

Education Greenville, South Carolina

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I. Executive Overview

The Upstate is teeming with various educational opportunities.

- **An award-winning public school system** including Blue Ribbon and National Schools. The Greenville County School District is the largest in South Carolina. The District offers a wide range of programs to meet every need.



- **The Fine Arts Center** allows artistically talented students in grades 9-12 to stretch the boundaries of their creativity during studio classes in theatre, visual arts, creative writing, dance, drama, digital filmmaking and music.



- **Sterling School with Charles Townes Gifted Center** provides gifted and talented students with a highly challenging, full-time instructional program that enriches, accelerates, and extends the program of studies in Greenville County Schools.
- **A J Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering** is one of only five elementary schools in the nation that provides a school-wide engineering curriculum.

- **The Baldrige in Education Initiative**, in conjunction with the Carolina First Center for Excellence, has been implemented to measure continuous improvement in the school system. Currently, there are 33 Baldrige Model Schools in the County.

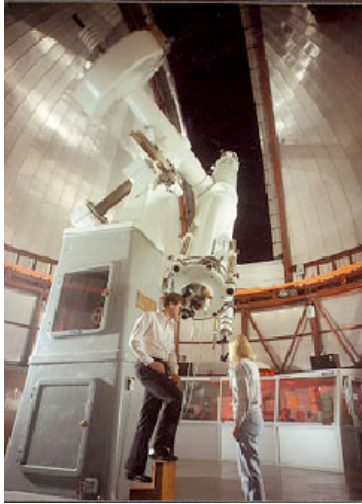
- **The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program** has expanded to include schools across Greenville County and has an internationally recognized college preparatory curriculum. The IB program in Greenville emphasizes foreign language fluency and fully developing the student.

- **Eleven Magnet Academies** offer unique educational choices to the students of Greenville County. Magnet schools offer specialized curriculum in languages, math, science and technology, communication arts, international studies, traditional studies, pre-engineering, and health professions.



- **Greenville County Schools have been awarded National Accreditation** from the *AdvancED* Accreditation Commission, recognizing the school system as a high quality school district and granting full accreditation to the school district and all of its schools.

- **Roper Mountain Science Center** provides year-round formal academic and enrichment lessons for students in science, health, and social studies. The 62-acre Center offers science education programs, nature trails, a sea life center, an observatory, and a planetarium. The Observatory features a 23" refractor telescope, the eighth largest of its kind in the nation.



With **45 private and parochial schools** in the region, the upstate offers exciting opportunities for those seeking private or parochial educations.

- **The Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities** is located downtown in Greenville's Historic District. With year-round programs, the school is only one of its kind in the nation.



- **The Bilingual French School, the Japanese, the German Saturday Schools, and a Chinese School** are specialized learning opportunities catering to our internationals.



- **Seven independent charter Schools** provide a variety of rigorous and relevant academic and technology based programs that will prepare students for success in the global workforce.



There are more than a dozen **higher learning institutions** in the SC upstate.

- **Clemson University** has been honored as the nation's #1 public college (*Time Magazine*, 2001). Clemson is #25 -- top public universities (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2011).



- **Furman University** is one of the nation's leading liberal arts and sciences colleges, located on the edge of the City of Greenville.



- **The Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR)** is an advanced-technology research campus located in Greenville. It is also home to the nation's first PhD program in Automotive Engineering.

- **Greenville Technical College** is ranked among the national top 10 technical colleges (*U.S. News & World Report*).



- **Bob Jones University**, a nondenominational Christian liberal arts institution, offers over 120 undergraduate degrees and 65 graduate degrees. Bob Jones is the largest private liberal arts university in South Carolina.
- **The University Center** is a nonprofit consortium of seven different college and universities dedicated to increasing access to educational opportunities for citizens of the metropolitan Greenville area. The Center caters particularly to working professionals.
- **Clemson at the Falls**, located in Downtown Greenville, houses Clemson University's Master of Business Administration programs, Arthur M. Spiro Institute of Entrepreneurial Leadership, Small Business Development Center, and the Professional Advancement and Continuing Education Center.

