

SCHOOL CHOICE BOOKLET

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Beaufort County School District

Mission Statement

- The Beaufort County School District, through a personalized learning approach, will prepare graduates who complete and succeed in an ever-changing global society and career marketplace.

Vision Statement

We will work with families and our diverse community to ensure that students perform at an internationally competitive level in a learning environment that is safe, nurturing, and engaging.

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Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Beaufort County School District (BCSD) is the right choice for the children of Beaufort County. With numerous school choice options, our students have a multitude of opportunities to find a learning environment that best suits their needs, interests, and abilities. We take pride in knowing that each of our school choice options provide a high-quality level of learning that allows students to develop skills that will directly contribute to their future goals and successes.

In addition to our neighborhood schools, BCSD offers numerous programmatic options, such as Montessori, Early College, Advanced Placement, Cambridge Academy, and International Baccalaureate. In addition, we are proud to announce our newest academic program – the MedTech7 Magnet Program. This \$12 million grant funded program brings innovative curriculum and resources to select schools through magnet pathways in the medical and technology fields with access to state-of-the-art technology like ZSpace, Visible Bodies, and Project Launch. The addition of the MedTech7 program reaffirms our commitment to empowering students to create their own educational pathways.

Beaufort County School District is the best choice for Beaufort County students. On average as a district, we are above state rates for on-time high school graduation, SAT and ACT scores, and the percentage of students achieving College or Career Readiness. The accolades and celebrations around BCSD are too numerous to list, but here are a few I am proud to share: we have nine National Merit Scholarship Finalists for 2023, our 2022 graduates earned over \$48 million in scholarships, and over 1,700 students earned national or state credentials during the 2021-2022 school year through our Career and Technical Education programs. Additionally, as the top-paying public school district in the state of South Carolina, we attract top educators, with 60 percent holding advanced degrees.

We know that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make during their childhood. This school choice catalog was designed to help you navigate this journey by providing you with the information you need to make an informed decision for the 2023-2024 school year.

We are looking forward to another exciting year, and we thank you for your continued support.

Your proud superintendent,
Frank Rodriguez
Superintendent
Beaufort County School District



Applying for School Choice

Applications for School Choice will be available starting **March 1, 2023** on the district website: <https://www.beaufortschools.net/families/school-choiceprograms>

All applications should be submitted electronically. **The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023 at 5:00 PM.**

Procedures for Applying:

1. Go to <https://www.beaufortschools.net> on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
2. Click on the "Parent" tab located at the top of the page. Select "School Choice and Choice Programs" from the menu. If you do not have access to the Internet, computer, tablet, or smartphone, please visit any BCSD school to apply. If you have any questions, please contact Yanina SarliRotti at Yanina.SarliRotti@beaufort.k12.sc.us
3. You will be notified by email of the decision by **April 15, 2023**.

Important Information About the School Choice Application Process:

- There are six schools that are at or above capacity and do not have availability for students outside the attendance zone to apply for school choice: **Bluffton High School, Hilton Head High School, May River High School, HE McCracken Middle School, Okatie Elementary School and Pritchardville Elementary School.**
- Any student that does not live in the attendance zone of their desired choice program may apply to any school with that choice program. **Please note: Parents must provide transportation to and from the choice school if the student does not live in the attendance zone.**
- Any student that can provide documentation that s/he moved to Beaufort County, or to a different location within Beaufort County, after the March 31, 2023 deadline may apply for school choice. The deadline for these applications is August 18, 2023.
- Beaufort County School District Employees may apply for an Employee Courtesy student transfer for their own children. Employees should consult their supervisor for more information.
- If your school choice application was denied, you may appeal in writing to Yanina SarliRotti at Yanina.SarliRotti@beaufort.k12.sc.us by May 1, 2023. An appeal decision will be made with 10 business days.

Applying for School Choice

2023 Important Dates

March 1	School Choice Applications are available on the district website
March 31	School Choice Applications are due by 5pm
April 15	School Choice decisions will be emailed to families
May 1	Decision Appeals must be submitted to Yanina SarliRotti at Yanina.SarliRotti@beaufort.k12.sc.us by 5pm
August 18	If you can provide documentation that you moved to Beaufort County - or to a different location within Beaufort County - after the deadline but before August 18, you may submit an application.





