICENSED GROUP CHILD CARE HOMES** care for seven to 12 children in a provider's home and have regular visits from the Child Care Licensing Staff.

**LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** care for up to five children in a provider's home. The home is required to be licensed or registered if care is provided for more than one unrelated child.

**REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** care for up to six children in the provider's home. The home is required to be licensed or registered if care is provided for more than one unrelated child. Child Care Licensing staff may make one unannounced visit each year and may also visit in response to a complaint.

### FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

There are no regulations, standards or requirements for daycare provided by families, friends or neighbors.

Detailed information about South Carolina child care can be found online at [scchildcare.org](http://scchildcare.org).

## HIGHER EDUCATION

*Expand your horizons at a local college or university*

**ANDERSON UNIVERSITY** has received its share of accolades - One of America's 100 Best College Buys, One of the Best Regional Colleges in the South (#21), the #1 Up-and-Coming Regional College in the South, and the #1 Regional College in the South with the Best Undergraduate Teaching. No wonder AU has seen enrollment numbers grow for 10 consecutive years and is the fastest-growing private university in South Carolina.

The private, liberal arts university is popular not only for its faith-based Christian education, but also for its academic excellence and the more than 50 majors available. In addition to the full-time residential students at AU, the university offers evening and weekend classes as part of its ACCEL program and for its Masters students. There are approximately 3,200 students enrolled at AU. The Anderson Trojans compete in the NCAA Division II, South Atlantic Conference in athletics. 864.231.2000 • [Anderson University](http://Anderson University)

**TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE** is part of the South Carolina Technical College System, Tri-County Technical College is a two-year public community college with an enrollment of more than 9,000 students pursuing education in over 70 fields of study.



Tri-County's Anderson campus delivers "innovative educational resources and life-long learning opportunities" to Anderson residents. The school has partnered with Anderson County to bring a SC QuickJobs Development Center to Anderson bringing business and industry training right into town.

An agreement with Clemson University allows Tri-County graduates with degrees in nursing, medical lab technology, veterinary technology and certain sciences to be accepted with junior standing in a comparable major at Clemson University.

864.646.8282 • [Tri-County Community College](#)

**FORREST COLLEGE** with a motto of "small college, big difference," is a non-traditional associate's degree program college offering nine areas of specialization, as well as numerous diploma programs. The college boasts small classes affording students individualized instruction. The flexible class hours and the locally pertinent programs appeal to Anderson residents of all ages from teens through those in the seventies. Whether students take their degree and continue on in a four-year institution, use the training to advance in their current job, or start a new career, Forrest College can accommodate. 864.225.7653 • [Forest College](#)

In addition, there is a unique selection of other regional centers of learning:

Bob Jones University, Greenville SC, 864.242.5100 • [Bob Jones University](#)

Clemson University, Clemson SC, 864.656.3311 • [Clemson University](#)

Converse College, Spartanburg SC, 864.596.9000 • [Converse College](#)

Furman University, Greenville SC, 864.294.2000 • [Furman University](#)

Greenville Technical College, Greenville, Simpsonville, Taylors 864.250.8000 • [Greenville Technical College](#)

Lander University, Greenwood SC, 864.388.8000 • [Lander University](#)

North Greenville University, Tigerville, Taylors SC 864.977.7000 • [North Greenville University](#)

Piedmont Community College, Greenwood SC, 800.868.5528 • [Piedmont Technical College](#)

Southern Wesleyan University, Greenville, Greenwood, Spartanburg, 874.672.7981 • [Southern Wesleyan University](#)

Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg SC, 864.592.4600 • [Spartanburg Community College](#)

Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg SC, 864.587.4000 • [Spartanburg Methodist College](#)

University of South Carolina-Upstate, Spartanburg SC, 864.503.5000 • [USC-Upstate](#)

Wofford College, Spartanburg SC, 864.597.4000 • [Wofford College](#)



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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
A.J.WHITTENBERG ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	517	Traditional
ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	377	Traditional
ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	416	Traditional
AUGUSTA CIRCLE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	522	Traditional
BELL’S CROSSING ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	984	Traditional
BEREA ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	448	Traditional
BETHEL ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	933	Traditional
BLYTHE ACADEMY OF LANGUAGES	Public Regular	PK-5	826	Traditional
BROOK GLENN ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	426	Traditional
BRUSHY CREEK ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	892	Traditional
BRYSON ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	854	Traditional
BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	836	Traditional
CHANDLER CREEK ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	993	Traditional
CHERRYDALE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	528	Traditional
CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	646	Traditional
DUNCAN CHAPEL ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	639	Traditional
EAST NORTH ST. ACAD. OF MATH & SCI.	Public Regular	PK-5	671	Traditional
ELLEN WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	604	Traditional
FORK SHOALS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	706	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Greenville	864.452.0500		
Greenville	864.355.1000		
Greenville	864.355.1100		
Greenville	864.355.1200		
Simpsonville	864.355.3800		
Greenville	864.355.1500		
Simpsonville	864.355.4100		
Greenville	864.355.4400		
Taylors	864.355.4710		
Taylors	864.355.5400		
Simpsonville	864.355.3600		
Greer	864.355.2200		
Greer	864.355.2400		
Greenville	864.355.3300		
Greer	864.355.2600		
Greenville	864.355.2700		
Greenville	864.355.2900		
Pelzer	864.355.4900		
Pelzer	864.355.5000		









































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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
FOUNTAIN INN ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	755	Traditional
GATEWAY ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	684	Traditional
GREENBRIER ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	758	Traditional
GROVE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	703	Traditional
HERITAGE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	666	Traditional
HOLLIS ACADEMY	Public Regular	PK-5	624	Traditional
LAKE FOREST ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	831	Traditional
MAULDIN ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	913	Traditional
MITCHELL ROAD ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	573	Traditional
MONARCH ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	771	Traditional
MONAVIEW ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	591	Traditional
MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	841	Traditional
OAKVIEW ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	980	Traditional
PARIS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	644	Traditional
PELHAM ROAD ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	702	Traditional
PLAIN ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	849	Traditional
ROBERT E. CASHION ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	709	Traditional
RUDOLPH G. GORDON ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	679	Traditional
SARA COLLINS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	846	Traditional



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Fountain Inn	864.355.5100		
Travelers Rest	864.355.5200		
Greenville	864.355.5300		
Piedmont	864.355.5900		
Travelers Rest	864.355.6000		
Greenville	864.355.4800		
Greenville	864.355.4000		
Simpsonville	864.355.3700		
Greenville	864.355.6700		
Simpsonville	864.452.0600		
Greenville	864.355.4300		
Taylors	864.355.6800		
Simpsonville	864.355.7100		
Taylors	864.355.4260		
Greenville	864.355.7600		
Simpsonville	864.355.7701		
Greenville	864.355.800		
Simpsonville	864.452.0201		
Greenville	864.355.3200		







































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## ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
SIMPSONVILLE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	798	Traditional
SKYLAND ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	715	Traditional
SLATER-MARIETTA ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	452	Traditional
STERLING ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-8	834	Traditional
STONE ACEDEMY	Public Regular	K-5	625	Traditional
SUE CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	609	Traditional
SUMMIT DRIVE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	491	Traditional
TAYLORS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	779	Traditional
THOMAS E. KERNS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	614	Traditional
TIGERVILLE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	264	Traditional
WELCOME ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	731	Traditional
WESTCLIFFE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	309	Traditional
WOODLAND ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	456	Traditional
BECK ACADEMY	Public Regular	6-8	1,122	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
BEREA MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	691	Traditional
BLUE RIDGE MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	966	Traditional
BRYSON MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	1,087	Traditional
GREENVILLE MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	807	Traditional



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Simpsonville	864.355.8300		
Greer	864.355.7200		
Marietta	864.355.2000		
Greenville	864.355.4480		
Greenville	864.355.8400		
Piedmont	864.355.4201		
Greenville	864.355.8800		
Taylors	864.355.7450		
Greenville	864.355.1300		
Taylors	864.355.4600		
Greenville	864.355.3900		
Greenville	864.355.0300		
Greer	864.355.0400		
Greenville	864.355.1400		
Greenville	864.355.1700		
Greer	864.355.1900		
Simpsonville	864.355.2100		
Greenville	864.355.5600		







































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## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
GREER MIDDLE IB	Public Regular	6-8	961	Traditional
HILLCREST MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	1,047	Traditional
HUGHES ACADEMY OF SCI. AND TECH.	Public Regular	6-8	889	Traditional
LAKEVIEW MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	492	Traditional
LEAGUE ACADEMY OF COMM. ARTS	Public Magnet	6-8	800	Traditional
MAULDIN MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	1,234	Traditional
NORTHWEST MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	792	Traditional
NORTHWOOD MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	859	Traditional
RALPH CHANDLER MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	715	Traditional
RIVERSIDE MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	1,180	Traditional
SEVIER MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	654	Traditional
STERLING MIDDLE	Public Regular	PK-8	834	Traditional
TANGLEWOOD MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	568	Traditional
WOODMONT MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	664	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOL				
BEREA HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,041	Traditional
BLUE RIDGE HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,182	Traditional
BRASHIER MIDDLE COLL CHARTER HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	422	Traditional
CAROLINA HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	718	Traditional



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Greer	864.355.5800		
Simpsonville	864.355.6100		
Greenville	864.355.6200		
Greenville	864.355.6400		
Greenville	864.355.8100		
Simpsonville	864.355.6770		
Travelers Rest	864.355.6900		
Taylors	864.355.7000		
Simpsonville	864.452.0300		
Greer	864.355.7900		
Greenville	864.355.8200		
Greenville	864.355.4480		
Greenville	864.355.4500		
Piedmont	864.355.8500		
Greenville	864.355.1600		
Greer	864.355.1800		
Simpsonville	864.757.1800		
Greenville	864.355.2300		























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## HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
HIGH SCHOOLS				
EASTSIDE HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,409	Traditional
GREENVILLE HIGH ACAD. OF LAW, FIN., & BUS.	Public Magnet	9-12	1,353	Traditional
GREER HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,130	Traditional
HILLCREST HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	2,078	Traditional
MAULDIN HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	2,158	Traditional
RIVERSIDE HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,619	Traditional
SOUTHSIDE HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	818	Traditional
TRAVELERS REST HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,245	Traditional
WADE HAMPTON HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,604	Traditional
WOODMONT HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,692	Traditional



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Taylors	864.355.2800		
Greenville	864.355.5500		
Greer	864.355.5710		
Simpsonville	864.355.3500		
Mauldin	864.355.6500		
Greer	864.355.7800		
Greenville	864.355.8700		
Travelers Rest	864.355.0000		
Greenville	864.355.0100		
Piedmont	864.355.8600		







# education in FOUNTAIN INN

*Access to the largest school district in South Carolina and to excellent southern colleges*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*72K students strong*

The city of Fountain Inn extends into both Greenville and Laurens Counties in South Carolina, but students in Fountain Inn are affiliated with the [Greenville County School District](#), the largest school district in South Carolina and the 45th-largest school system in the United States. Approximately 72,000 students are enrolled in Greenville County Schools.

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Students in Fountain Inn have access to two elementary schools, Fountain Inn Elementary and Bryson Elementary; two middle schools, Bryson Middle School and Hillcrest Middle School; and one high school, Hillcrest High School.

### Virtual school

Hillcrest High School students may also be enrolled at the Greenville County Virtual School Program that offers online courses for credit towards a high school diploma, that are transferred to the students' home school upon completion of the class. These classes are in addition to full-time school. A fee may be charged.

### Students have access to special focus centers:

The A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering in Greenville, about 20 miles away from Fountain Inn, is the most technologically advanced elementary school in Greenville County. With a learning emphasis on fostering curiosity through engineering, teamwork and technology, the approximately 500 students in grades K through 5 have a STEM-based curriculum. Whittenberg is a public school — it's not a magnet, charter, or special school - and a school of choice within Greenville County. Students are admitted each year on a first-come, first-served basis.

### FOUNTAIN INN STUDENTS IN GRADES

**10-12** can also apply to Greenville's South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and

Humanities. The public, residential high school is for emerging artists offering concentrations in creative writing, dance, drama, music and visual arts. Students must apply and audition to be accepted for the program. There is no charge for tuition, but there is a room and board fee.

### THE FINE ARTS CENTER OF GREENVILLE

**COUNTY** in the Wade Hampton High School in Greenville is open to about 400 students who wish to pursue architecture, theatre, dance, visual arts, music, creative writing, or digital filmmaking. Students must apply to the Center. The students attend five days a week in either the morning or afternoon for 110 minutes of instruction beyond their standard high school program.

### Magnet Schools

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See the [Greenville County Schools Magnet Academies](#) brochure for more information on magnet schools.



## Early and Middle Colleges

Developed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as a way of giving high school students greater options and promoting higher education, this tuition-free program allows high-achieving, mature kids to study in small classes. Dual enrollment courses offer students the opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school diploma.

[Greenville's Early College](#) is available for students in grades 6-8, soon to serve students through the 12th grade and focuses education on literacy, mathematics and critical thinking skills, with the opportunity to enroll in dual credit classes once in high school. Greenville Early College students will have the opportunity to apply to Clemson University, Furman University and/or USC Upstate, the program's partner schools.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

### *Independent learning environments*

Greenville County charter schools are "independent public schools that are nonsectarian, nonreligious, non home-based and nonprofit." As such, the schools are open to all students in Greenville County and Fountain Inn, although they must apply and are subject to acceptance standards. Charter schools offer smaller classroom size and provide new, innovative and more flexible ways of education.