II. Greenville County Schools

Overview of the District

- With more than 69,000 students, the Greenville County School District is the largest in the state and 50th largest in the nation. There are 99 schools and centers.
- The District has earned National Accreditation from the AdvancED Accreditation Commission.
- 605 teachers are National Board Certified Teachers (more than 27 states).
- About 13% or 9,000 students attend school on “choice.”
- Eleven Magnet Academies provide a strong core curriculum enhanced with extensive course work in one of the following disciplines: academic excellence, communication arts, fine arts, international studies, languages, mathematics, pre-engineering technology and health professions, science and technology, and traditional studies.
- The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program is available for all grade levels and includes an internationally recognized college preparatory degree program.
- Unique learning experiences are offered at the Fine Arts Center, Roper Mountain Science Center, and the Sterling School with the Charles Townes Gifted Center.
- The District is a recipient of the Kennedy Center/National School Boards Association Award for Support of the Arts in Education.
- Thirteen schools have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools by the United States Department of Education.
- Twenty-one schools have been awarded the “Palmetto’s Finest Award,” presented annually to South Carolina’s top schools.
- Forty-eight schools have been named “Red Carpet Schools,” an annual Customer Friendly Award.
- Twenty-nine schools are PTA National Schools of Excellence.
- Greenville County has a nationally recognized building program.

District Highlights and Specialized Programs

Magnet Academies

Eleven Magnet Academies offer unique educational choices to the students of Greenville County. Magnet schools offer specialized curriculum in languages, math, science and technology, communication arts, international studies, traditional studies, pre-engineering, and health professions.

www.greenville.k12.sc.us/district/schools/select.asp

Sterling School with Charles Townes Gifted Center

The Charles Townes Gifted Center provides gifted and talented students in grades 3 thru 8 with a highly challenging, full-time instructional program that enriches, accelerates, and extends the program of studies in Greenville County Schools.

www.greenvilleg12.sc.us/gifted/index.asp

AJ Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering

The AJ Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering is one of the most technologically advanced elementary school in Greenville County. The 88,232 Square foot facility is the first elementary school in South Carolina with a school-wide engineering curriculum.

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/ajw/>

Roper Mountain Science Center

The Roper Mountain Science Center offers hands-on learning experiences in the sciences. The 62-acre Center offers science education programs, nature trails, a sea life center, an observatory, and a planetarium. The Observatory features a 23" refractor telescope, the eighth largest of its kind in the nation.

Because the Center is a facility of the School District of Greenville County, the primary program participants are the county's school children. Programs in all areas of science correlate to the science curriculum of the District and provide reinforcement for concepts studied in the classroom.

www.ropermountain.org/

The Fine Arts Center

The Fine Arts Center of Greenville County is the first public fine arts school in South Carolina, established in 1974. Students apply to the Center and are selected on the basis of talent, interest, motivation, and commitment to their discipline and are able to study theatre, dance, visual arts, music, creative writing, and digital film making. Each year over 400 students attend the Fine Arts Center and, of that number, over 95 percent go on to higher education.

www.fineartscenter.net/

The International Baccalaureate Program

The International Baccalaureate Organization created three levels of educational programming designed to provide students with age appropriate and challenging curriculum. Greenville County Schools is pleased to offer the full range of K-12 IB continuum: Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (DP) is a comprehensive, rigorous, international curriculum, leading to examinations, for students in grades 11 and 12. It provides students of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds with the intellectual, social, and critical perspectives necessary for the world that lies ahead of them. Students who successfully complete the requirements for this program earn the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma. In the United States, the IB is valued as an honors program which leads to advanced standing and college credits at the world's finest colleges and universities.

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/gcsd/schools/ib.asp>

Non-Traditional

A variety of non-traditional offerings are available including credit recovery, Twilight High School and Virtual School.

South Carolina International Schools



- Die Deutsche Schule Spartanburg operates Saturday classes at USC Upstate for German-speaking students.
- Ecole Francaise in Greenville teaches children of Greenville's native-speaking French Monday through Friday in such subjects as math, history, geography, physics, chemistry, biology, German, French, Spanish, and English.
- The Greenville Area Japanese Saturday School draws students from throughout the Upstate.
- The Chinese School meets on Sunday afternoons providing opportunities for children to learn the Chinese language and cultural arts.