Elementary Schools

Choice Program Options by Elementary School

	Beaufort	Bluffton	Broad River	Coosa	Hilton Head	Hilton Head SCA	Lady's Island	MC Riley	Mossy Oaks	Port Royal	Pritchardville	Red Cedar	River Ridge	Robert Smalls	Shanklin	St. Helena	Whale Branch
Acceleration Elementary Academy		✓															
Advanced Math, Engineering and Science Academy (AMES)	✓										✓						
Arts in the Basic Curriculum / ABC Project						✓	✓		✓								
Computer Science		✓															
Dual Language			✓		✓												
International Baccalaureate (IB)					✓												
Leader in Me				✓			✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
MedTech 7 – Medical Magnet									✓								
MedTech7 – Technology Magnet																	✓
MedTech 7 – Arts Integration Magnet									✓								✓
Montessori	✓												✓				
Project Based Learning				✓						✓	✓	✓					

Virtual Learning:

All BCSD students grades 4-12 have the option to take courses virtually while maintaining the benefits of school enrollment. See pages 34-35 of this booklet for more information about Virtual Learning Options.

Elementary Schools

Beaufort Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Advanced Math, Engineering and Science Academy (AMES), and Montessori

Beaufort Elementary (BES), *rated Excellent on the 2022 South Carolina School Report Card*, empowers students in developing the World Class Skills of the Profile of a South Carolina Graduate by providing differentiated instruction and appropriate interventions to meet each child's needs on an individual basis. BES challenges students each day to reach their full potential as learners and citizens. BES provides multiple programs to provide students with diverse experiences – academically and socially.

BES is a recipient benefitting from the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grant. This grant provides additional college and career ready resources to successfully expand the BES STEM program.

As a certified STEM school, BES is very excited about the multiple opportunities BES students have to share and develop their many talents in science, technology, engineering, and math. BES teachers work collaboratively to provide BES students with a comprehensive program that educates the whole child through the use of hands-on and project-based instruction that engages and motivates learners. STEM/STEAM learning is integrated throughout the curriculum, allowing students to develop deeper understanding of content. With BES' emphasis on character development, students are moving forward in their quest to be responsible citizens who will go out each day and make a difference as they make the right choices.

For more information visit: <https://bes.beaufortschools.net/>

Bluffton Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Computer Science and Acceleration Elementary Academy

Bluffton Elementary (BLES) realized the need for student development of 21st Century Skills with a focus on computer science in order to prepare learners for future employment and to equip them with the skills needed to be productive, responsible citizens. This need has led to the change in BLES' school of choice to Computer Science. All students in Beaufort County School District have the opportunity to opt into the school for BLES' specific program. The program helps students learn the skills needed to succeed in a digitally dominant world and develop the world class skills based on the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.

Bluffton Elementary's Accelerated Academy is a more challenging educational experience for Gifted and Talented students. It is a rigorous program that accelerates the students through a standards-based curriculum, "Faster, Farther and Sooner." Teachers work with students in 3rd through 5th grade that are Gifted and Talented qualified and are considered in the 95% and above academically.

For more information visit: <https://bles.beaufortschools.net/>

Broad River Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Dual-Language: Spanish or Mandarin Chinese

Broad River Elementary (BRES) prepares students to "Learn Locally to Lead Globally" in accordance with the South Carolina Graduate Profile through small class sizes and the following initiatives:

World Class Knowledge: Rigorous instruction for BRES students is aligned with the South Carolina State Standards. Students in grades K-5 can participate in language programs with the target languages of Mandarin Chinese or Spanish. BRES' STEM lab provides students in Pre-K thru 5 the opportunity for additional instruction in science and engineering weekly. Students receive intervention and enrichment opportunities in reading and math from certified math and reading tutors. BRES implements Scholastic Literacy and Ready Math schoolwide to provide a guaranteed and viable reading and math curriculum.

World Class Skills: BRES has a student-run news show that is broadcast live daily. The students are using sophisticated software, camera systems, green screen, and more. Students in grades K-5 have a scheduled time weekly in the Media Center where they learn to research questions and apply their knowledge through computer generated presentations. In each classroom, cooperative learning is a staple. Students are assigned jobs in their groups and must work together in accordance to the norms set by them and their teachers. Arts programs tap into student creativity through many awesome projects. BRES is a recipient benefitting from the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grant. This grant provides additional college and career ready resources to successfully expand BRES STEM program.

For more information visit: <https://bres.beaufortschools.net/>

Coosa Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Leader In Me and Project-Based Learning

Coosa Elementary School (CES), *rated Excellent on the 2022 South Carolina School Report Card*, fosters and promotes an environment with small class sized where students are actively engaged in 21st century learning. CES is honored to be the flagship Leader in Me school in Beaufort County, the 12th elementary school in South Carolina, and one of the Leader in Me schools internationally to be honored with Lighthouse status and Lighthouse Academic Honor Roll. Purposeful Play is implemented in all CES pre-K and kindergarten classrooms. Through Purposeful Play, students can explore, discover, solve problems, and experiment in playful and imaginative ways.