**THERE IS ONE CHARTER SCHOOL** just six miles away in Simpsonville and four charter schools about 20 miles away in Greenville: Brashier Middle College Charter High School (BMCHS) (in Simpsonville); Greenville Technical Charter High School, 9-12 grades; Langston Charter Middle School, 6-8 grades; Legacy Charter School, K-12 grades; and Meyer Center for Special Children for preschool children with special needs and disabilities.

For more information about the charter schools see the [Greenville County Charter Schools website](#).

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

*Traditional school year = 180 days*

The 45 public schools in Greenville follow the traditional school calendar schedule - late August through early June - and meet 180 days. Fountain Inn schools, as part of the Greenville County School District, are "choice" schools.

While students are assigned to a home-based school based on the address where their parents reside, parents may request that their children attend another school by requesting a change of assignment and entering the "lottery," or by applying to the school system's magnet academies.



## **PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING**

### *Four required tests*

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## **PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

### *Two faith-based schools*

There are 56 private schools in Greenville County of which two are near Fountain Inn. "Privates" offer small classroom size and low teacher-to-student ratios, with Greenville County private schools boasting a 10:1 ratio. Many of the private schools house students in grades K-12 and are religiously affiliated.

### **PRIVATE SCHOOLS ARE TUITION-BASED**

and often involve a competitive application process, however, many parents believe the cost is worth it for the specialized curriculum and the competitive edge many students gain in college.

The [Fountain Inn Christian School](#) offers students in grades K4-12 a Christ-centered education in addition to a full curriculum. The school staff has a goal to challenge their

students spiritually, academically, socially and physically, while providing the students with a rewarding educational experience. The FICS Falcons participate in a full suite of athletics as part of the NACA division II.

Southside Christian School, located just six miles outside of town, focuses on ensuring the students are academically prepared and have a strong moral compass as well as a sense of purpose. Through a strong academic curriculum, volunteer opportunities and a caring team of teachers and staff, students at SCS will have a well-rounded program.

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## **HOME SCHOOLING**

### *Home for the holidays, and every day*

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## CHILD CARE

*Six options for your child's care*

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There are more than 3,000 child care facilities in South Carolina representing the six different types of options available. The options include:

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

*Head north for a variety of options*

Fountain Inn residents have access to a wide variety of colleges and universities when it comes time to pursue a degree, or to just pursue knowledge for self-fulfillment. Following is a list of some of the higher education choices close to Fountain Inn:

**LESS THAN 20 MILES AWAY IN GREENVILLE** students can head to [Bob Jones University](#), [Brown Mackie College](#), [Furman](#)



## education in FOUNTAIN INN

University, Webster University, Southern Wesleyan University, Virginia College and North Greenville University.

### **STUDENTS CAN DRIVE TO SPARTANBURG**

about 30 miles northeast, to Converse College, University of SC-Upstate, Wofford College, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Sherman College of Chiropractic and Spartanburg Methodist College.

Anderson University and Forrest College are two choices in nearby Anderson, just under 35 miles west.

### **THERE ARE ALSO A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES** available including

Piedmont Technical College, Tri-County Community College and Spartanburg Community College.













# education in GREER

*Greer is a great  
place to live, work,  
play and get  
an education*

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*A school to meet your children's needs*

The City of Greer in South Carolina straddles the boundary line of Greenville County and Spartanburg County, but students in Greer are affiliated with the [Greenville County School District](#), the largest school district in South Carolina and the 45th-largest school system in the United States. Approximately 72,000 students are enrolled in Greenville County Schools.

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### The public school countdown

Students in Greer have access to 11 public schools including five elementary schools, Buena Vista Elementary, Chandler Creek Elementary, Crestview Elementary, Skyland Elementary and Woodland Elementary; three middle schools, Blue Ridge Middle School, Greer Middle School and Riverside Middle School; and three high schools, Blue Ridge High School, Greer High School and Riverside High School.

### I.B.

Greer Middle and Greer High offer the International Baccalaureate Organization curriculum for all students with a goal to teach them “to relate the experience of the classroom to the realities of the world outside.”

### Virtual Learning

Greer high school students may also be enrolled at the Greenville County Virtual School Program that offers online courses for credit towards a high school diploma, that are transferred to the students’ home school upon completion of the class. These classes are in addition to full-time school. A fee may be charged.

Greer public students also have access to these special focus centers:

**THE A.J. WHITTENBERG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING** in Greenville, about 12 miles away from Greer, is the most technologically advanced elementary school in Greenville County. With a learning emphasis

on fostering curiosity through engineering, teamwork and technology, the approximately 500 students in grades K through 5 have a STEM-based curriculum. Whittenberg is a public school — it’s not a magnet, charter, or special school — and a school of choice within Greenville County. Students are admitted each year on a first-come, first-served basis.

### SC Governor’s School

Greer students in grades 10-12 can also apply to Greenville’s South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities. The public, residential high school is for emerging artists offering concentrations in creative writing, dance, drama, music and visual arts. Students must apply and audition to be accepted for the program. There is no charge for tuition, but there is a room and board fee.

**THE FINE ARTS CENTER** of Greenville County in the Wade Hampton High School in Greenville is open to about 400 students who wish to pursue architecture, theatre, dance, visual arts, music, creative writing, or digital filmmaking. Students must apply to the Center. The students attend five days a week in either the morning or afternoon for 110 minutes of instruction beyond their standard high school program.

### Magnet Schools

Magnet schools in Greer provide children unique educational choices with “a theme or focus that is designed to give students an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift,



talent or skill.” Students must apply and be accepted into the schools. There are 11 total magnet schools available to Greenville School District students - three elementary magnet academies, four middle school magnet schools and four high school magnet academies.

See the [Greenville County Schools Magnet Academies](#) brochure for more information on magnet schools.

**EARLY AND MIDDLE COLLEGES** Developed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as a way of giving high school students greater options and promoting higher education, this tuition-free program allows high-achieving, mature kids to study in small classes. Dual enrollment courses offer students the opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school diploma.

[Greenville's Early College](#) is available for students in grades 6-8, soon to serve students through the 12th grade and focuses education on literacy, mathematics and critical thinking skills, with the opportunity to enroll in dual credit classes once in high school. Greenville Early College students will have the opportunity to apply to Clemson University, Furman University and/or USC Upstate, the program's partner schools.

[Greer Middle College](#) is a small school with about 400 students serving grades 9-12, with nearly 150 of the students earning college credits. Any student in the Greenville County school district is eligible to attend through open enrollment - meaning no admission tests or tuition.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

### *Flexible teaching styles down the road to Greenville*

Greenville County charter schools are “independent public schools that are nonsectarian, nonreligious, non home-based and nonprofit.” As such, the schools are open to all students in Greer and all of Greenville County, although they must apply and are subject to acceptance standards. Charter schools offer smaller classroom size and provide new, innovative and more flexible ways of education.

### **Accessible chart schools**

There is one charter school 18 miles away in Simpsonville, Brashier Middle College Charter High School (BMCHS); and four charter schools about 12 miles away in Greenville, Greenville Technical Charter High School, 9-12 grades; Langston Charter Middle School, 6-8 grades; Legacy Charter School, K-12 grades; and Meyer Center for Special Children for preschool children with special needs and disabilities.

For more information about the charter schools, see the [Greenville County Charter Schools](#) website.



# PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

### *Traditional school year in Greer publics*

The 11 public schools in Greer follow the traditional school calendar schedule - late August through early June - and meet 180 days. Greer schools, as part of the Greenville County School District, are "choice" schools. While students are assigned to a home-based school based on the address where their parents reside, parents may request that their children attend another school by requesting a change of assignment and entering the "lottery," or by applying to the school system's magnet academies.

# PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

### *What did you learn at school?*

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high school credit in the following subject areas: Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2; English 1; US History and the Constitution; and Biology 1/Applied Biology 2.

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# PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### *Specialized curriculum in 56 locations*

There are 56 private schools in Greenville County of which the majority of them are within 15 miles of Greer. "Privates" offer small classroom size and low student-to-teacher ratios, with some of the Greenville County private schools boasting a 6:1 ratio, giving students lots of individualized attention. Many of the private schools teach students in grades K-12 and nearly 90% of them are religiously affiliated.

Private schools are tuition-based and often involve a competitive application process,



however, many parents believe the cost is worth it for the specialized curriculum and the competitive edge many students gain in college.

[Prince of Peace Catholic Church](#), just five miles away in Taylors, is a Pre-K4 to 8th grade school with an enrollment of around 270 students. The school has a goal for students to be prepared for an honors high school curriculum and to be prepared for college.

## OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN GREENVILLE

about 18 miles from Greer, include the The [Bob Jones Academy](#), students K-12; the [Camperdown Academy](#) providing a “progressive education for bright dyslexic children; and the Augusta Road Baptist Church Kindergarten with about 80 Pre-K and K students.

## HOME SCHOOLING

### *Options to meet your needs*

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### Three picks

Parents in Greer have three options available to them for home schooling their children:

home school under the auspices of a school district; home school with support of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools; or home school with support from a home school association of which the parent is a member.

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## CHILD CARE

### *Request “ABC Quality” Care*

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### Grading Criteria

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### FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

*Travel around for a variety of higher ed. opportunities*

Greer residents only have to travel a short distance for access to some of the best colleges and universities in the south.

**LESS THAN A 20-MINUTE DRIVE AWAY IN GREENVILLE** you can attend [Bob Jones University](#), [Brown Mackie College](#), [Furman University](#), [Webster University](#), [Southern Wesleyan University](#), [Virginia College](#) and [North Greenville University](#).



## OR JUST 18 MILES EAST TO SPARTANBURG

students can enroll in [Converse College](#), [University of SC-Upstate](#), [Wofford College](#), [Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine](#), [Sherman College of Chiropractic](#) and [Spartanburg Methodist College](#).

## 45 minutes away in Anderson

[Anderson University](#) and [Forrest College](#) are two choices in nearby Anderson, just under 45 miles away.

## 60 miles

[Clemson University](#), one of the premier universities of the south, is less than an hour's drive away.

There are also a variety of community colleges in the area including [Piedmont Technical College](#), [Tri-County Community College](#) and [Spartanburg Community College](#).









## education in

# GREENVILLE

*Named “One of the Best Places to Live” in 2013 and home to the largest school district in South Carolina*

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*State’s largest school district with 45 schools*

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## Four and one-half hours per day

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

### *Prepare for the “real world” in Greenville*

Greenville residents have a wide variety of choices when selecting a college or university. Whether you are a life-long learner and want to take courses to expand your horizons, or you are looking for full-time residency program, check out the local universities, colleges and community colleges.

**BOB JONES UNIVERSITY** is a Christian liberal arts university that focuses on helping students to integrate a Christian view of life with all facets of their personal life, including their career choice. Aside from graduates of the seminary, popular programs at BJU include accounting, criminal justice and elementary education. The University is known for its academic excellence and boasts a medical school acceptance rate of greater than 80%, versus the national average of 49% and an engineering graduation pass rate of 95% on the National Engineering Exam, with a 100% pass rate in 2012. With an enrollment of around 3,000 students, the Bruins participate in NCAA athletics in basketball, soccer, cross-country and golf. 864.242.5100 • [Bob Jones University](http://www.bju.edu)

**FURMAN UNIVERSITY** is a private, four-year liberal arts university that prides itself on its outstanding academics, beautiful 750-acre campus and close-knit community where all undergraduate students live on campus for four years. Furman has a diverse enrollment of just over 2,700 with students representing the U.S. and 53 other countries. The small population translates to small class sizes, approximately 19 students per class and its 11:1 student-faculty ratio provides the perfect setting to allow students to think deeply, develop creative solutions, be heard and form lasting relationships. 864.294.2000 • [Furman University](http://www.furman.edu)

**GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE** prepares its students for a career and the skills needed to be prepared for the “real world,” with more than 100 programs geared toward helping you get in the job market quickly. Campuses in Greenville, Simpsonville and Taylors SC. 864.250.8000 • [Greenville Technical College](http://www.gtc.edu)

Other colleges in Greenville include [Webster University](http://www.webster.edu) and [Virginia College](http://www.virginia.edu). Regionally, there are many other learning centers within a reasonable drive.

Anderson University anderson SC, 864.231.2000 • [Anderson University](http://www.anderson.edu)

Clemson University, Clemson SC, 864.656.3311 • [Clemson University](http://www.clemson.edu)

Converse College, Spartanburg SC, 864.596.9000 • [Converse College](http://www.converse.edu)



Lander University, Greenwood SC,  
864.388.8000 • [Lander University](#)

North Greenville University,  
864.977.7000 • [North Greenville University](#)

Piedmont Community College, Greenwood SC,  
800.868.5528 • [Piedmont Technical College](#)

Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg  
SC, 864.592.4600 • [Spartanburg Community  
College](#)

Tri-County Technical College anderson, Easley,  
SC. 864.646.8282 • [Tri-County Community  
College](#)

University of South Carolina-Upstate,  
Spartanburg SC, 864.503.5000 • [USC-Upstate](#)









# education in MAULDIN

*Home to  
"red carpet"  
public schools  
and near some  
of the best colleges  
in South Carolina*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Take a stroll down the "Red Carpet"*

Mauldin students attend schools within the [Greenville County School District](#), the largest school district in South Carolina and the 45th-largest school system in the United States. There are five public schools for the students to attend, as well as numerous charter and private schools. Nearly 72,000 students attend schools in the district.

### **Three-one-one**

Students in Mauldin have access to three elementary schools, Bethel Elementary, Greenbrier Elementary and Mauldin Elementary; one middle school, Mauldin Middle School; and one high school, Mauldin High School.

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### Red Carpet Schools

Bethel Elementary School, Mauldin Elementary School and Mauldin Middle School have all been named as a Red Carpet School. A Red Carpet “does an outstanding job of creating a family-friendly school environment and providing excellent customer service,” according to the State Department of Education.