Baldrige Continuous Quality Improvement

The Baldrige in Education Initiative, in conjunction with the Carolina First Center for Excellence, has been implemented to foster continuous improvement in the school system. Currently, there are 33 Baldrige Model Schools.

- Baldrige-based systems focus on success through leadership, strategic planning, and goal setting.
- In education, the Baldrige model focuses on continuous improvement in student performance driven by a cycle of investigation, implementation, and evaluation.
- From kindergarten up, the system implies that students work with teachers to set performance goals, track performance with charts or graphs, and make changes to improve success.

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/qcsd/depts/hr/pd/baldrige.asp>

Career Development in Greenville County Schools

- Elementary and middle school students start career exploration which culminates in the 8th grade when students complete an Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) with their parent or parental designee and their guidance professional. High school elective courses are identified by the IGP and are organized around one of the 16 career clusters. Guidance professionals help students along every step as they work towards graduation.
- Personal Pathways to Success gives students the educational tools they need to build successful futures. In addition to promoting career awareness and exploration, Personal Pathways helps students connect their aspirations and abilities to career opportunities through choices in what they study.
- Four Career Technology Centers offer a variety of courses that prepare students for post secondary training or the workforce. Career Technology Education courses include agricultural education, business and marketing education, family and consumer science, and trade and industrial courses that include aircraft maintenance, and welding and metal fabrication.
- Online Regional Education Centers (RECs) have been created to help connect students and educators with the business community. Together, these partnerships assist students with opportunities for internships, job shadowing, and other hands-on experience in their career clusters.

III. Road to Excellence: Quality Indicators

The Greenville County School System has issued an Education Plan that highlights five goal areas:

Goal Area One: Raise the Academic Challenge and Performance of Each Student

- The Greenville County School District has achieved international recognition as a high quality school system by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission.
- Enrollment in Advanced Placement courses has increased from 2,148 in 2004 to 2,870 in 2010. Fifty-seven percent of AP exams taken qualified for possible college credit.
- Students continue to outperform their state counterparts on the SAT, with an average score of 1469 compared to a state average of 1443. The national average is 1509.
- Greenville County students' average ACT score of 21.4 exceeded both the national average of 21.0 and the state average of 19.7.
- 80.8% of students in the second year of high school passed the High School Exam exam on the first attempt.
- 90.0% of the District graduates pursued higher education, \$89.5 million awarded in college scholarships.
- Greenville County Schools boasts 22 National Merit Finalists in 2010-2011.

Goal Area Two: Ensure Quality Personnel in All Positions

- 98% of teachers are highly-qualified content experts.
- There are 605 National Board Certified teachers in the District (more than 27 states).
- Over 64% of teachers have advanced degrees.
- Our professional teaching staff has an average of 12.2 years of experience.
- Teacher attendance rate is 97.5%.
- Four principals have been selected National Distinguished Principals.
- Five teachers have been awarded Presidential Citations for outstanding work in math and science.
- Five teachers have been chosen State Teacher of the Year.
- Seven teachers have won Milken Family Foundation National Educators awards.
- Average teacher salary is \$46,593.

Goal Area Three: Provide a School Environment Supportive of Learning

Building Equity for the Future

Students from across Greenville County have access to quality school facilities with similar features. Equity is ensured as construction standards are the same for all schools serving the same grade levels. Each school is a state-of-the-art facility with classrooms of adequate size, innovative lab spaces, music and band rooms, infrastructure to support the latest technology providing the means for research and development of ideas, and improved environmental features such as better lighting and heating/air-conditioning. The positive learning environment helps motivate students and teachers each day.

- The *BEST* School Construction Program was completed in 2010. Seventy schools and centers were constructed or renovated as part of the program. The School District continues to plan for the future through the Long Range Facilities Plan and Capital Improvement Program.
- The School District earned the Indoor Air Quality Leadership award from the EPA.
- 88.5% of parents surveyed said they were satisfied with the learning environment at their child's school.

Goal Area Four: Effectively Manage and Further Develop Necessary Financial Resources

- Greenville County Schools has earned the highest credit rating a school system can receive from the top two rating services.
- The District has been awarded “Excellence” in financial reporting for 22 consecutive years.
- A low administrative cost of 1.6 cents per dollar maximizes funding to support students.