For years, CES has grown its STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) focus to include a STEM Lab, Competitive Robotics Team, and STEM infused lessons across all content areas. Through these additions, students further develop problem solving and critical thinking skills. CES implements Project Lead the Way (PLTW), a Project Based curriculum focused on hands-on, real-world activities, projects, and problems that help students understand how to transfer knowledge learned in the classroom to everyday life. CES is proud of its large military population and is excited to be a recipient benefitting from the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grant. This grant provides additional college and career ready resources to successfully expand the CES STEM program. These choice programs work together to provide opportunities that allow CES students to demonstrate leadership skills while preparing them to be successful citizens—now and in the future. CES is growing great leaders who dream more, learn more, achieve more, and become more.

For more information visit: <https://ces.beaufortschools.net/>

Hilton Head Island Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Dual Language: Spanish or Mandarin Chinese and IB Primary Years Programme

Hilton Head Island Elementary School (HHIES) students are academically challenged by a qualified and dedicated faculty through a rigorous curriculum. High expectations are the standard. HHIES aims to help students reach and exceed grade level standards. HHIES believes in a shared responsibility between involved parents, talented teachers, a supportive community and an administration team who believes that all children can learn. As an IB World School, HHIES' Primary Years Programme (PYP) focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer both in school and in the world beyond.

Students are engaged in an inquiry-based and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) infused curriculum using critical thinking and problem solving skills through collaborative activities that foster teamwork. Oral and written communication skills are showcased through various venues such as media and the use of the latest technology. Students are provided learning experiences that will strengthen their study skills and give them tools for their toolbox so that they can be most successful. HHIES strives to ensure that all students are engaged in learning experiences that promote a love for learning and a thirst for knowledge.

For more information visit: <https://hhie.beaufortschools.net/>

Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts

Available Choice Programs: Arts in Basic Curriculum / ABC Project

Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts (HHISCA) is dedicated to leading HHISCA students down the path of developing strong world class skills. As an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) School of Distinction, the HHISCA vision includes rigorous arts lessons taught by instructors certified in Art, Music, Dance, and Drama/Theater. HHISCA partners with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina. Classrooms work with Artists in Residence on units of study directly correlating with the academic content standards. HHISCA students also have opportunities to experience academic field trips that enhance their learning.

HHISCA teachers receive training regarding best practices in arts-infusion within the curriculum, learning how the arts supports student engagement and facilitates self-expression, collaboration, teamwork, and skills of creativity.

HHISCA celebrates continued progress within the arts-infused school of choice, and are committed to the vision of providing a safe, nurturing, rigorous, and arts-infused environment that will promote preparedness of all children for a successful future following graduation.

For more information visit: <https://hhisca.beaufortschools.net/>

Joseph Shanklin Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Leader in Me

Joseph Shanklin Elementary School (SES) is empowering all students to develop the world-class skills, life, and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. SES provides an innovative learning environment that focuses on leadership and developing self-directed learners. SES provides such an environment by creating a culture of leadership, living out the SES school motto: “Learn. Lead. Make a difference”. School administration, teachers, and students collaborate to develop school-wide, grade level, class, and individual goals centered around literacy and mathematics. Throughout the year, staff and students track the progress of the SES Wildly Important Goals and celebrate growth and achievement along the way. This process of goal setting and progress monitoring teaches students personal accountability and develops self-directed learners. Developing a culture of leadership at SES is about inspiring students to be leaders and take ownership of their learning.

For more information visit: <https://ses.beaufortschools.net/>

Lady's Island Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Arts in Basic Curriculum/ABC Project and Leader in Me

Lady's Island Elementary (LIES) has been teaching and learning through the visual and performing arts since 2000 and is now on a leadership journey to becoming a Leader In Me Lighthouse School. Certified arts specialists in choral and instrumental music, dance, visual and media arts, and volunteer community educators in theater provide engaging lessons in the arts disciplines and collaborate with grade level teachers to bring core content to life using the arts. As a Leader in Me school, LIES students learn, live, feel and see the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Kids in order to develop into global leaders.

LIES is a recipients benefitting from the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grant. This grant provides additional college and career ready resources to successfully expand the LIES STEM program.

Visit LIES to see small class sizes with students demonstrating world-class skills using an art form. You may hear students singing about the rock cycle, acting out short stories, having a poetry slam, imitating historical figures in full costume, and using dance methods to create geometric shapes in math. They demonstrate leadership skills by co-planning their own performances, taking responsibility for helping operate the school, and serving on committees to provide student voice. The school is recognized by the Arts in Basic Curriculum Institute as a School of Merit and receives funding from the South Carolina Arts Commission to provide artists-in-residence, art supplies, field trips, and professional development for teachers.