### Virtual school

Mauldin High School students also have access to the Greenville County Virtual School Program that offers online courses for credit towards a high school diploma, that are transferred to the students’ home school upon completion of the class. These classes are in addition to full-time school. A fee may be charged.

### ‘Tis twilight time

In addition, Mauldin High students have access to content recovery or a [twilight school](#) that meets after school hours Monday through Thursday. Students may earn core English and math credits towards a high school diploma. Students will be tested for course credit.

### Special focus centers:

The A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering in Greenville, about eight miles from Mauldin, is the most technologically advanced elementary school in Greenville County. With a learning emphasis on fostering curiosity through engineering, teamwork and technology, the approximately 500 students in grades K through 5 have a STEM-based curriculum. Whittenberg is a public school —

it’s not a magnet, charter, or special school - and a school of choice within Greenville County. Students are admitted each year on a first-come, first-served basis.

### SC Governor’s School

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**THE FINE ARTS CENTER** of Greenville County in Greenville is open to about 400 students who wish to pursue architecture, theatre, dance, visual arts, music, creative writing, or digital filmmaking. Students must apply to the center. The students attend five days a week in either the morning or afternoon for 110 minutes of instruction beyond their standard high school program.

**MAGNET SCHOOLS** in Greenville County provide Mauldin children unique educational choices with “a theme or focus that is designed to give students an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift, talent or skill.” Students must apply and be accepted into the schools. There are three elementary magnet academies, four middle school magnet schools and four high school magnet academies available to students. See “Magnet Academies’” for more information.



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[Greer Middle College](#), about 16 miles away in Greer, is a small school with about 400 students serving grades 9-12, with nearly 150 of the students earning college credits. Any student in the Greenville County school district is eligible to attend through open enrollment, meaning no admission tests or tuition.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

*Open to all students with  
no fee attached*

Greenville County charter schools are "independent public schools that are nonsectarian, nonreligious, non-home-based and nonprofit." As such, the schools are open to all students in Mauldin, although they

must apply and are subject to acceptance standards. Charter schools offer smaller classroom size and provide new, innovative and more flexible ways of education.

**THERE IS ONE CHARTER SCHOOL** five miles away in Simpsonville, and four charter schools about eight miles away in Greenville. [Brashier Middle College Charter High School](#) (BMCHS) is held at the Brashier campus of Greenville Technical College in Simpsonville. The curriculum includes a strong core academic program providing a personalized academic plan based upon each student's interests, talents and abilities, with an eye on sending them on their way to earning a college degree.

Greenville Technical Charter High School, 9-12 grades; Langston Charter Middle School, 6-8 grades; Legacy Charter School, K-12 grades; and Meyer Center for Special Children for preschool children with special needs and disabilities, are all in Greenville.

For more information about the charter schools see the [Greenville County Charter Schools](#) website.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

*Address-based or pick another*

The five public schools in Mauldin follow the traditional school calendar schedule - late August through early June - and meet 180 days. As part of the Greenville County School District,



Mauldin students have the option to attend “choice” schools. While students are assigned to a home-based school based on the address where their parents reside, parents may request that their children attend another school by requesting a change of assignment and entering the “lottery,” or by applying to the school system’s magnet academies.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

### *Mauldin students are tested*

Students in Mauldin public schools follow the South Carolina State Department of Education testing requirements designed to measure student performance on the goals, objectives and competencies set forth by the state. Following is a list of the state’s required tests:

**PASS (PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS)** Students take PASS in grades 3-8 and are tested on English language arts, mathematics, writing, social studies and science.

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Check your student’s school calendar for timing and dates for the tests. Detailed information can be found with the State Board of Education at [State-Assesments.gov](http://State-Assesments.gov).

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### *Individualized attention*

There are 56 private schools in Greenville County of which two are in Mauldin, five are located five miles away in Simpsonville and many more are eight miles down the road in Greenville.

“Privates” offer small classroom size and low student-to-teacher ratios offering students plenty of individualized attention. Many of the private schools teach students in grades K-12 and are religiously affiliated.

Private schools are tuition-based and often involve a competitive application process, however, many parents believe the cost is worth it for the specialized curriculum and the competitive edge many students gain in college.

### **Mauldin private schools**

Mauldin United Methodist, preschool and kindergarten and [Montessori School of Mauldin](#), grades preK-6.



**SIMPSONVILLE PRIVATES** include [Five Oaks Academy](#), toddlers through 12th grade; [Southside Christian School](#), PK-12; Bethlehem Christian Academy, PK-5; Greenville Classical Academy, PK-12; and Immanuel Lutheran School, kindergarten.

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN GREENVILLE** range from the The Bob Jones Academy, with an enrollment of over 1,000, offering education for students K-12 to the Camperdown Academy providing a “progressive education for bright dyslexic children” to Augusta Road Baptist Church Kindergarten with about 80 Pre-K and K students.

## HOME SCHOOLING

*Join a home school association for support*

Although just 10 years ago, homeschooling was considered “cutting edge” education it is now becoming more and more popular in the U.S. and in South Carolina. The top reason parents home school is for their concern about public schooling environments for their children. Currently, 2% of South Carolina students are being homeschooled, or approximately 16,000 students.

**PARENTS IN MAULDIN HAVE THREE OPTIONS** available to them for home schooling their children: home school under the auspices of a school district; home school with support of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools; or home school with support from a home school association of which the parent is a member.

Some of the home school associations available to Mauldin parents include [South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools](#), [Upstate Home School Co-Op](#), [Christian Homeschoolers’ Association of S.C.](#) and [Insights On Education](#).

Home schooled children in Mauldin must receive instruction at least four and a half hours each day for 180 days of the year, although parents have flexibility with their schedules. Students will follow a curriculum that includes reading, writing, arithmetic as well as other subjects mandated by the state. Students are also required to take the PASS, HSAP and EOCEP tests.

For more information about homeschooling your children, visit the [State Department of Education](#) website.

## CHILD CARE

*Follow the ABCs for your children’s best day care options*

South Carolina wants to ensure children have a safe, nurturing environment when they attend day care, however, only licensed providers are required to meet the state’s health and safety requirements.

The state suggests parents seek out qualified care centers and notes that “a quality provider has a set program along with written plans for the day; they also have standards for nutrition and physical activity.” This means that when you drop your child off for day care, they are well cared for by a professional staff.



### Grading Criteria

South Carolina offers a voluntary quality grading system for child care centers and encourages parents to look for the ABC Quality grades of centers before enrolling their children. Grading criteria include health and safety, teacher-to-child ratios, certifications of staff, on-going training for staff and much more.

There are more than 3,000 child care facilities in South Carolina representing the six different types of options available. The options include:

**LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS** are authorized for more than 12 children and are regularly inspected by the Child Care Licensing Staff.

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one unrelated child. Child Care Licensing staff may make one unannounced visit each year and may also visit in response to a complaint.

### FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

There are no regulations, standards or requirements for daycare provided by families, friends or neighbors.

Detailed information about South Carolina child care can be found online at [scchildcare.org](http://scchildcare.org).

## HIGHER EDUCATION

*Less than 15 minutes to Greenville's bustling college town*

Mauldin is next door to Greenville and residents regularly take the short 15-minute drive for access to some of the best education in the state. Whether you want to take classes toward a degree, to enrich your life, or to grow in your career, you are bound to find a program for you at one of Greenville's excellent colleges.

[Bob Jones University](#) is a Christian liberal arts university that focuses on helping students integrate a Christian view of life with all facets of their personal life, including their career choice. Aside from graduates of the seminary, popular programs at BJU include accounting, criminal justice and elementary education.

The University is known for its academic excellence and boasts a medical school acceptance rate of greater than 80%, versus the national average of 49% and an engineering graduation pass rate of 95% on



the National Engineering Exam, with a 100% pass rate in 2012. With an enrollment of around 3,000 students, the Bruins participate in NCAA athletics in basketball, soccer, cross-country and golf.

[Brown Mackie College](#) is a nationwide college with more than 25 locations including Greenville, as well as Louisville, Kansas City and Tulsa. Whether you are just starting college classes or you are returning after a long hiatus, Brown Mackie offers a career-focused, "course-a-month" schedule that allows you to balance college with other life responsibilities. The college works closely with local companies and organizations and aims its curriculum toward the local businesses and economy. Students can work towards a specialized certificate, an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree. The college's areas of study include nursing, healthcare and wellness, business and technology, legal studies, veterinary technology, early childhood education and construction trades.

[Furman University](#) is private, four-year liberal arts university that prides itself on its outstanding academics, beautiful 750-acre campus and close-knit community where all undergraduate students live on campus for four years. Furman has a diverse enrollment of just over 2,700 with students representing the U.S. and 53 other countries. The small population translates to small class sizes, approximately 19 students per class and its 11:1 student-faculty ratio provides the perfect setting to allow students to think deeply, develop creative solutions, be heard and form lasting relationships.

[Greenville Technical College](#) prepares its students for a career and the skills needed to be prepared for the "real world." Greenville offers more than 100 programs geared toward helping you get in the job market quickly. With locations throughout the Greenville area and a wide variety of class times, students can enhance their education while managing their life outside of school.

Other colleges in Greenville include [Webster University](#), [Southern Wesleyan University](#) and [Virginia College](#) and [North Greenville University](#).

Many residents also choose to drive 31 miles to Spartanburg for additional college choices. Spartanburg schools include [Converse College](#), [University of SC-Upstate](#), [Wofford College](#), [Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine](#), [Sherman College of Chiropractic](#) and [Spartanburg Methodist College](#).

[Anderson University](#) and [Forrest College](#) are two higher education options just 33 miles into Anderson.

[Clemson University](#), one of the premier universities of the South, is just a 45-minute drive.







# education in SIMPSONVILLE

*Quality schools helped Simpsonville be named one of the “10 Best Towns for Families”*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Be a part of the largest school system in the state*

Simpsonville students attend schools within the [Greenville County School District](#), the largest school district in South Carolina and the 45th-largest school system in the United States. There are 15 public schools for the students, as well as numerous charter and private schools. Nearly 72,000 students attend schools in the district.

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## education in SIMPSONVILLE

**SIMPSONVILLE HAS NINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** Bells Crossing Elementary School, Bethel Elementary School, Bryson Elementary School, Fork Shoals Elementary School, Mauldin Elementary School, Oakview Elementary School, Plain Elementary School, Rudolph Gordon Elementary School and Simpsonville Elementary School.

**FOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS:** Bryson Middle School, Hillcrest Middle School, Mauldin Middle School and Ralph Chandler Middle School.

**AND TWO HIGH SCHOOLS:** Hillcrest High School and Woodmont High School.

### Virtual learning

Simpsonville high school students also have access to the Greenville County Virtual School Program that offers online courses for credit towards a high school diploma, that are transferred to the students' home school upon completion of the class. These classes are in addition to full-time school. A fee may be charged.

### Time for Twilight

In addition, Simpsonville high school students have access to content recovery or a [twilight school](#) that meets at 5:00 p.m. and 6:40 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Students may earn core English and math credits towards a high school diploma. Students will be tested for course credit.

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## CHARTER SCHOOLS

*Personalized plan for students interested in attending college*

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*180 days at your "choice" of schools*

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### PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

*Tests, tests, and more tests*

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### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

*Montessori and college prep*

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### **Simpsonville private schools**

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[Southside Christian School](#) is a college preparatory school for grades PK-12 serving nearly 1,000 students. The school offers a full academic curriculum in addition to arts, drama and speech, while building a foundation in Christ.

### **OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN**

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## education in SIMPSONVILLE

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### CHILD CARE

#### *Consider ABC ratings*

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

### *Untold number of schools!*

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### **Close by in Greenville**

Simpsonville residents won’t hesitate to drive the less than 15 miles into Greenville for access to a wide variety of quality colleges, universities and community colleges.

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[Clemson University](#), one of the premier universities of the south, is less than an hour’s drive away.







# education in TAYLORS

*Taylors is the largest suburb in the state's largest school district*

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Publics, magnets or early colleges*

Taylors, South Carolina is the largest suburb of the Greenville-Spartanburg area and is in Greenville County. Children attend schools in the [Greenville County School District](#), the largest school district in South Carolina and the 45th-largest school system in the United States. Approximately 72,000 students are enrolled in Greenville County Schools.

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**STUDENTS IN TAYLORS HAVE ACCESS TO EIGHT PUBLIC SCHOOLS** including six elementary schools, Brook Glen, Brushy Creek, Mountain View, Paris, Taylors and Tigerville; one middle school, Northwood; and one high school, Eastside HS.

Taylors high school students may also be enrolled at the Greenville County Virtual School Program that offers online courses for credit towards a high school diploma, that are transferred to the students' home school upon completion of the class. These classes are in addition to full-time school. A fee may be charged.

### **Taylors public students also have access to these special focus centers:**

The A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering in Greenville, about eight miles away from Taylors, is the most technologically advanced elementary school in Greenville County. With a learning emphasis on fostering curiosity through engineering, teamwork and technology, the approximately 500 students in grades K through 5 have a STEM-based curriculum. Whittenberg is a public school — it's not a magnet, charter, or special school - and a school of choice within Greenville County. Students are admitted each year on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **TAYLORS' STUDENTS IN GRADES 10-12**

can also apply to Greenville's South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. The public, residential high school is for emerging artists offering concentrations in

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### **Magnet Schools**

Magnet schools available to Taylors' students provide children unique educational choices with "a theme or focus that is designed to give students an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift, talent or skill." Students must apply and be accepted into the schools. There are 11 total magnet schools available to Greenville School District students - three elementary magnet academies, four middle school magnet schools and four high school magnet academies.