Goal Area Five: Improve Public Understanding and Support of Schools

- Updated District information is communicated to parents and community through the GCS website, the Schools Channel (channel 14 and 99) and Twitter updates.
- The School Messenger system makes 150,000 calls per week to parents with messages related to school and transportation activities.
- The District has the largest PTA District in South Carolina with over 38,300 volunteers.
- Over 753,000 hours were volunteered in District schools in 2009-2010.
- The Alliance for Quality Education, established in 1985, is a local, independent, non-profit organization dedicated solely to the goal of improving public education in Greenville County. For more information, visit www.AFQE.org.

School Report Cards

- School and District Report Cards are issued annually in an effort to assess improvement in South Carolina’s educational performance.
- The Absolute rating is the academic achievement of students in the school year upon which report card is based measured against the target level of performance.
- In 2010, school report cards showed ninety-two percent of Greenville County schools received Absolute ratings of either Excellent, Good or Average.

III. Selected Upstate Private and Non-District Schools

The Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities is located downtown in Greenville’s Historic District. With year-round programs, the School is only one of its kind in the nation. It is the state’s premier school for artistically talented high school students.

- The Governor’s School is the first fine arts high school in the nation to receive accreditation from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Precollegiate Art Schools.
- The accreditation is for an initial period of five years and includes programs for creative writing, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts.
- Thousands of students have benefited from the School’s rigorous arts training by participating in master classes, private studio lessons, individual and ensemble study, seminars, and workshops.
- The state’s rich cultural heritage and diversity helps the Governor’s School to promote the development of new and innovative concepts in the arts and humanities.

www.scgsah.state.sc.us/

The Greenville Technical Charter High School provides an education focused on rigorous academics and technology in an effort to prepare students for success in the global workforce.

- Greenville Technical Charter High School (GTCHS) offers an academically rigorous four-year program serving over 400 students.
- GTCHS promotes a “Project-Based Learning,” which includes methodologies that integrate academic and technical components. Each student spends at least one-third of daily learning time in the technical laboratory or workplace learning environments.
- GTCHS was the first charter school in South Carolina to win the coveted *Blue Ribbon School Program* national award. In 2007 GTCHS was honored as a National Charter School of the year by the Center for Education Reform.

www.gtchs.org/

Bob Jones Academy is the college preparatory high school of Bob Jones University. The Academy is known nationwide for the academic and spiritual excellence it produces in the lives of its students.

- Bob Jones Academy is located on the campus of Bob Jones University and is one of the best-equipped Christian high schools in the country.
- Although the Academy shares various campus facilities with the University, the Academy has its own quadrangle of buildings and several ancillary buildings.

www.bju.edu/bja/

Christ Church Episcopal School is a coeducational college preparatory school in the Episcopal tradition that nurtures each student's intellectual and spiritual development, personal integrity, sense of community and self-worth through strong academic programs, comprehensive athletics, and vibrant arts.

- Christ Church offers a globally credentialed International Baccalaureate World School curriculum (grades Primer-12).
- Christ Church is characterized by a learning environment where students receive individual attention from an excellent, caring faculty.
- The current student enrollment is approximately 990 students, with an 11.5:1 student/teacher ratio.
- Christ Church has produced 160 National Merit Finalists since its first graduating class in 1972.

www.cces.org

St. Joseph's Catholic School is a private, Roman Catholic, coeducational college preparatory school that offers a traditional liberal arts curriculum.

- St. Joseph's is approved by and within the Diocese of Charleston.
- St. Joseph's offers small classes with outstanding faculty, along with daily religious instruction.
- 100 percent of graduates receive college acceptances.
- St. Joseph's has both AP and National Merit Scholars, as well as State Athletic Championship Titles.
- The current student enrollment is approximately 463 students, with a 12:1 student/teacher ratio and an average class size of 17.

www.sihigh.org/

Shannon Forest Christian School is a coeducational college preparatory school that offers a complete educational program to serve the entire Christian community.

