South Carolina Fast Facts

Mapping Drive Times from Private Schools in South Carolina

South Carolina residents think K–12 education in South Carolina is headed in the right direction.

South Carolina Parents’ Schooling Preferences

- Public District School: 24.0%
- Charter School: 14.0%
- Private School: 41.0%
- Home School: 10.0%
- Don't Know/Didn't Answer: 11.0%

Where K–12 South Carolina Students Attend School Now

- Public District School: 87.0%
- Charter School: 4.0%
- Private School Out of Pocket: 6.0%
- Private through a School Choice Program: 0.5%
- Home School: 2.5%

South Carolina Private School Fast Facts

- 2,000 estimated open seats in private schools
- 79% of private schools serve students with special needs
- 57% provide some form of financial assistance to students

Exploring South Carolina’s Private Education Sector

South Carolina K–12 Education Spending

$10 Billion

South Carolina Public Education Funding Sources

- State: 48.0%
- Local: 44.0%
- Federal: 8.0%

School Spending/Costs By Sector

- Public School Avg. Spending Per Pupil: $13,370
- Charter School Avg. Spending Per Pupil: $18,050
- Private School Avg. Tuition Per Pupil: $11,004

SOUTH CAROLINA: 2020:

Private School Review

- Exploring South Carolina’s Private Education Sector

South Carolina Public School Hiring and Salary Trends

- EdChoice Private School Choice Fiscal Calculations

Transporting School Choice Students, 2020

South Carolina does not provide support nor requires districts to pay for the transportation of inter-district transfer students unless students have multiple disabilities.

Districts can designate charters for state-based transportation funding, but are otherwise not eligible.

South Carolina does not provide support nor requires districts to pay for the transportation of private school students.

State Student Transportation Statutes

Inter-District: SC ST §§ 59-156-190 and 59-33-50


Private Schools: S.C. Code §59-67-420

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