See the [Greenville County Schools Magnet Academies](#) brochure for more information on magnet schools.

### **Early and Middle Colleges**

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## CHARTER SCHOOLS

*Independent publics offering innovative ways to educate*

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provide new, innovative and more flexible ways of education.

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For more information about the charter schools, see the [Greenville County Charter Schools](#) website.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

*Summer time to rest, recover and read!*

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## PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

### *Required testing for all students*

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## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### *Tuition-based alternative to public school*

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Private schools are tuition-based and often involve a competitive application process, however, many parents believe the benefits their children gain from the specialized curriculum and the competitive edge gained in college is worth the investment.

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## HOME SCHOOLING

### *There's no place like home!*

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## Reserve the time

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## CHILD CARE

*Written plans, nutrition and physical activity add up to quality child care*

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

*Upstate colleges can't be beat*

Taylors' residents do not have to go far when they are looking for a college or university to settle into. Some of the best colleges and universities in the South are within 45 minutes of Taylors. Check out the choices below when you are ready to pursue a higher education degree or when you want to take classes to further your career or to enrich your life.

### 10 minutes away in Greenville

Just eight miles away in Greenville, students can attend [Bob Jones University](#), [Brown](#)



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Mackie College, Furman University, Webster University, Southern Wesleyan University and Virginia College and North Greenville University.

**30 MINUTES TO SPARTANBURG** just 22 miles east to Spartanburg, students can enroll in Converse College, University of SC-Upstate, Wofford College, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Sherman College of Chiropractic and Spartanburg Methodist College.

**40 minutes to Anderson,  
or 45 to Clemson**

Anderson University and Forrest College are two choices in nearby Anderson, 37 miles away. Clemson University, one of the premier universities of the south, is less than a 45-minute drive away.

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# education in TRAVELERS REST

*Come to Travelers Rest  
to rest your body and  
to educate your mind!*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*School system of excellence*

Travelers Rest, South Carolina, a small, quiet town at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is part of Greenville County. Children attend schools in the [Greenville County School District](#), the largest school district in South Carolina, the 45th-largest school system in the United States and recognized as a school system of excellence. Approximately 72,000 students are enrolled in Greenville County Schools.

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## education in TRAVELERS REST

Students in Travelers Rest have access to four public schools including two elementary schools, Gateway and Heritage; one middle school, Northwest; and one high school, Travelers Rest.

### Virtual option

Travelers Rest high school students may also be enrolled at the Greenville County Virtual School Program that offers online courses for credit towards a high school diploma, that are transferred to the students' home school upon completion of the class. These classes are in addition to full-time school. A fee may be charged.

### Access to these special focus centers:

The A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering in Greenville, about 10 miles away from Travelers Rest, is the most technologically advanced elementary school in Greenville County. With a learning emphasis on fostering curiosity through engineering, teamwork and technology, the approximately 500 students in grades K through 5 have a STEM-based curriculum. Whittenberg is a public school — it's not a magnet, charter, or special school - and a school of choice within Greenville County. Students are admitted each year on a first-come, first-served basis.

### TRAVELERS REST STUDENTS IN GRADES

**10-12** can also apply to Greenville's South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. The public, residential high school is for emerging artists offering concentrations

in creative writing, dance, drama, music and visual arts. Students must apply and audition to be accepted for the program. There is no charge for tuition, but there is a room and board fee.

### THE FINE ARTS CENTER OF GREENVILLE COUNTY

in the Wade Hampton High School in Greenville is open to about 400 students who wish to pursue architecture, theatre, dance, visual arts, music, creative writing, or digital filmmaking. Students must apply to the Center. The students attend five days a week in either the morning or afternoon for 110 minutes of instruction beyond their standard high school program.

### Magnet Schools

Magnet schools for Travelers Rest students provide children unique educational choices with "a theme or focus that is designed to give students an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift, talent or skill." Students must apply and be accepted into the schools. There are 11 total magnet schools available to Greenville School District students: three elementary magnet academies, four middle school magnet schools and four high school magnet academies.

See the [Greenville County Schools Magnet Academies](#) brochure for more information on magnet schools.

**EARLY AND MIDDLE COLLEGES** Developed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as a way of giving high school students greater options and promoting higher education, this



tuition-free program allows high-achieving, mature kids to study in small classes. Dual enrollment courses offer students the opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school diploma.

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*Flexible, innovative education*

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## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

*Traditional "year" gives kids the summer off*

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## PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

### *Testing students’ progress*

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## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### *Specialized curriculum and individualized attention*

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### *In town private schools*

Ebenezer Academy, Pk-12 and Renfrew Baptist Church, Pk-K, are both private schools right in the town of Travelers Rest.



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## HOME SCHOOLING

### *Home is where the school is*

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### Required instruction

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## CHILD CARE

*Do your homework when looking for day care*

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**REGISTERED FAITH-BASED CENTERS** care for 13 or more children, are sponsored by a

religious organization with the option to be licensed.

**LICENSED GROUP CHILD CARE HOMES** care for seven to 12 children in a provider's home and have regular visits from the Child Care Licensing Staff.

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**FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**  
There are no regulations, standards or requirements for daycare provided by families, friends or neighbors.

Detailed information about South Carolina child care can be found online at [scchildcare.org](http://scchildcare.org).

## HIGHER EDUCATION

*Branch out for learning opportunities*

Private colleges and universities state run colleges and universities and community colleges are all nearby options for residents and students of Travelers Rest. And, they don't need to travel very far regardless



of their preference. Greenville anderson, Spartanburg and Clemson are all within a short drive away and each of the college towns have unique offerings.

**JUST 10 MILES AWAY GREENVILLE** students can attend Bob Jones University, Brown Mackie College, Furman University, Webster University, Southern Wesleyan University, Virginia College and North Greenville University.

**OR, 32 MILES EAST IN SPARTANBURG** students can enroll in Converse College, University of SC-Upstate, Wofford College,

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Sherman College of Chiropractic and Spartanburg Methodist College.

### 40-45 miles away

Anderson University and Forrest College are two choices in nearby Anderson, about 40 miles away. Clemson University, one of the premier universities of the south, is less than a 45-minute drive away.

There are also a variety of community colleges in the area including Piedmont Technical College, Tri-County Community College and Spartanburg Community College.





# Greenwood County Schools






























# Greenwood School District 50

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
HODGES ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	299	Traditional
LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	559	Traditional
MATHEWS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	741	Traditional
MERRYWOOD ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	537	Traditional
RICE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	497	Traditional
PINECREST ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	538	Traditional
SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	607	Traditional
WOODFIELDS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	677	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
BREWER MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	677	Traditional
NORTHSIDE MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	691	Traditional
WESTVIEW MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	718	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOLS				
EMERALD HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	928	Traditional
GREENWOOD HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,588	Traditional
FRANK RUSSELL TECHNOLOGY CENTERR	Public Regular	9-12	966	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Hodges	864.374.5000		
Greenwood	864.941.5760		
Greenwood	864.941.5680		
Greenwood	864.941.5700		
Greenwood	864.941.5660		
Greenwood	864.941.5580		
Greenwood	864.941.5535		
Greenwood	864.941.5540		
Greenwood	864.941.5500		
Greenwood	864.941.5780		
Greenwood	864.229.4301		
Greenwood	864.941.5730		
Greenwood	864.941.5600		
Greenwood	864.941.5750		







# education in GREENWOOD

*Greenwood offers  
public schools,  
private schools,  
magnet schools  
and more!*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*So many choices*

Greenwood students attend [Greenwood School District 50](#) schools, with a combined enrollment of over 9,000. Students have access to 16 schools: eight elementary schools, three middle schools, two high schools, an early childhood center, a career center and one alternative center.

**GREENWOOD DISTRICT 50 STUDENTS** also have access to numerous choice, magnet and AVID school programs. AVID (Advancement Via

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Individual Determination) supports students who are B-, C- and sometimes D-students who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard, but need additional support. Greenwood AVID schools include Emerald High School, Greenwood High School and Northside Middle School. Students accepted into the program will also have an in-school academic support beginning in grade 6.

[Greenwood School of Inquiry](#), at Hodges Elementary School, is available to all rising K5-fifth grade students. Students who are already zoned to attend Hodges Elementary School will participate in the GSI model and all other Greenwood students can apply via a lottery application system. The school of choice uses the standard curriculum with a focus on incorporating research, data and technology as primary learning tools.

[Genesis Education Center](#) houses a variety of programs under one roof: Jumpstart, Afternoon Credit Recovery and Refocus Academy. Jumpstart offers “over-aged” 8th graders an opportunity to complete course work to start the next year as a 10th grader. Afternoon Credit Recovery gives Greenwood HS and Emerald HS students use of labs to make up missed credit. The Refocus Academy offers students course work as opposed to expulsion.

The Frank Russell Career Center offers students grades 9-12 a specialized program to develop the technical skills to be prepared for a career.

### Magnet Schools

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Arts, Communication and Theatre School (ACTS), providing artistically talented students with an academically challenging arts-integrated curriculum, is available for fifth through eighth grade students.

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics School (STEMS) is located at Westview Middle School and is available to rising sixth grade students. The school’s program is designed to develop and refine the students’ scientific and mathematical achievement while allowing students to practice skills in exploratory classes.

A Montessori program is also available at Matthews Elementary.

See the [Greenwood District 50](#) website and select the “Schools of Choice” menu option for more information on magnet schools.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

*Learn how to start a charter school in Greenwood*

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There are no nearby charter schools for Greenwood students. For more information about charter schools in South Carolina see the [South Carolina Public Charter School District](#) website.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

### *Play the "lottery" for a different school*

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### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

*Student-to-teacher ratio lower than state average*

There are nine private schools in Greenville with an enrollment of close to 800 students. Private schools in South Carolina offer small classroom size and low student-to-teacher ratios, with Greenwood private schools boasting a 9:1 ratio as compared to the public school state average of 16:1. Many of the private schools serve students in grades K-12 and are religiously affiliated.

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS** in Greenwood include Angels Child Development Center that serves kindergarten students only; [Zion Temple Seventh Day Adventist School](#) for students PK-5; and [Eastside Christian](#) and [Greenwood Christian](#) for students PK-12.

### HOME SCHOOLING

*Choose the best learning environment option for your children*

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

### *Two local options, many regional choices*

**LANDER UNIVERSITY** in Greenwood, is a regional, four-year university with traditional liberal arts and science programs as well as professional programs in business, education and nursing. With an enrollment of about 3,000 students and a student to faculty ratio of 17:1, the school offers 26 undergraduate



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and two graduate degree programs as well as more than 60 clubs and organizations for the students. A member of the NCAA Division II, the Lander Bearcats athletic teams participate in the Peach Belt Conference.

864.388.8000 • [Lander University](#)

### Piedmont Technical College

Located in Greenwood and part of the SC Technical College System, PTC has campuses in Greenwood and throughout the Upstate area, offers more than 80 academic programs and provides transfer opportunities to more than 40 colleges and universities in South Carolina.

Piedmont has a curriculum available for high school graduates pursuing a degree, older students returning to school after a hiatus, professionals taking classes to further their job opportunities, or anyone in between.

800.868.5528 • [Piedmont Technical College](#)

In addition, there is a unique selection of other regional centers of learning:

Anderson University anderson SC,  
864.231.2000 • [Anderson University](#)

Bob Jones University, Greenville SC,  
864.242.5100 • [Bob Jones University](#)

Clemson University, Clemson SC,  
864.656.3311 • [Clemson University](#)

Converse College, Spartanburg SC,  
864.596.9000 • [Converse College](#)

Forrest College anderson SC,  
864.225.7653 • [Forest College](#)

Furman University, Greenville SC,  
864.294.2000 • [Furman University](#)

Greenville Technical College, Greenville,  
Simpsonville, Taylors  
864.250.8000 • [Greenville Technical College](#)

North Greenville University, Tigerville, Taylors  
SC 864.977.7000 • [North Greenville University](#)

Presbyterian College, Clinton SC,  
864.833.2820 • [Presbyterian College](#)

Southern Wesleyan University, Greenville,  
Greenwood, Spartanburg,  
874.672.7981 • [Southern Wesleyan University](#)

Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg  
SC, 864.592.4600 • [Spartanburg Community College](#)

Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg  
SC, 864.587.4000 • [Spartanburg Methodist College](#)

Tri-County Technical College anderson, Easley,  
SC. 864.646.8282 • [Tri-County Community College](#)

University of South Carolina-Upstate,  
Spartanburg SC, 864.503.5000 • [USC-Upstate](#)

Wofford College, Spartanburg SC,  
864.597.4000 • [Wofford College](#)







# Laurens County Schools





























# Laurens County School District 55

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
E.B. MORSE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	600	Traditional
FORD ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	528	Traditional
GRAY COURT-OWINGS SCHOOL	Public Regular	PK-5	799	Traditional
HICKORY TAVERNS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-8	756	Traditional
LAURENS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	691	Traditional
WATERLOO ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	293	Traditional
GRAY COURT-OWINGS SCHOOL	Public Regular	PK-5	799	Traditional
HICKORY TAVERNS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-8	756	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
LAURENS MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	452	Traditional
SANDERS MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	324	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOL				
LAURENS DISTRICT 55 HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,627	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Laurens	864.984.7777		
Laurens	864.984.3986		
Gray Court	864.876.2131		
Gray Court	864.575.2126		
Laurens	864.984.3067		
Waterloo	864.677.4670		
Gray Court	864.876.2131		
Gray Court	864.575.2126		
Laurens	864.984.2400		
Laurens	864.984.0354		
Laurens	864.682.3151		













# Laurens County School District 56

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
CLINTON ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	653	Traditional
EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	455	Traditional
JOANNA-WOODSON ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	301	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOL				
BELL STREET MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	663	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOL				
CLINTON HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	859	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Clinton	864.833.0812		
Clinton	864.833.0827		
Joanna	864.697.6480		
Clinton	864.833.0810		
Clinton	864.833.0817		







# education in CLINTON

*Clinton is a “premier place” to raise a family and to earn a good education*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Five schools caring for their students*

Clinton is in Laurens County, South Carolina and the students attend schools in [Laurens County School District 56](#) where the motto is “Caring, Connecting and Committed to Excellence.”