- Shannon Forest is located on a beautiful 50-acre campus in the heart of Greenville's Eastside.
- The current student enrollment is approximately 545 students, with a 11:1 student/teacher ratio in grades 5-12.

www.shannonforest.com

Select Upstate Private Schools

School	County	Grades	Website Link
Agape English Language Institute	Greenville	ESL	www.aeliusa.com
Bob Jones Academy	Greenville	K4-12	http://www.bobjonesacademy.net/
Camperdown Academy	Greenville	1-8	www.camperdown.org
Christ Church Episcopal School	Greenville	PreK-12	www.cces.org/
Easley Christian School	Easley	PreK-12	http://www.easleychristianschool.org/
Hampton Park Christian School	Greenville	PreK-12	http://www.hpcsonline.org/hpcs
Haynsworth School	Greenville	K-5	www.haynsworthprivate.com
Hidden Treasure Christian School	Taylors	Special Education	www.hiddentreasure.org
Mitchell Road Christian Academy	Greenville	PreK-8	www.mitchellroadchristian.org/
Montessori School of Anderson	Anderson	PK-8	www.msasc.org/
Mt. Zion Christian School	Greenville	PreK-12	http://www.mzcs.net/
Oakbrook Preparatory School	Spartanburg	K4-12	www.oakbrookprep.org
Oakwood Christian School	Anderson	PreK-12	http://www.oakwoodchristianschool.com/
Shannon Forest Christian School	Greenville	PreK-12	www.shannonforest.com
Southside Christian School	Greenville	PreK-12	www.southsidechristian.org/
Spartanburg Christian Academy	Spartanburg	P-8	http://www.scawarriors.org/
Spartanburg Day School	Spartanburg	PreK-12	www.spartanburgdayschool.org/
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School	Greenville	PreK-5	http://www.stanthonygreenvillesc.org/
St. Joseph's Catholic School	Greenville	6-12	http://www.sicatholicschool.org/
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School	Spartanburg	PreK-8	http://stpaulschoolsc.com

IV. Selected Area Colleges and Universities

Clemson University, in nearby Pickens County, is a selective, public land grant university in a college-town setting along a dynamic southeastern corridor. Named by *Time Magazine* in 2001 as “Best Public College of the Year,” Clemson offers 114 degrees in 75 undergraduate degree programs, 75 masters programs and 39 doctoral programs. Approximately 1,200 faculty – including 33 Fulbright Scholars – teach 17,000 students each year.

The University is committed to world-class teaching, research and public service. More than \$76 million is spent each year on research. Clemson is among the top 25 colleges in the U.S. in terms of revenues of intellectual property licenses. *The Wall Street Journal* cited Clemson as leading the Southeast in commercializing inventions in university laboratories. Clemson is one of only 25 NSF-designated Engineering Research Centers in the country. Clemson currently administers more than two-thirds of all engineering degrees in South Carolina.

www.clemson.edu

Located in Downtown Greenville, **Clemson At The Falls** is a 33,355 square foot state-of-the-art educational facility that houses the Clemson Center for Professional Advancement and Continuing Education, MBA programs, the Renaissance Center, the Arthur M. Spiro Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership and regional offices for the Small Business Development Center. Clemson At The Falls is conveniently located near Greenville’s thriving downtown, hotels, eateries, entertainment and Falls Park.

<http://odce.clemson.edu/>

The **Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR)**, located along I-85 in Greenville, is an advanced-technology research campus where University, industry and government organizations engage in synergistic collaboration. With more than \$200 million in commitments, CU-ICAR represents the ultimate public/private partnership, directly fueling a knowledge base critical to the automotive industry. This is also where Clemson University offers the nation’s only Ph.D. in automotive engineering.

Industrial-scale laboratories and testing facilities are accessible to companies and professionals for applied R&D on new technology. Thanks to world-class partners like BMW, IBM and Microsoft, the Carol A. Campbell Jr. Graduate Engineering Center houses more than \$10 million in state-of-the-art facilities and equipment.

www.clemson.edu/autoresearch

Furman University is a private coeducational institution founded in 1826. It has an established reputation as a leading liberal arts college. It offers degrees and pre-professional programs in over 40 subjects. More than half of Furman’s 2,600 students finished in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. Furman also boasts a research-minded faculty and one of the strongest chemistry programs in the nation. The University is known for its emphasis on engaged learning, a problem-solving, project-oriented and experienced-based approach to the liberal arts. Engaged learning emphasizes the value of active learning, research, service learning, internships, and study abroad. *U.S. News and World Report* ranks Furman 4th among national liberal arts colleges in the area “Undergraduate Research/Creative Projects.”

