



## South Carolina Private School Survey

### Introduction

Thank you very much for participating in this brief school survey. We value your responses and input.

Successful completion of all items will automatically enter your school in a random drawing. One selected school will win a \$1,000 gift card. Five randomly selected schools will each win a \$200 gift card. Your responses will remain confidential.

There will be about 15 items for you to answer regarding your school, and depending on the availability of information, this survey should take about 10 to 15 minutes.

Some of the responses may be shared with My SC Education for use on their new website dedicated to empowering South Carolina parents with the information they need to find the best education environment for their child. You will be able to opt out of sharing this information or skip questions if you do not wish the relevant school-level information to be shared publicly.

We are grateful for your time and assistance. Thank you!

**Drew Catt**

**Director of State Research and Policy Analysis  
EdChoice**

The following organizations have expressed their support of this survey:

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

Catholic Diocese of Charleston

South Carolina Association of Christian Schools (SCACS)



## South Carolina Private School Survey

### Basic Information

**Please provide your school's name and contact information.**

School Name

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Street Address1

Street Address2

Town/City

South Carolina County

ZIP Code

Phone

Web Site Address

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**How many years has your school been in operation?**

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**Opt-Out**

I do not want the school-level information on this page shared publicly.

## South Carolina Private School Survey

### Enrollment and Capacity Information

**On the next page, please enter your enrollment and capacity, by grade range (PK, K, 1–5, 6–8, 9–12), for the 2017–18 school year.**

**We define "capacity" as the total number of student seats in your school, including both currently occupied and currently vacant seats.**

Please respond for all levels that apply.

NOTE: Capacity will be greater than or equal to enrollment for the school.

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### Enrollment and Capacity Information

••••••••**Total Enrolled**••••••••

Prekindergarten

Kindergarten

Elementary School (1–5)

Middle School (6–8)

High School (9–12)

Ungraded

•••••Total Capacity•••••

Prekindergarten

Kindergarten

Elementary School (1–5)

Middle School (6–8)

High School (9–12)

Ungraded

**Comments?**

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### School Tuition and Fees

For this school year, what is the annual average tuition and fees at your school (not including tuition assistance or discounts)?  
Please respond for all levels that apply.

(feel free to round to nearest \$100)

Prekindergarten

Kindergarten

Elementary School (1–5)

Middle School (6–8)

High School (9–12)

Comments?

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### School Fees

**Some private schools separate certain fees from the tuition costs. If your school does so, generally how much is charged *annually per student* for each of the following fee categories (in addition to tuition)?**

Registration/Application

Textbooks

Technology

Transportation

Uniforms

Other (please specify category)

**Comments?**

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Financial Aid

For this school year,  
what is the *annual*  
*average amount* of  
tuition assistance  
(including discounts)  
per student at your  
school?

(feel free to round to  
nearest \$100)

Comments?

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**Financial Aid**

**Approximately what percentage (%) of your school's students receive some form of financial assistance, including discounts, but not including Exceptional SC scholarships?**

**(if necessary, feel free to round to nearest 5% or 10%)**

**Comments?**

## South Carolina Private School Survey

### Education Savings Accounts (ESAs)

**How familiar are you with education savings accounts (ESAs)\* for K-12 education?**

- Not At All Familiar
- Not Too Familiar
- Somewhat Familiar
- Very Familiar

\*ESAs for K-12 education operate differently than college savings accounts, such as a Coverdell Account or a 529 Plan.

**Comments?**

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### Education Savings Accounts (ESAs)

**Some states allow parents to take their child out of a public district or charter school and receive a payment into a government-authorized "education savings account" - often called an "ESA" - with restricted, but multiple uses. Parents can then use these funds to pay for private school tuition and fees, online learning programs, private tutoring, community college costs, and other higher education expenses, among others.**

**The State of South Carolina may consider a "school choice" proposal to establish ESAs, allowing parents to send their child to the school or education provider of their choice, whether publicly or privately operated – including religious and non-religious options.**

**Depending on regulations and what would be required of schools, would your school be interested in participating in a school choice program where the state funds ESAs? Your response is not binding. Please indicate one:**