### **Three schools**

Students in Clinton have access to three elementary schools, Clinton Elementary, Eastside Elementary and JoAnna-Woodson Elementary; one middle school, Bell Street Middle School; and one high school, Clinton High School.

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MS Bailey Child Development Center, for preschool students, is a joint effort between Laurens County School District 56 and Clinton Elementary to “provide the highest quality of education and be an advocate for all students by preparing them for future learning.”

Bell Street eighth graders can attend The Institute for Student Advancement (ISA) at Clinton High School. ISA provides opportunities to earn Carnegie units as a means to accelerate and/or enrich the eighth grade learning experience. The goal of the program is to promote academic achievement, improve graduation rates and decrease retention rates in 8th grade students.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

*Find out more about SC charter schools*

South Carolina charter schools are independent public schools that are nonsectarian, nonreligious, non-home-based and nonprofit. As such, the schools are open to all students within the County, although they must apply and are subject to acceptance standards. Charter schools offer smaller classroom size and provide new, innovative and more flexible ways of education.

There are no nearby charter schools for Greenwood students. For more information about charter schools in South Carolina see the South Carolina Public Charter School District website.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

*Assignments based on home address*

The five public schools in Clinton follow the traditional school calendar schedule - late August through early June - and meet 180 days. Clinton schools accept students based on the address of where their parents reside and are assigned according to “attendance zones.”

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

*What have you learned?*

Students in Clinton follow the South Carolina State Department of Education testing requirements designed to measure student performance on the goals, objectives and competencies set forth by the State. Following is a list of the state’s required tests:

**PASS (PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS)** Students take PASS in grades 3-8 and are tested on English language arts, mathematics, writing, social studies and science.

**EOCEP (END-OF-COURSE EXAMINATION PROGRAM)** The EOCEP tests high school core courses and middle school students for high school credit in the following subject areas: Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2; English 1; US History and the Constitution; and Biology 1/Applied Biology 2.



## **HSAP (HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT**

**PROGRAM)** The HSAP is South Carolina's exit exam. Every student must pass the HSAP to graduate from high school.

## **SC-ALT (SOUTH CAROLINA ALTERNATE**

**ASSESSMENT)** The SC-Alt is an alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Students aged 8-13 and 15 as of September 1 of the assessment year are tested.

Check your student's school calendar for timing and dates for the tests. Detailed information can be found with the State Board of Education at [State-Assessments.gov](https://www.state-assessments.gov)

## **PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

*Students have a voice with 8:1 student-to-teacher ratio*

There are three private schools in Laurens County and available to Clinton students. "Privates" offer small classroom size and low student-to-teacher ratios, with Laurens County private schools boasting an 8:1 ratio - equal to the state's average. Many of the private schools house students in grades K-12 and are religiously affiliated.

### **Benefits worth the investment**

Private schools are tuition-based and often involve a competitive application process, however, many parents believe the benefit their children gain from the specialized curriculum and the competitive edge gained in college is worth the investment.

**THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS** in Laurens County are: First Baptist Church Kindergarten, [Laurens Academy](#) for students K-12 and Lighthouse Christian Academy for students grades 2-12.

## **HOME SCHOOLING**

*No sick days when you're already home. Ugh!*

Although just 10 years ago, homeschooling was considered "cutting edge" education it is now becoming more and more popular in the U.S. and in South Carolina. The top reason parents home school is for their concern about public schooling environments for their children. Currently, 2% of South Carolina students are being homeschooled, or approximately 16,000 students.

### **PARENTS IN CLINTON HAVE THREE**

**OPTIONS AVAILABLE** to them for home schooling their children: home school under the auspices of a school district; home school with support of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools; or home school with support from a home school association of which the parent is a member. Parents are encouraged to select the option that is best for their children.

Some of the home school associations available to Clinton parents include [South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools](#), [Upstate Home School Co-Op](#), [Family TOUCH](#) and [Insights On Education](#).



### Requirements

Home-schooled children in Clinton must receive instruction at least four and a half hours each day for 180 days of the year, although the daily schedule can vary. Students will follow a curriculum that includes reading, writing, arithmetic as well as other subjects mandated by the state. Students are also required to take the PASS, HSAP and EOCEP tests.

For more information about homeschooling your children, visit the [State Department of Education](#) website.

## CHILD CARE

### *Licensed, registered or family providers*

South Carolina wants to ensure parents have a safe, nurturing environment when they leave their children in day care; however, only licensed providers are required to meet the state's health and safety requirements.

According to the state, "a quality provider has a set program along with written plans for the day; they also have standards for nutrition and physical activity." This means that when you drop your child off for day care, they are well cared for by a professional staff.

### Grading Criteria

South Carolina offers a voluntary quality grading system for child care centers and encourages parents to look for the ABC Quality grades of centers before enrolling

their children. Grading criteria include health and safety, teacher-to-child ratios, certifications of staff, on-going training for staff and much more.

There are more than 3,000 child care facilities in South Carolina representing the six different types of options available. The options include:

**LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS** are authorized for more than 12 children and are regularly inspected by the Child Care Licensing Staff.

**REGISTERED FAITH-BASED CENTERS** care for 13 or more children, are sponsored by a religious organization with the option to be licensed.

**LICENSED GROUP CHILD CARE HOMES** care for seven to 12 children in a provider's home and have regular visits from the Child Care Licensing Staff.

**LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** care for up to five children in a provider's home. The home is required to be licensed or registered if care is provided for more than one unrelated child.

**REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** care for up to six children in the provider's home. The home is required to be licensed or registered if care is provided for more than one unrelated child. Child Care Licensing staff may make one unannounced visit each year and may also visit in response to a complaint.



## FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

There are no regulations, standards or requirements for daycare provided by families, friends or neighbors.

Detailed information about South Carolina child care can be found online at [scchildcare.org](http://scchildcare.org).

## HIGHER EDUCATION

*Stay in Clinton, or drive an hour for a host of options*

Clinton residents have access to a huge number of colleges and universities. Whether pursuing a degree, taking classes to grow in your job, or taking classes to expand your horizons, you don't need to look far for a school to fit your needs.

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE** is a private liberal arts college in Clinton, with an enrollment of just over 1,000 students. With an average class size of 15 students and 30 major programs available, students are able to choose a program they can excel in and have their voice heard in class. PC is proud of its high academic standards with approximately 90% of the graduates being employed within six months of graduation. The Blue Hose athletic teams compete in the Big South Conference.

864.833.2820 • [Presbyterian College](http://Presbyterian College)

Clinton students can drive less than an hour to Anderson, Spartanburg or Greenville for a host of school options. Colleges and universities in Spartanburg include: [Converse](http://Converse)

[College](http://College), [University of SC-Upstate](http://University of SC-Upstate), [Wofford College](http://Wofford College), [Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine](http://Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine), [Sherman College of Chiropractic](http://Sherman College of Chiropractic) and [Spartanburg Methodist College](http://Spartanburg Methodist College).

Greenville options are: [Bob Jones University](http://Bob Jones University), [Brown Mackie College](http://Brown Mackie College), [Furman University](http://Furman University), [Webster University](http://Webster University), [Southern Wesleyan University](http://Southern Wesleyan University), [Virginia College](http://Virginia College) and [North Greenville University](http://North Greenville University). And [Anderson University](http://Anderson University) and [Forrest College](http://Forrest College) are two choices Anderson.







# education in LAURENS

*Laurens makes education a priority and has earned a state "Absolute Rating of Excellent"*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Absolute Rating of Excellent at all six schools!*

The city of Laurens is in Laurens County, South Carolina, where the students attend schools in [Laurens County School District 55](#). For the 2014 school year, District 55 received an Absolute Rating of Excellent on the 2014 South Carolina District Report Card. The school jumped two levels in just one year, from Average in 2013 to Excellent.

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**STUDENTS IN LAURENS HAVE ACCESS TO SIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS** including: three elementary schools, EB Norse Elementary, Ford Elementary and Laurens Elementary; two middle schools, Laurens Middle, Sanders Middle; and one high school, Laurens District 55 High School.

*District 55's Early Childhood Education Center* promotes positive learning experiences for each child in preparation for school success. The four- and five-year-olds receive training based on The Creative Curriculum model.

*The Preparatory Academy of Laurens District 55* offers positive behavior intervention for students in grades 6-12 "who have experienced difficulty in the traditional learning environment."

### **Twilight school**

LDHS students also have access to content recovery or a *twilight school* that meets from 3:45 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Students may recover lost course credits in English, Math, Science and Social Studies by using computer software. Students will be tested for course credit.

## **CHARTER SCHOOLS**

### *Freedom to be innovative*

South Carolina charter schools are independent public schools that are nonsectarian, nonreligious, non Home-based and nonprofit. As such, the schools are open

to all students within the county, although they must apply and are subject to acceptance standards. Charter schools offer smaller classroom size and provide new, innovative and more flexible ways of education.

There are no nearby charter schools for Laurens students. For more information about charter schools in South Carolina see the *South Carolina Public Charter School District* website.

## **PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR**

### *August-June school year*

The five public schools in Laurens follow the traditional school calendar schedule - late August through early June - and meet 180 days.

Laurens schools accept students based on the address of where their parents reside and are assigned according to "attendance zones." Limited choice is available for the Preparatory Academy.

## **PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING**

### *Are your children learning?*

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## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### *Private schools for any age*

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to the state's average. Many of the private schools are religiously affiliated.

Private schools are tuition-based and often involve a competitive application process, however, many parents believe the benefits their children gain from the specialized curriculum and the competitive edge gained in college is worth the investment.

### Privates in the County

The private schools in Laurens County are: First Baptist Church Kindergarten, [Laurens Academy](#) for students K-12 and Lighthouse Christian Academy for students grades 2-12.

## HOME SCHOOLING

### *For cutting edge education, stay at home*

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### 3 choices

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home school association of which the parent is a member. Parents are encouraged to select the option that is best for their children. Some of the home school associations available to Laurens parents include [South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools](#), [Upstate Home School Co-Op](#), [Family TOUCH](#) and [Insights On Education](#).

### Required time

Home-schooled children in Laurens must receive instruction at least four and a half hours each day for 180 days of the year, although the daily schedule can vary. Students will follow a curriculum that includes reading, writing, arithmetic as well as other subjects mandated by the state. Students are also required to take the PASS, HSAP and EOCEP tests.

For more information about homeschooling your children, visit the [State Department of Education](#) website.

## CHILD CARE

*Check the grade before selecting daycare for your children*

South Carolina wants to ensure parents have a safe, nurturing environment when they leave their children in day care, however, only licensed providers are required to meet the state's health and safety requirements.

The state suggests parents seek out qualified care centers and notes that "a quality provider has a set program along with written plans for the day; they also have standards for nutrition

and physical activity." This means that when you drop your child off for day care, they are well cared for by a professional staff.

### Grading Criteria

South Carolina offers a voluntary quality grading system for child care centers and encourages parents to look for the ABC Quality grades of centers before enrolling their children. Grading criteria include health and safety, teacher-to-child ratios, certifications of staff, on-going training for staff and much more.

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## REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

care for up to six children in the provider's home. The home is required to be licensed or registered if care is provided for more than one unrelated child. Child Care Licensing staff may make one unannounced visit each year and may also visit in response to a complaint.

## FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

There are no regulations, standards or requirements for daycare provided by families, friends or neighbors.

Detailed information about South Carolina child care can be found online at [scchildcare.org](http://scchildcare.org).

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### *Surrounded by college towns*

Laurens residents have a wide variety of options when it comes time to look for a college or university. Whether you want to take classes in town while working, or move to a college town, you don't need to travel far to find what you want.

### University of SC-Union

The Laurens campus offers Laurens residents the opportunity to complete an associate's or bachelor's degree program without leaving their hometown. Programs include arts and sciences and nursing coursework. High school students can also take dual-credit courses at USC. 864.681.1456 • [University of SC-Union](http://University of SC-Union)

### Clinton - Eight miles away

[Presbyterian College](#) is just eight miles away in Clinton. The private liberal arts college has an enrollment of just over 1,000 students.

Laurens students can choose to drive less than an hour to Anderson, Spartanburg or Greenville for a host of other school options.

**SPARTANBURG - 36 MILES** 36 miles away to the northeast, you can reach: [Converse College](#), [University of SC-Upstate](#), [Wofford College](#), [Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine](#), [Sherman College of Chiropractic](#), [Spartanburg Community College](#) and [Spartanburg Methodist College](#).

**GREENVILLE OPTIONS** about 40 miles away, are: [Bob Jones University](#), [Brown Mackie College](#), [Furman University](#), [Webster University](#), [Virginia College](#) and [North Greenville University](#).

**ANDERSON COLLEGES** about a 45-minute drive from Laurens you will find two excellent choices [Anderson University](#) and [Forrest College](#).