www.furman.edu

Bob Jones University is a nondenominational, Christian liberal arts institution that offers over 120 undergraduate majors in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Religion, Fine Arts, Business Administration, Education, and Applied Sciences. More than 65 graduate majors are offered. Bob Jones is the largest liberal arts university in South Carolina. Bob Jones serves nearly 5,000 students from around the United States and over 40 countries. Top firms as well as top graduate programs seek BJU graduates. One of the highlights of the campus is the University Museum and Gallery, which has been proclaimed one of the greatest collections of religious art in the Western Hemisphere.

www.bju.edu

Greenville Technical College, founded in 1962, is a four-campus system, providing education and training to more than 15,000 students. Programs include business, health, engineering, and industrial careers along with a university transfer option that provides an economical route to a four-year degree. The College's continuing education division offers classes that improve skills in specific areas. By 2000, more than 75,000 individuals and 2,000 companies had been served by continuing education programs. Greenville Technical College is ranked among the national top 10 technical colleges (*U.S. News & World Report*).

Greenville Tech is also home to the **McKinney Regional Automotive Technology Center**, which covers over 94,000 square feet. It houses a show room that displays street rods, motor sports vehicles and new cars donated by both businesses and industry in the area. At the heart of the building are 10 multimedia-equipped classrooms, computer labs, offices, and teaching facilities for the College's auto body, automotive and diesel programs. Also included are the General Motors partnership programs in automotive service and body service. There is room for developing more partnership programs with business and industry as we continue to expand our technological services.

Greenville Tech is excited to offer a new degree program in the field of biotechnology that provides students with an educational base for employment in this field. The program offers hands-on laboratory sessions, as well as an excellent theoretical and practical background in biotechnological techniques and applications.

Greenville Tech offers exciting programs in the health sciences field, with degrees available in dental hygiene, nursing, and occupational therapy and physical therapy assistance, to name a few. Additionally, Greenville Tech is now offering a paramedic degree program in response to the needs of Upstate fire departments.

Greenville Tech also offers a range of degrees with regard to computer technology and office systems technology.

www.greenvilletech.com

North Greenville University is a small, coeducational liberal arts institution located 18 miles north of Greenville in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. In the fall of 2005, the North Greenville Board of Trustees approved a change from North Greenville College to North Greenville University. Accredited by multiple associations including the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, North Greenville University offers basic liberal arts curricula that lead to the associate, baccalaureate and master's degrees. North Greenville presents distinctive, innovative programs that attract and meet the needs of non-traditional students. Enrollment is approximately 1,500.

www.ngu.edu

The University Center, a nonprofit consortium of seven different South Carolina colleges and universities, is dedicated to increasing access and educational opportunities for citizens of the Greenville metropolitan area. The state-of-the-art teaching and learning center is designed to serve the needs of working adults. Most courses are offered during the evenings, for the convenience of working adults. Some daytime and weekend classes are also available. Seven senior institutions are members in the University Center's consortium: Clemson, Furman, Lander, Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina State, University of South Carolina, and USC Upstate.

The Center offers more than 600 courses in 76 degree programs. Degree programs include accounting, computer science, communications, teacher education, health administration, communications, human resources development, information management, nursing, business administration, psychology/sociology, public administration, social work, interdisciplinary studies, health sciences, health administration, engineering technology, political science, and library and information science.

www.greenville.org

Brown Mackie College

The Brown Mackie College system of schools has a long history that extends back to the late 1800s. The system began as a single school, Kansas Wesleyan School of Business, which began operation on September 12, 1892. The Brown Mackie College system of schools now has 22 locations in 11 states.

Brown Mackie College – Greenville is located in downtown Greenville, South Carolina and offers a variety of degree programs. Areas of study include health care, legal studies, business, and computers.

The Brown Mackie College system of schools is dedicated to helping students successfully pursue a college education that will prepare them to launch a career or enhance their current one in an increasingly competitive economy.

- ONE COURSE A MONTH schedules mean you concentrate on one subject for one month, complete the course in 30 days, then move on to the next course.
- Small class sizes are purposely designed so you can receive individualized attention.

www.brownmackie.edu

V. State of South Carolina's Financial Support for Students Pursuing Higher Education

The Legislative Incentive for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship program that may be used towards the cost of attendance for up to eight terms at eligible public and independent colleges and universities in South Carolina.