- No
- Probably Not
- Maybe
- Probably Yes
- Yes

**Why or Why Not? (optional)**

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### Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Accounts

**The State of South Carolina is considering a "school choice" proposal (S. 622 and H. 4308) to establish ESAs for:**

- **certain students with special needs;**
- **students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch;**
- **students in or adopted from foster care; and**
- **children of active-duty military members and those killed in the line of duty.**

**(To review the definition and explanation of ESAs, feel free to go back to the previous question screen).**

**Depending on regulations and what would be required of participating schools, would your school be interested in participating in this potential school choice program where the state funds ESAs? Your response is not binding. Please indicate one:**

- No
- Probably Not
- Maybe
- Probably Yes
- Yes

**Why or Why Not? (optional)**

**South Carolina Private School Survey**

**Tax-Credit Scholarships**

**How familiar are you with tax-credit scholarships (also known as Exceptional SC scholarships)?**

- Not At All Familiar
- Not Too Familiar
- Somewhat Familiar
- Very Familiar

**Comments?**

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### Tax-Credit Scholarships

**South Carolina offers tax credits to individuals supporting Exceptional SC, a nonprofit that provide private school scholarships to students with special needs.**

**Does your school currently enroll students that participate in South Carolina's Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children program by using an Exceptional SC scholarship?**

- No
- Yes
- Don't Know/Not Sure

**Comments?**

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### Tax-Credit Scholarships

South Carolina gives tax credits to individuals and businesses if they contribute money to a nonprofit organization (Exceptional SC) that distributes K-12 private school scholarships. Exceptional SC awards those scholarships to qualifying children with special needs who wish to enroll in private school, including religious and non-religious options, and the child then uses that scholarship to pay for a portion or all of his/her private education.

Depending on regulations and what is required of schools, would your school be interested in participating in this kind of "tax-credit scholarship" program? Your response is not binding.

Please indicate one:

- No
- Probably Not
- Maybe
- Probably Yes
- Yes

Why or Why Not? (optional)

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### Tax-Credit Scholarships

**How many tax-credit scholarship (also known as Exceptional SC scholarship) students does your school currently enroll?**

**Comments?**

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#### **Opt-Out**

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### Rules and Regulations

**What program rules or regulations would concern your school the most? Please rate your concern for regulation in each of the following areas.**

**(not all categories need to be rated)**

	Very Low	Somewhat Low	Moderate	Somewhat High	Very High
Accommodations for Students with Special Needs	<input type="radio"/>				
Building Safety & Security	<input type="radio"/>				
Curriculum & Instruction	<input type="radio"/>				
Financial Reporting & Disclosure	<input type="radio"/>				
Paperwork & Reporting	<input type="radio"/>				
School Admissions & Enrollment Guidelines	<input type="radio"/>				
School Eligibility for Program (e.g. register with state)	<input type="radio"/>				
Student Eligibility for Program (e.g. income limit)	<input type="radio"/>				
Teacher/Staff Certification & Licensure	<input type="radio"/>				
Testing & Accountability	<input type="radio"/>				
Tuition & Fees	<input type="radio"/>				
Other (please describe below)	<input type="radio"/>				

**Other area:**

An empty rectangular box with a thin black border, positioned below the text "Other area:". It is intended for additional information or a drawing.

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### Standardized Assessments/Testing

**Does your school administer some type of norm-referenced assessment (i.e. standardized test) to measure student academic performance?**

- No
- Yes

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### Standardized Assessments/Testing

**This school year, will you be administering the state assessments (Readiness Assessments; SCPASS; SC READY; ACT WorkKeys; ACT), or some other national norm-referenced test?**

**Please check all that apply.**

- Pre-K Readiness Assessments
- Kindergarten Readiness Assessments
- South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)
- South Carolina College and Career READY Assessments (SC READY)
- ACT WorkKeys
- The ACT
- Other (please specify below, separating multiple tests with a comma):

**Comments?**

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### Standardized Assessments/Testing