# Pickens County Schools












# School District of Pickens County

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
A. R. LEWIS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	225	Traditional
AMBLER ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	261	Traditional
CENTRAL ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	367	Traditional
CHASTIAN ROAD ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	556	Traditional
CLEMSON ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	855	Traditional
CROSSWELL ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	517	Traditional
DACUSVILLE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	654	Traditional
EAST END ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	702	Traditional
FOREST ACRES ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	732	Traditional
HOLLY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	224	Traditional
MCKISSICK ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	408	Traditional
PICKENS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	467	Traditional
WEST END ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	731	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Pickens	864.397.1300		
Pickens	864.397.1200		
Cenral	864.397.1400		
Liberty	864.397.4800		
Clemson	864.397.1500		
Easley	864.397.1600		
Easley	864.397.2800		
Easley	864.397.1700		
Easley	864.397.1800		
Pickens	864.397.2000		
Easley	864.397.2200		
Pickens	864.397.2300		
Easley	864.397.2510		
















# School District of Pickens County

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
DACUSVILLE MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	350	Traditional
LIBERTY MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	517	Traditional
PICKENS MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	755	Traditional
R.C. EDWARDS MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	766	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOLS				
D.W. DANIEL HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,047	Traditional
EASLEY HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,721	Traditional
PICKENS HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	1,402	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Easley	864.397.3525		
Liberty	864.397.3400		
Pickens	864.397.4100		
Central	864.397.4200		
Central	864.397.2900		
Easley	864.397.3100		
Pickens	864.397.3600		







# education in CLEMSON

*A university town  
teeming with  
Clemson students  
and Clemson lovers*

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Clemson students in school  
in Pickens County*

Clemson sits in both Anderson and Pickens Counties in South Carolina, but students are affiliated with the [School District of Pickens County](#) (SDPC) with 16 elementary schools, five middle schools, four high schools and a state-of-the-art Career and Technology Center. SDPC has an annual enrollment of about 16,600 students and is the 12th-largest

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## education in CLEMSON

school district in South Carolina. Clemson students attend Clemson Elementary School, RC Edwards Middle School and DW Daniel High School.

### 16,600 students and the 12th-largest school district in South Carolina

Clemson Elementary offers self-contained classroom settings along with team teaching and multi-aged settings with a goal to find the best fit for the students and their learning styles. The school's After-School-Care program provides care from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. giving children daily homework assistance and the opportunity to participate in "enriching and challenging activities."

**R.C. EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL** for students in grades 6-8, offers a friendly yet competitive environment. Students traditionally earn high scores on the state end-of-course exams in Algebra I and English I, and can participate on the MATHCOUNTS team, or join the festival band and athletic teams.

**DANIEL HIGH** has high academics with honors classes available in every department and with many disciplines offering AP courses. Students at Daniel HS score among the highest in the state on their SAT, ACT and AP tests. The Daniel Lions athletic teams are competitive at the state AAA level.

High school students may also be assigned to the state-of-the-art [Pickens County Career & Technology Center](#). CTC provides skills

and training in 20 different programs with a mission to ensure college and/or career readiness for the students.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

### *STEM classes for middle-schoolers*

Clemson charter schools, as mandated by the State Department of Education, are independent public schools that are nonsectarian, nonreligious, non home-based and nonprofit. As such, the schools are open to all students in Clemson, although they must apply and are subject to acceptance standards. Charter schools instructors are allowed the freedom to be more innovative, but they are also held accountable to the same academic standards as all state public schools.

### LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Clemson middle school students, grades 6-8, have access to the [South Carolina Youth Leadership Academy](#), located on Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute in Pickens. The school's curriculum, focused on STEM courses (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is developed by Pitsco Education, the leading provider of "K-12 learning solutions that promote success through positive and challenging learning experiences."

For more information about charter schools in South Carolina see the [South Carolina Public Charter School District](#) website.



## **PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR**

### *Stay in the zone*

The 26 public schools in Clemson follow the School District of Pickens County traditional school calendar schedule - late August through early June - and meet 180 days.

Pickens County schools accept students based on the address of where their parents reside and are assigned according to "attendance zones."

## **PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING**

### *Test your progress*

Students in Clemson/Pickens County public schools follow the South Carolina State Department of Education testing requirements designed to measure student performance on the goals, objectives and competencies set forth by the State. Following is a list of the state's required tests:

**PASS (PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS)** Students take PASS in grades 3-8 and are tested on English language arts, mathematics, writing, social studies and science.

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## **PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

### *For student growth in discipline and achievement*

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### **Real Advantages**

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## HOME SCHOOLING

### *Mainstream, but at-home*

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### **You are not alone**

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school associations available to Clemson parents include [South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools](#) and Anderson Home School Association.

### **Responsibility required**

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For more information about homeschooling your children, visit the [State Department of Education](#) website.

## CHILD CARE

### *3,000 child care facilities in South Carolina*

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## Grading Criteria

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There are more than 3,000 child care facilities in South Carolina representing the six different types of options available. The options include:

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Detailed information about South Carolina child care can be found online at [scchildcare.org](http://scchildcare.org).

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### *Clemson partners with technical college*

Clemson residents don't have to go far to attend an elite university with Clemson University right in town. Known as a "university town," Clemson University offers a wide variety of educational options for full-time students, adult learners and for students attending the local community college.

**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY** is one of the premier universities of the South and the country. Ranked as the 20th best national public university by U.S. News & World Report,



## education in CLEMSON

Clemson University focuses its curriculum in the science and engineering fields. Founded in 1889 by Thomas Green Clemson who had a love for education and a vision to rebuild South Carolina, the university has grown into an elite university with more than 16,000 undergraduates and 4,000 graduate students.

According to the Princeton Review, Clemson ranks 3rd in the U.S. for having the happiest students. Some of that may have to do with the nationally prominent Tigers football team with 18 total conference titles, including the 1982 national title and 14 ACC titles.  
864.656.3311 • [Clemson University](#)

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Anderson University anderson SC,  
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Tri-County Technical College anderson, Easley,  
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# education in EASLEY

*Living is easy in Easley, but the schools challenge students in the hard stuff*

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*The school system with a “good” report card*

Parts of the city of Easley extend into both Anderson and Pickens Counties in South Carolina, but students in Easley are affiliated with the [School District of Pickens County](#) (SDPC).

SDPC has an annual enrollment of about 16,600 students and is the 12th-largest school district in South Carolina with 16 elementary schools, five middle schools, four high schools and a state-of-the-art Career and Technology Center.

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### Elementary

Easley students have access to five elementary schools, Forest Acres Elementary School, McKissick Elementary School, Crosswell Elementary School, East End Elementary School and West End Elementary School; one middle school, R.H. Gettys Middle School; and one high school, Easley High School.

### Middle

R.H. Gettys Middle School, for students in grades 6-8, has been named the Palmetto Silver Award Winner by State Department of Education for consistently high student achievement, received "Good" absolute rating for the last four years from SC Report Card. The school strives to "develop confident, responsible, competent and considerate individuals," while meeting the South Carolina curriculum standards.

### High

Easley High School, with an enrollment of just under 1,800 students, offers 16 AP courses, 33 athletic teams, a fine arts program and participates in the Naval JROTC program.

### College & Career

High school students may also be assigned to the state-of-the-art [Pickens County Career & Technology Center](#). CTC provides skills

and training in 20 different programs with a mission to ensure college and/or career readiness for the students.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

*Students in grades 6-8 have access to STEM lessons*

Pickens charter schools, as mandated by the State Department of Education, are independent public schools that are nonsectarian, nonreligious, non-home-based and nonprofit. As such, the schools are open to all students in the county, although they must apply and are subject to acceptance standards.

Charter schools instructors are allowed the freedom to be more innovative, but they are also held accountable to the same academic standards as all state public schools.

Easley middle school students, grades 6-8, have access to the [South Carolina Youth Leadership Academy](#), located on Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute in Pickens. The school that is about eight miles outside of Easley, follows a curriculum focused on STEM courses (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Pitsco Education, the leading provider of "K-12 learning solutions," developed the curriculum.

For more information about charter schools in South Carolina see the [South Carolina Public Charter School District](#) website.



## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

*Students learn 180 days a year*

The public schools in Easley follow the School District of Pickens County traditional school calendar schedule - late August through early June - and meet 180 days.

Students in Easley are assigned the school that serves their legal residence, according to the district's established attendance zones. However, parents may request a change of school for their children by submitting an application and request to the principal of the requested school. The principal decides acceptance.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

*Yearly testing for all students*

Students in Easley/Pickens County public schools follow the South Carolina State Department of Education testing requirements designed to measure student performance on the goals, objectives and competencies set forth by the state. Following is a list of the state's required tests:

**PASS (PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS)** Students take PASS in grades 3-8 and are tested on English language arts, mathematics, writing, social studies and science.

**EOCEP (END-OF-COURSE EXAMINATION PROGRAM)** The EOCEP tests high school core courses and middle school students for high school credit in the following subject areas: Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2; English 1; US History and the Constitution; and Biology 1/Applied Biology 2.

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

*Variety of course offerings at Tri-County Technical College*

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**TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE** is a two-year public community college with an enrollment of more than 9,000 students pursuing education in over 70 fields of study. The school has a proud history of service to the citizens and employers of Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties. Campuses in Anderson and Easley SC. Tri-County's Anderson campus delivers "innovative educational resources and life-long learning opportunities" to Anderson residents. The school has partnered with Anderson County to bring a SC QuickJobs Development Center to Anderson bringing business and industry training right into town.

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# Spartanburg County Schools





























# Spartanburg County School District 1

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
CAMPOBELLO GRAMLING ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-8	763	Traditional
HOLLY SPRINGS-MOTLOW ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-6	404	Traditional
INMAN ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-3	472	Traditional
INMAN INTERMEDIATE	Public Regular	4-6	302	Traditional
NEW PROSPECT ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-6	413	Traditional
O.P. EARLE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	470	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
CAMPOBELLO GRAMLING MIDDLE	Public Regular	PK-8	763	Traditional
LANDRUM MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	241	Traditional
T.E. MABRY MIDDLE	Public Regular	7-8	426	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOLS				
CHAPMAN HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	907	Traditional
LANDRUM HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	604	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Campobello	864.472.9110		
Campobello	864.472.8120		
Inman	864.472.8403		
Inman	864.472.1510		
Inman	864.592.1970		
Landrum	864.457.3416		
Campobello	864.472.9110		
Landrum	864.457.2629		
Inman	864.472.8402		
Inman	864.472.2836		
Campobello	864.457.2606		




# Spartanburg County School District 2

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
BOILING SPRINGS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-3	860	Traditional
BOILING SPRINGS INTERMEDIATE	Public Regular	4-5	918	Traditional
CARLISLIE-FOSTER’S GROVE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-4	496	Traditional
CHESNEE ELEMENTRY	Public Regular	PK-5	554	Traditional
COOLEY SPRINGS-FINGERVILLE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	299	Traditional
JAMES H. HENDRIX ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-3	792	Traditional
MAYO ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	313	Traditional
OAKLAND ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-4	596	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
BOILING SPRINGS MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	1,090	Traditional
CHESNEE MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	473	Traditional
RAINBOW LAKE MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	711	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOLS				
BOILING SPRINGS HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	2349	Traditional
CHESNEE HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	633	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Boiling Springs	864.578.1231		
Boiling Springs	864.809.5270		
Chesnee	864.578.2215		
Chesnee	864.461.7322		
Chesnee	864.592.1211		
Boiling Springs	864.578.1288		
Mayo	864.461.2622		
Inman	864.814.3870		
Inman	864.578.5954		
Chesnee	864.461.3900		
Chesnee	864.253.5700		
Boiling Springs	864.578.8465		
Chesnee	864.461.7318		

















# Spartanburg County School District 3

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
CANNONS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	246	Traditional
CLIFDALE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	278	Traditional
COWPENS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	366	Traditional
PACOLET ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	384	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
COWPENS MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	459	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PACOLET	Public Regular	6-8	217	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOL				
GETTYS D. BROOME HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	924	Traditional



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Spartanburg	864.279.6100		
Spartanburg	864.279.6200		
Cowpens	864.279.6300		
Pacolet	864.279.6500		
Cowpens	864.279.6400		
Pacolet	864.279.6600		
Spartanburg	864.279.6700		









# Spartanburg County School District 4

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
WOODRUFF ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	3-5	590	Traditional
WOODRUFF PRIMARY	Public Regular	PK-2	714	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOL				
WOODRUFF MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	629	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOL				
WOODRUFF HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	802	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Woodruff	864.476.3123		
Woodruff	864.476.3174		
Woodruff	864.476.3150		
Woodruff	864.476.7045		

























# District Five Schools of Spartanburg

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
ABNER CREEK ACADEMY	Public Regular	PK-4	482	Traditional
BEECH SPRINGS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-4	570	Traditional
BERRY SHOALS	Public Regular	3-5	612	Traditional
DUNCAN ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-4	702	Traditional
LYNMAN ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-4	666	Traditional
REIDVILLE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-4	296	Traditional
RIVER RIDGE ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-4	686	Traditional
WELLFORD ACADEMY OF SCI. & TECH.	Public Magnet	PK-4	430	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
D.R.HILL MIDDLE	Public Regular	7-8	579	Traditional
FLORENCE CHAPEL MIDDLE	Public Regular	7-8	637	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOL				
JAMES F. BYRNES HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	2,275	Traditional



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Duncan	864.949.2334		
Duncan	864.949.7600		
Duncan	864.949.2300		
Duncan	864.949.2373		
Lyman	864.949.2330		
Reidville	864.949.2388		
Moore	864.949.7620		
Wellford	864.949.2385		
Lyman	864.949.2370		
Duncan	864.949.2310		
Duncan	864.949.2355		