- The award is up to \$5,000 per year for students who attend a four-year in-state college or university. With the Life Scholarship Enhancement, eligible students may receive up to \$7,500. Students who attend two-year programs are awarded up to the cost of tuition plus a \$300 book allowance.
- The LIFE Scholarship is an automatic award, and no application is necessary.
- Students are eligible for the LIFE Scholarship if they meet two of the three following criteria: maintain a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, score 1100 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT, or rank in the top 30% of the student's class.

The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program is a merit-based scholarship program that must be applied directly toward the cost of attendance, less any other gift aid received. Palmetto Fellows may be supported for a maximum of eight full-time terms of study toward the first baccalaureate degree at a participating institution in South Carolina.

- Palmetto Fellows may receive up to \$6,700 their freshmen year and \$7,500 for their sophomore, junior and senior years. Eligible math and science students may receive up to \$10,000 per year beginning in their sophomore year.

The SC HOPE Scholarship Program was established under the SC Education Lottery Act and approved by the General Assembly in 2001. It is a one-year merit-based scholarship created for eligible first-time entering freshmen attending a four-year institution. The scholarship is available only to students who do not qualify for either the LIFE Scholarship or the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

- Eligible students attending a state four-year public or private institution will receive up to \$2,800 (including a \$300 book allowance) during the first year of attendance.
- Students must have a 3.0 grade point average at the end of their senior year to qualify.

The SC Need-based Grant Program provides additional financial assistance to South Carolina's neediest students. Eligible students may receive for a maximum eight full-time equivalent terms the following awards:

- Full-time enrolled students may receive up to \$2,500 per year.
- Part-time enrolled students may receive up to \$1,250 per year.

http://www.che.sc.gov/New_Web/GoingToCollege/FinAsst.htm

VI. Statistical Information

50th Largest School District in Nation and Largest in State

Schools and Centers	99
Child Development Centers	6
Elementary (K-5)	50
Middle (6-8)	18
High (9-12)	14
Career Technology Centers	4
Special Centers	7
Average Age of Schools	9 Years
Size	800 Square Miles
Schools	
National Blue Ribbon Schools (Outstanding Academic Achievement)	13
Palmetto's Finest Schools (State's Top Schools)	20
Newsweek's Best High Schools	9 of 14 in Top 6% Nationally
Red Carpet Schools (Family-Friendly Environments)	48
National PTA Schools of Excellence	29
Students	
Number of Students	69,802 (10-11)
Students Attending School on Choice	9,000 or 13%
Daily Student Attendance	96%
Graduates	4,236
Scholarship Total	\$89.5 Million
National Merit Finalists	22
Graduates Pursuing Higher Education	90%
College Entrance Scores	
2010 ACT - Students outperform Nation	21.4 (Nation 21.0, State 19.7)
2010 SAT - Students outperform State	1469 (Nation 1509, State 1443)
Staff	
Teachers	5,074
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.5 to 1
Teacher's Average Years of Experience	12.2
Teachers with Master's Degree or Higher	64.2%
Teachers who are Highly Qualified per No Child Left Behind Act	98%
Average Teacher Salary	\$45,358
National Board Certified Teachers	605 (more than 27 States)
District	
General Fund Budget	\$406.9 Million
Dollars spent per pupil	\$7,957
Financial Reporting Award of Excellence	2 Years (Consecutive)
School Construction Program	Nationally Recognized
Community	
PTA Membership (Largest in SC)	38,300
Local PTA Units	83
Volunteer Hours	753,134

Source: Greenville County School District

**Education Breakdown: Age 25 and older
Greenville County**

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Population 25 Years and over	298,114	
Less than 9 th Grade	18,529	6.2%
9 th to 12 th Grade, no diploma	27,381	9.2%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	80,663	27.1%
Some college, no degree	56,432	18.9%
Associate's degree	23,605	7.9%
Bachelor's degree	59,512	20.1%
Graduate or professional degree	31,592	10.6%
High school graduate or higher	251,804	84.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	91,104	30.6%

Source: 2009 American Community Survey