**Which grade levels will be administered these tests?**

**Please select all that apply.**

KG 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Pre-K Readiness Assessments	<input type="checkbox"/>												
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South Carolina College and Career READY Assessments (SC READY)	<input type="checkbox"/>												
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Kindergarten Readiness Assessments	<input type="checkbox"/>												
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The ACT	<input type="checkbox"/>												
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ACT WorkKeys	<input type="checkbox"/>												
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Other (please specify below, separating multiple tests with a comma):	<input type="checkbox"/>												
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South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)	<input type="checkbox"/>												
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**Please elaborate, if needed:**

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### Special Education

**Does your school serve students who are considered as having special needs\*?**

- No
- Yes

\*Students within this population may have: autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, serious emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment, or other health impairments.

**Comments?**

## South Carolina Private School Survey

### Special Education

**Approximately what percentage (%) of your school's students are considered as having special needs\*?**

**(if necessary, feel free to round to the nearest percentage point)**

\*Students within this population may have: autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, serious emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment, or other health impairments.

**Comments?**



**These last few questions are for the use of My SC Education, a new website dedicated to empowering South Carolina parents with the information they need to find the best education environment for their child. They are not required for entry in the random draw.**

**Does your school offer any of the following extracurricular activities? Please check all that apply.**

- Academic-focused Club(s)
- Academic Competition Team(s)
- Art
- Band
- Choir
- Cultural and/or Language Club(s)
- Dance
- Debate
- Drama
- Entrepreneurship
- Model United Nations
- Moot Court
- Orchestra
- Robotics
- Sports
- Student Government
- Tutoring
- Yearbook
- Other (please specify)

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**Background Information**

**Please list the curricula you use for Math and English/Language Arts:**

**To what Association(s) or Organization(s) does your school belong?**

## South Carolina Private School Survey

### Background Information

**Does your school have a religious orientation or purpose?**

Yes

No

## South Carolina Private School Survey

### Background Information

**Is your school affiliated with a religious organization or institution?**

- Yes
- No

**What is your school's religious orientation or affiliation?**

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| <input type="radio"/> Roman Catholic                       | <input type="radio"/> Church of God in Christ          | <input type="radio"/> Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (formerly AELC, ALC, or LCA) |
| <input type="radio"/> African Methodist Episcopal          | <input type="radio"/> Church of the Nazarene           | <input type="radio"/> Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod                                |
| <input type="radio"/> Amish                                | <input type="radio"/> Disciples of Christ              | <input type="radio"/> Other Lutheran                                                      |
| <input type="radio"/> Assembly of God                      | <input type="radio"/> Episcopal                        | <input type="radio"/> Friends                                                             |
| <input type="radio"/> Baptist                              | <input type="radio"/> Greek Orthodox                   | <input type="radio"/> Mennonite                                                           |
| <input type="radio"/> Brethren                             | <input type="radio"/> Islamic                          | <input type="radio"/> Methodist                                                           |
| <input type="radio"/> Calvinist                            | <input type="radio"/> Jewish                           | <input type="radio"/> Pentecostal                                                         |
| <input type="radio"/> Christian (no specific denomination) | <input type="radio"/> Latter Day Saints                | <input type="radio"/> Presbyterian                                                        |
| <input type="radio"/> Church of Christ                     | <input type="radio"/> Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod | <input type="radio"/> Seventh-Day Adventist                                               |
| <input type="radio"/> Church of God                        |                                                        |                                                                                           |

Other (please specify)

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### Race/Ethnicity

**How many students enrolled in grades K–12 and comparable ungraded levels are:**

Hispanic or Latino, regardless of race?

White, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Black or African American, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Asian, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?

American Indian or Alaska Native, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Two or more races, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?

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### Final Comments?

**We are close to finishing this survey.**

**Please provide us with any more details of your school's interests, priorities, or concerns regarding possible participation in a school choice program.**

**If you have nothing more to share at this time, please go to the next page to complete the survey.**



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Survey Completed!

**Thank you! We greatly appreciate your time to complete this survey.**

**In order to enter your school in the random drawing for a \$1,000 or \$200 gift card, please provide us with your brief contact information.**

Your Full Name

Job Title

Email Address

Daytime Phone