# Spartanburg County School District 6

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
HIGH SCHOOLS				
ANDERSON MILL ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	690	Traditional
ARCADIA ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	474	Traditional
FAIRFOREST ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	750	Traditional
JESSES S. BOBO ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	710	Traditional
LONE OAK ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	357	Traditional
PAULINE-GLENN SPRINGS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	472	Traditional
ROEBUCK ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	733	Traditional
WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	845	Traditional
WOODLAND HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	PK-5	475	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
FAIRFOREST MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	794	Traditional
GABLE MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	802	Traditional
R.P. DAWKINS MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	857	Traditional
HIGH SCHOOL				
DORMAN HIGH	Public Regular	9-12	3,228	Traditional



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Moore	864.576.6539		
Spartanburg	864.576.1371		
Spartanburg	864.439.5000		
Spartanburg	864.576.2085		
Spartanburg	864.503.9088		
Pauline	864.583.1868		
Roebuck	864.576.6151		
Spartanburg	864.576.1833		
Spartanburg	864.576.0506		
Spartanburg	864.576.1270		
Roebuck	864.576.3500		
Moore	864.576.8088		
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# Spartanburg County School District 7

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL NAME & LINK	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
E.P. TODD SCHOOL	Public Magnet	PK-8	902	Traditional
HOUSTON ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	371	Traditional
JESSE BOYD ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	433	Traditional
MARY H. WRIGHT ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	461	Traditional
MCCARTHY TESZLER SCHOOL	Public Magnet	PK-8	209	Traditional
PINE STREET ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	677	Traditional
THE CLEVELAND ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP	Public Magnet	PK-5	559	Traditional
W.HERBERT CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY	Public Regular	K-5	403	Traditional
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
CARVER MIDDLE	Public Regular	6-8	522	Traditional
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Spartanburg	864.596.8491		
Spartanburg	864.594.4470		
Spartanburg	864.594.4444		
Spartanburg	864.594.4440		
Spartanburg	864.594.4435		
Spartanburg	864.594.4475		
Spartanburg	864.594.4457		
Spartanburg	864.596.8491		
Spartanburg	864.594.4410		







# education in SPARTANBURG

*Spartanburg is home to some of the most highly rated public schools in the state, as well as seven colleges & universities*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### *Award winning education*

Spartanburg students are served by two of seven districts within Spartanburg County, District 6 and District 7. [District 6](#) consists of nine elementary schools, three middle schools, one ninth-grade school and one high school with a combined enrollment of approximately 10,000. [District 7](#) serves more than 7,000 students through its seven elementary schools, three middle schools, two high schools and one early learning center.

### **The first four-time National Blue Ribbon School**

Many of the schools in Spartanburg have earned statewide or nationwide recognition

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including Spartanburg High School of District 7, the first four-time National Blue Ribbon School, that was named one of the most rigorous high schools in the nation by the Washington Post. The high school offers 24 AP class offerings, more than any other public high school in South Carolina.

### **"Arts-infused" curriculum**

Pine Street Elementary School of District 7, with an "arts-infused" curriculum, is a national model, and the school has also been a recipient of the South Carolina Palmetto Gold Award every year since 2002.

### **Children also have access to several special focus centers:**

McCarthy Teszler School is a school for special needs students. The school serves students aged five to 21 and offers specific programs for students who are disabled or handicapped or emotionally disabled.

### **DANIEL MORGAN TECHNOLOGY**

**CENTER** for 9-12 graders from Spartanburg HS provides focused training to meet the local business needs. Students can choose career-based programs such as automotive technology, marketing, horticulture and culinary arts.

### **THE WHITLOCK FLEXIBLE LEARNING**

**CENTER** is home to both the Spartanburg County Alternative School and the Upstate S2TEM Center. SCAS is an alternative school affording students an opportunity to ease

back into the school environment, earn a GED or gain skills to enter the workforce. Upstate S2TEM accelerates student learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

### **Early and Middle Colleges**

Developed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as a way of giving high school students greater options and promoting higher education, this tuition-free program allows high-achieving, mature kids to study in small classes. Dual enrollment courses offer students the opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school diploma.

### **The Vikings are coming!**

The Viking Early College, a partnership between School District 7 and Spartanburg Community College, is a "rigorous yet supportive program" that compresses the time to complete high school and the first two years of college. The Viking program is a male-only program focused on "first-generation college goers" in families from Spartanburg.

## **CHARTER SCHOOLS**

### *More school choices*

Spartanburg charter schools must be independent public schools that are nonsectarian, nonreligious, non-home-based and nonprofit, as mandated by the State Department of Education. As such, the schools are open to all students in Spartanburg, although they must apply and are subject to acceptance standards. Charter



schools offer smaller classroom size and provide new, innovative and more flexible ways of education.

## Two charter schools

There are two charter schools in Spartanburg: High Point Academy for grades K-9 and Spartanburg Preparatory School, grades K-8.

High Point is a community-centered school with a philosophy to “foster the growth and shaping of tomorrow’s leaders, challenging them to dream, desire and deliver success.”

Spartanburg Prep offers single-gender classes, limits class size to 12 students and offers a “Character Counts Curriculum,” a character development framework, as well as foreign language, art, music and PE.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

*Summer vacation starts at the end of May*

The 27 public schools in Spartanburg follow the traditional school calendar schedule with a mid-August start date and a late May end, with 180 days of classroom instruction.

Spartanburg students are assigned to a home-based school based on the address where their parents reside. However, District 6 offers limited choice options for K-5 students. If the choice is granted, the student must remain at that school through the highest grade offered.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

*Required testing to move onward and upward*

Students in Spartanburg public schools follow the South Carolina State Department of Education testing requirements designed to measure student performance on the goals, objectives and competencies set forth by the state.

Check your student’s school calendar for timing and dates for the tests. Detailed information can be found with the State Board of Education at [State-Assessments.gov](http://State-Assessments.gov).

**PASS (PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS)** Students take PASS in grades 3-8 and are tested on English language arts, mathematics, writing, social studies and science.

**EOCEP (END-OF-COURSE EXAMINATION PROGRAM)** The EOCEP tests high school core courses and middle school students for high school credit in the following subject areas: Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2; English 1; US History and the Constitution; and Biology 1/Applied Biology 2.

**HSAP (HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM)** The HSAP is South Carolina’s exit exam. Every student must pass the HSAP to graduate from high school.

**SC-ALT (SOUTH CAROLINA ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT)** The SC-Alt is an alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Students aged 8-13 and



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15 as of September 1 of the assessment year are tested.

Check your student's school calendar for timing and dates for the tests. Detailed information can be found with the State Board of Education at [State-Assessments.gov](https://www.state-assessments.gov).

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

*Tuition-based alternatives to public schools*

There are five private schools located in Spartanburg. Many of the "privates" offer small classroom size and low teacher-to-student ratios, a faith-based foundation and provide experiential learning including field trips, hands-on labs and mission opportunities.

Private schools are tuition-based and often involve a competitive application process, however, many parents believe the cost is worth it for the specialized curriculum and the competitive edge many students gain in college.

#### Rigorous college-prep education

At Meeting street Academy, opened in 2012, following the success of its Charleston namesake, students aged K-5 start early with their "rigorous, college-preparatory education."

Other private schools in Spartanburg include Oakbrook Preparatory School, built on a foundation of Christian faith and offering students K-12 accelerated learning and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School that helps

students in grades K-8 learn organization and good study skills and habits to help them into their high school years. Spartanburg Christian Academy and Spartanburg Day School round out Spartanburg's private school offerings.

### HOME SCHOOLING

*16,000 students learning at home*

Although just 10 years ago, homeschooling was considered "cutting edge" education it is now becoming more and more popular in the U.S. and in South Carolina. The top reason parents home school is for their concern about public schooling environments for their children. There are estimated to be about 16,000 students being homeschooled in South Carolina.

#### Three options for homeschooling

Parents in Spartanburg have three options available to them for home schooling their children: home school under the auspices of a school district; home school with support of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools; or home school with support from a home school association of which the parent is a member. Some of the local home school associations available to Spartanburg parents include: [South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools](#), [Carolina HomeSchooler](#) and [Westgate Christian Home Educators Association](#).

#### Daily instruction requirement

Home-schooled children in Spartanburg must receive instruction at least four and a half hours each day for 180 days of the year,



although the actual daily schedule can vary. Students will follow a curriculum that includes reading, writing, arithmetic as well as other subjects mandated by the state. Students are also required to take the PASS, HSAP and EOCEP assessment tests.

For more information about homeschooling your children, visit the [State Department of Education](#) website.

## CHILD CARE

### *Active and safe day care*

South Carolina wants to ensure parents have a safe, nurturing environment when they leave their children in day care, however, only licensed providers are required to meet the state's health and safety requirements.

The state notes that "a quality provider has a set program along with written plans for the day; they also have standards for nutrition and physical activity." This means that when you drop your child off for day care they are well cared for by a professional staff.

### **Voluntary grading system**

South Carolina offers a voluntary quality grading system for child care centers and encourages parents to look for the ABC Quality grades of centers before enrolling their children. Grading criteria include health and safety, teacher-to-child ratios, certifications of staff, on-going training for staff and much more.

### **Six different types of options**

There are more than 3,000 child care facilities in South Carolina representing the available. The options include:

**LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS** are authorized for more than 12 children and are regularly inspected by the Child Care Licensing Staff.

**REGISTERED FAITH-BASED CENTERS** care for 13 or more children, are sponsored by a religious organization with the option to be licensed.

**LICENSED GROUP CHILD CARE HOMES** care for seven to 12 children in a provider's home and have regular visits from the Child Care Licensing Staff.

**LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** care for up to five children in a provider's home. The home is required to be licensed or registered if care is provided for more than one unrelated child.

**REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** care for up to six children in the provider's home. The home is required to be licensed or registered if care is provided for more than one unrelated child. Child Care Licensing staff may make one unannounced visit each year and may also visit in response to a complaint.

### **FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

There are no regulations, standards or requirements for daycare provided by families, friends or neighbors



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### 91 in the area

According to [ChildcareCenter.US](http://ChildcareCenter.US), the largest directory for childcare services in the nation, there are 91 child care centers in Spartanburg County. Access the website for more information about your child care options in Spartanburg.

Detailed information about South Carolina child care can be found online at [scchildcare.org](http://scchildcare.org).

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### *Always learning*

Spartanburg is home to seven colleges and universities with a combined enrollment of over 15,000 students. Residents of this town are “always learning,” and the town partners with its higher-education institutions and the business community to help keep the citizens ready to hit the local job market once they graduate and achieve their training goals.

**CONVERSE COLLEGE** is a four-year, women’s only undergraduate college with a co-ed graduate program. Homing in on the advantages that single-gender studies bring, Converse emphasizes empowerment through internships, student research, leadership development, community service and study-travel. Through its motto of “Voice. Value. Vision.” the college encourages collaboration, and with a student-to-faculty ratio of 11:1 and a total enrollment of just over 1,100, students have plenty of opportunities to find their voice in class.

Converse offers programs through its three schools: School of the Arts, School of Humanities and Sciences and School of Education and Graduate Studies. The college is the country’s only women’s college with a school of music and is one of just two colleges in S.C. with a degree in Music Therapy.

864.596.9000 • [Converse College](http://Converse College)

### **SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

is a two-year institution with more than 100 programs of study that lead to high-demand, high-growth careers and take as little as four months to two years to complete. Fees are 60% lower than public four-year university tuition and 80%-90% lower than private college tuition. The transfer program is a great way to save money and get into the four-year colleges of your choice. 864.592.4600 • [Spartanburg Community College](http://Spartanburg Community College)

### **SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE**

is a private, two-year institution of higher learning located in Spartanburg. It is the only independent, regionally accredited, residential two-year college in South Carolina. SMC offers the liberal arts courses you’ll need to build a solid foundation to select a major and complete your bachelor’s degree at some of the finest colleges and universities in the country. SMC also offers an Associate in Arts, Associate in Religious Studies, Associate in Science, Associate in Business Administration, Associate in Fine Arts and an Associate in Criminal Justice Degree. 864.587.4000 • [Spartanburg Methodist College](http://Spartanburg Methodist College)



**UNIVERSITY OF SC-UPSTATE** in Spartanburg, is part of the USC system with four-year campuses in Aiken, Beaufort, Columbia and with its Palmetto Campus locations in Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter and Union. Upstate offers bachelor's programs in liberal arts, the sciences, business, education and nursing. It also offers master's degrees in education and informatics. Upstate is a public institution with an average yearly enrollment of 5,500 students and with a goal of becoming "one of the southeast's leading 'metropolitan' universities." 864.503.5000 • [University of South Carolina Upstate](#)

**WOFFORD COLLEGE** is a private, liberal arts college in Spartanburg. It was founded in 1854 and boasts an enrollment of about 1,600. The 170-acre campus is designated as the Roger Milliken Arboretum and nearly 5,000 trees have been planted in the last 25 years. Wofford offers 51 majors, minors and programs including computer science, government, mathematics, philosophy and economics. The strength of the college's academics shows in its successful alum with 3,218 in senior management of corporations or organizations, 1,302 practicing medicine, dentistry or in other health care professions and 827 are attorneys or judges. The school participates in NCAA Division I Southern Conference athletics. 864.597.4000 • [Wofford College](#)

Check out the other excellent colleges in the area: [Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine](#) and [Sherman College of Chiropractic](#). In addition, there is a unique selection of other regional centers of learning:

Anderson University anderson SC, 864.231.2000 • [Anderson University](#)

Bob Jones University, Greenville SC, 864.242.5100 • [Bob Jones University](#)

Clemson University, Clemson SC, 864.656.3311 • [Clemson University](#)

Furman University, Greenville SC, 864.294.2000 • [Furman University](#)

Greenville Technical College, Greenville, Simpsonville, Taylors 864.250.8000 • [Greenville Technical College](#)

Lander University, Greenwood SC, 864.388.8000 • [Lander University](#)

North Greenville University, Tigerville, Taylors SC 864.977.7000 • [North Greenville University](#)

Piedmont Community College, Greenwood SC, 800.868.5528 • [Piedmont Technical College](#)

Tri-County Technical College anderson, Easley, SC. 864.646.8282 • [Tri-County Community College](#)







# education in WOODRUFF

*Woodruff is the  
“perfect place to  
build a business,  
career and a family,”  
and to learn, too!*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Highest rated school district  
in South Carolina*

Woodruff is part of Spartanburg County where there are seven distinct school districts serving the county residents. Woodruff students attend schools in [District 4](#) where the administrators strive to “prepare students to become confident, competent, respectful and responsible individuals.” District 4 was recently named the highest rated school district in South Carolina. According to the

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Elementary and Secondary Education Act ratings, each school in District 4 received an "A-rating."

### **THERE ARE TWO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

in Woodruff for students of all ages. Woodruff Primary School is available for children from 3K through 2nd grade. In addition, WPS offers a "universal 4K" to every 4four-year-old in District 4. Woodruff Elementary School, serving grades 3-5, offers curriculum with an "emphasis upon addressing each student's individual needs to assist him in stretching his abilities."

**WOODRUFF MIDDLE SCHOOL** for grades 6-8, provides a nurturing environment while maintaining an academic focus and helping students adjust to life's challenges.

**WOODRUFF HIGH SCHOOL** serving students in grades 9-12, offers a comprehensive curriculum of career and technology courses, Advanced Placement courses, diploma requirements and electives. Students will be challenged at WHS: US News & World Report has ranked Woodruff High School in the "top ten" best high school in South Carolina and the Washington Post names WHS among America's Most Challenging High Schools.

### **Special needs**

McCarthy Teszler School, serving all of Spartanburg County, is a school for special needs students. The school, about 17 miles away in Spartanburg, serves students aged

five to 21 and offers specific programs for students who are disabled or handicapped or emotionally disabled.

## **CHARTER SCHOOLS**

*Charter schools have challenging curriculum*

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**THERE ARE TWO** charter schools in Spartanburg, about 17 miles away from Woodruff: High Point Academy for grades K-9 and Spartanburg Preparatory School, grades K-8.

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Spartanburg Prep offers single-gender classes, limits class size to 12 students and offers a "Character Counts Curriculum," a character development framework, as well as foreign language, art, music and PE.



## PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR

*Out by Memorial Day*

The four public schools in Woodruff follow Spartanburg County's traditional school calendar schedule with a mid-August start date and a late May end, with 180 days of classroom instruction.

Woodruff students are assigned to a home-based school based on the address where their parents reside.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TESTING

*The State wants to know  
what you learned*

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## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

*Spartanburg privates  
for Woodruff students*

There are no private schools in Woodruff, however, there are five privates nearby in

Spartanburg. Many of the schools offer small classroom size and low teacher-to-student ratios, a faith-based foundation and provide experiential learning including field trips, hands-on labs and mission opportunities.

Private schools are tuition-based and often involve a competitive application process, however, many parents believe the benefits their children gain from the specialized curriculum and the competitive edge gained in college is worth the investment.

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## HOME SCHOOLING

*Be part of the 2%*

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about public schooling environments for their children. There are estimated to be about 16,000 students, or 2% being homeschooled in South Carolina.

Parents in Woodruff have three options available to them for home schooling their children: home school under the auspices of a school district; home school with support of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools; or home school with support from a home school association of which the parent is a member. Parents are encouraged to select the option that is best for their children. Some of the local home school associations available to Woodruff parents include: [South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools](#), [Carolina HomeSchooler](#) and [Westgate Christian Home Educators Association](#).

### Instruction requirements

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For more information about homeschooling your children, visit the [State Department of Education](#) website.

## CHILD CARE

### *Select quality care for your children*

South Carolina wants to ensure children have a safe, nurturing environment when they attend day care, however, only licensed providers are required to meet the state's health and safety requirements.

**THE STATE SUGGESTS** parents seek out qualified care centers and notes that "a quality provider has a set program along with written plans for the day; they also have standards for nutrition and physical activity." This means that when you drop your child off for day care, they are well cared for by a professional staff.

**SOUTH CAROLINA OFFERS A VOLUNTARY QUALITY GRADING SYSTEM** for child care centers, and encourages parents to look for the ABC Quality grades of centers before enrolling their children. Grading criteria include health and safety, teacher-to-child ratios, certifications of staff, on-going training for staff and much more.

There are more than 3,000 child care facilities in South Carolina representing the six different types of options available. Detailed information about South Carolina child care can be found online at [scchildcare.org](http://scchildcare.org).



## HIGHER EDUCATION

### *Lots of choices in neighboring Spartanburg*

There is no doubt that Woodruff residents are in a great location when it comes time to enter the higher education market. Spartanburg, just 17 miles away from Woodruff, is home to seven colleges and universities with a combined enrollment of over 15,000 students. In addition, just 25 miles away in Greenville, there are another seven institutions to select.

### Select from the following Spartanburg colleges

Converse College is a four-year women's only undergraduate college with a co-ed graduate program. Homing in on the advantages that single-gender studies bring, Converse emphasizes empowerment through internships, student research, leadership development, community service and study-travel.

University of SC-Upstate is part of the USC system offering bachelor's programs in liberal arts, the sciences, business, education and nursing. It also offers master's degrees in education and informatics.

Wofford College is a private, liberal arts college with an annual enrollment of about 1,600. Wofford offers 51 majors, minors and programs including computer science, government, mathematics, philosophy and economics.

Spartanburg Community College boasts its University Transfer Program allowing SCC students to earn an Associate's degree and "seamlessly" transfer to any public four-year college in South Carolina.

Spartanburg Methodist College is a private, two-year institution of higher learning located in Spartanburg. It is the only independent, regionally accredited, residential two-year college in South Carolina.

Check out the other excellent colleges in Spartanburg: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine and Sherman College of Chiropractic.

**FOR THOSE WHO OPT TO TRAVEL TO GREENVILLE** students can attend Bob Jones University, Brown Mackie College, Furman University, Webster University, Southern Wesleyan University, Greenville Technical College, Virginia College, or North Greenville University.



# Regional Charter Schools




























# Charter Schools Directory

SCHOOL NAME	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
CABARRUS COUNTY				
ANDERSON FIVE CHARTER SCHOOL	Public Charter	10-12	100	Traditional
BRASHIER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER	Public Charter	9-12	422	Traditional
GREENVILLE TECH CHARTER HIGH	Public Charter	9-12	439	Traditional
LANGSTON CHARTER MIDDLE	Public Charter	6-8	450	Traditional
LEAD ACADEMY	Public Charter	5-8	145	Traditional
LEAGUE ACAD. OF COMM. ARTS	Public Charter	6-8	800	Traditional
LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL	Public Charter	K-12	1059	Traditional

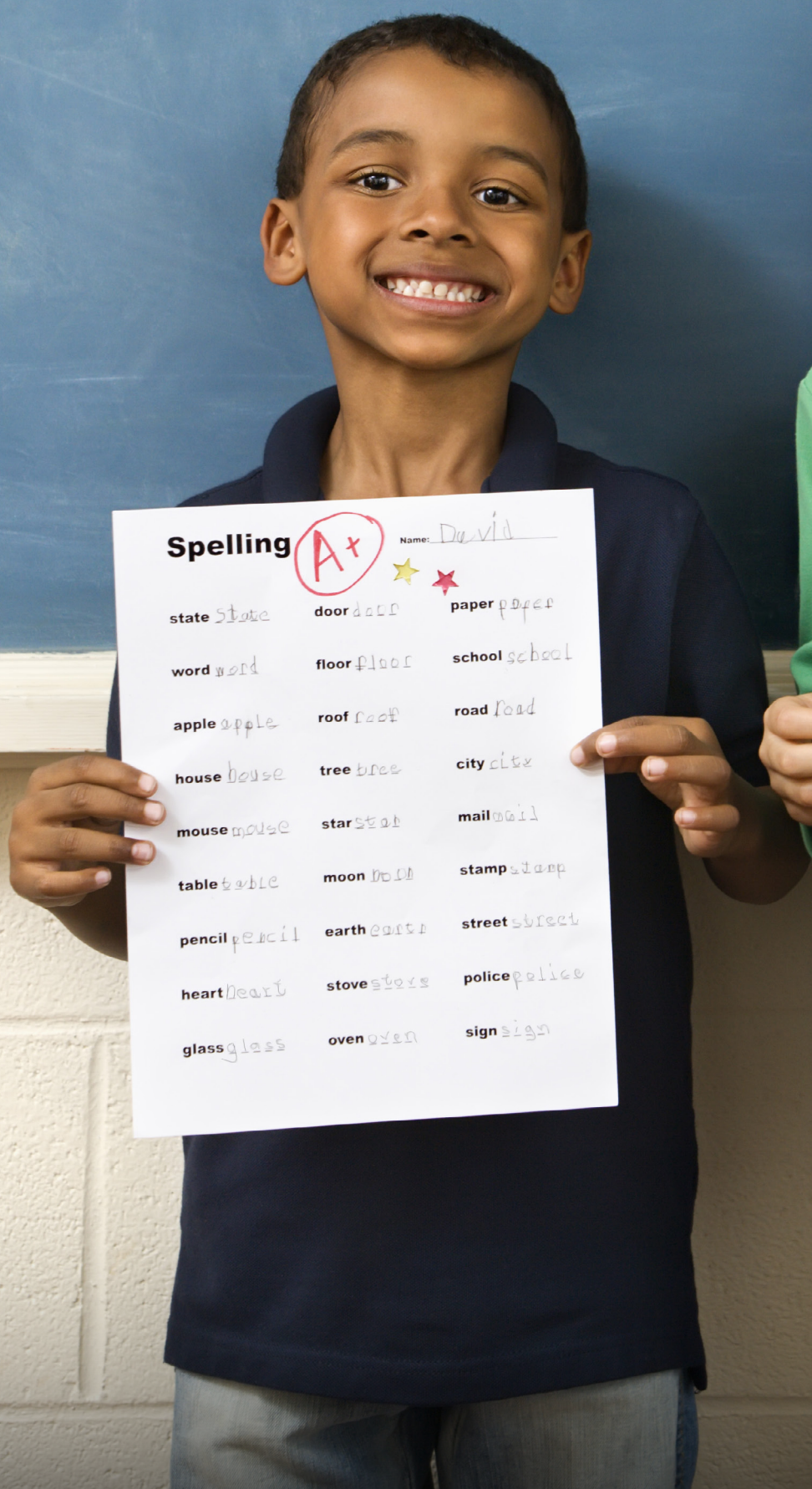


CITY/TOWN	PHONE	WEBSITE	REPORT CARD	LOCATE ON MAP
Anderson	864.260.5721			
Simpsonville	864.757.1800			
Greenville	864.250.8844			
Greenville	864.286.9700			
Greenville	864.770.1790			
Greenville	864.355.8100			
Greenville	864.214.1600			



# Regional Private Schools







# Private Schools Directory

SCHOOL NAME	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	K-12	102	Traditional
ANDERSON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-12	209	Traditional
BOB JONES ACADEMY	Private Faith-Based	PK-12	1,339	Traditional
CAROLINA INTERNATIONAL PREP SCHOOL	Private Non-Sectarian	K-5	115	Traditional
CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	K-12	1,147	Traditional
EASLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-12	92	Traditional
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY	Private Faith-Based	PK-4	240	Traditional
FOUNTAIN INN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-12	137	Traditional
HAMPTON PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-12	441	Traditional
LAURENS ACADEMY	Private Non-Sectarian	PK-12	216	Traditional
MITCHELL ROAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	Private Faith-Based	PK-8	360	Traditional
MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF ANDERSON	Private Non-Sectarian	PK-12	206	Traditional
MT. ZION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-8	163	Traditional
NEW COVENANT SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-12	135	Traditional
OAKBROOK PREPRATORY SCHOOL	Private Non-Sectarian	PK-12	433	Traditional
OAKWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	K-12	296	Traditional
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATH SCH	Private Faith-Based	PK-8	147	Traditional
SHANNON FOREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-12	421	Traditional
SPARTANBURG DAY SCHOOL	Private Non-Sectarian	PK-12	450	Traditional













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Greenville	864.246.1055		
Anderson	864.224.7309		
Greenville	864.770.1395		
Greenville	864.385.6020		
Greenville	864.299.1522		
Easley	864.855.800		
Greenville	864.235.0122		
Fountain Inn	864.862.7811		
Greenville	864.233.0556		
Laurens	864.682.2324		
Greenville	864.268.2210		
Anderson	864.226.5344		
Greenville	864.297.6646		
Anderson	864.224.5675		
Spartanburg	864.587.2060		
Anderson	864.225.6262		
Greenville	864.277.5350		
Greenville	864.678.5107		
Spartanburg	864.582.7539		



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SCHOOL NAME	TYPE	SPAN	STUDENTS	CALENDAR
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-8	90	Traditional
ST. MARYS CATHOLIC SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-8	264	Traditional
ST. PAUL APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-8	130	Traditional
TABERNACLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	K-12	101	Traditional
WESTGATE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Private Faith-Based	PK-12	185	Traditional



CITY/TOWN	PHONE	WEBSITE	LOCATE ON MAP
Anderson	864.760.1619		
Greenville	864.271.3870		
Spartanburg	864.582.6645		
Greenville	864.269.2760		
Spartanburg	864.576.4953		



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