For more information visit: <https://lies.beaufortschools.net/>

Michael C. Riley Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Leader in Me

Michael C. Riley Elementary's (MCRES) goal is to help all students develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing differentiated instruction and appropriate interventions to meet each child's needs on an individual basis. All classrooms focus on delivering effective daily instruction and a coherent, viable curriculum that are driven by state standards and school data. 21st Century skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, collaboration, creativity, and innovation are part of MCRES daily instruction.

MCRES' core beliefs include bringing out the leadership potential of each child by incorporating a learning leadership model, The Leader in Me. Through examination and reflection, MCRES has identified strategies and systems to build positive choices through the seven effective habits, roles and participation models to demonstrate leadership, and accountability systems to measure and evaluate individual, classroom, grade level, and school wide data points. In July 2020, MCRES was notified of reaccreditation status as a Leader in Me Lighthouse School, and in the spring of 2021, MCRES received recertification of its status as a STEM school through Cognia.

For more information visit: <https://mcres.beaufortschools.net/>

Mossy Oaks Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: MedTech7 and Arts in Basic Curriculum / ABC Project

At Mossy Oaks Elementary School (MOES) students develop world-class skills and characteristics in small classes to expand their life and career capabilities as described in the South Carolina Profile of the Graduate. MOES is proud to be a Title One school whose purpose is to expand students' understanding of the world and increase expertise in STEM and MedTech7 curriculum. MOES also features the Project Lead the Way Launch curriculum for all students. MOES was recertified in 2021-2022 as an Arts Focused School, offering an approach to help students explore their strengths and interests while expanding their competencies.

The success of MOES can be attributed to the teamwork of students, parents, community members, and staff. This coalition fostered the development of an Outdoor Classroom for students which is now designated a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. As MOES builds its repertoire of arts-infused, STEM/STEAM lessons, students become prepared for successful careers in many fields.

For more information visit: <https://moes.beaufortschools.net/>

Okatie Elementary School

Okatie Elementary (OES), *rated Excellent on the 2022 South Carolina School Report Card*, is committed to supporting all students in developing the world-class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a rigorous academic program that supports the success of all students and encourages future leaders. Okatie creates student centered learning environments, supports community service projects, integrates real-world learning experiences, and hosts fine arts and leadership clubs in a caring and nurturing atmosphere. As a Cognia STEM certified school, OES is developing 21st Century Graduate skills through application of critical thinking and decision-making which will positively impact their world and future. OES students take ownership of their learning by making Wise Decisions, Showing Initiative, Being Noble, Generous, and Successful (W.I.N.G.S.). OES strongly believes that all students should be given the opportunity to learn through an integrated STEM curriculum. As a Learning Through Leadership school, OES looks for ways to develop strong leadership skills through goal setting, communication, and student accountability. OES embraces a nurturing school family by building strong partnerships with families and the Okatie community. OES always encourages students to “Spread their Wings, and Learn New Things.”

For more information visit: <https://oes.beaufortschools.net/>

Port Royal Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Project-Based Learning

Port Royal Elementary (PRES) supports all students with small class sizes and by providing South Carolina standards-based instruction that focuses on continuous growth and development. PRES is a recipient benefitting from the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grant. This grant provides additional college and career ready resources to successfully expand the PRES Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program. Educators provide differentiated instruction with appropriate interventions and enrichment opportunities to meet each student's needs. PRES' mission is to educate, empower, and engage students through cooperation, communication, community involvement, challenging and innovative curriculum, and a safe environment. Port Royal Elementary uses Project Lead the Way Launch curriculum units to ignite the Next Generation Science standards, giving students access to hands-on, real-world learning. These units of instruction introduce students to science, engineering, and biomedical science pathways. Along with Project Lead the Way units, PRES utilizes a STEM lab to encourage students to build skills in problem-solving and critical thinking by solving challenges using the engineering design process. These projects and STEM experiences provide students opportunities to work collaboratively, foster creativity, and strengthen communication skills. A Port Royal Elementary School continues to focus on the final destination... excellence! PRES' goal is to continue to move forward; becoming stronger today than yesterday.

For more information visit: <https://pres.beaufortschools.net/>

Pritchardville Elementary School

Choice Programs - available only to students zoned for PVES: Project-Based Learning and Advanced Math, Engineering and Science Academy (AMES)

Pritchardville Elementary School (PVES) is a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is a recipient benefitting from the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grant. PVES is empowering students to develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by focusing on the 4 Cs: critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. We are a COGNIA Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) accredited school at the Elementary Level. COGNIA STEM schools complete a rigorous review process that has as a focus STEM integration throughout core subject areas of Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. The 4 Cs are embedded in STEM integration across content areas through authentic projects that engage students at all levels. Curriculum from Project Based Learning in Grades K thru 5, and the Advanced Mathematics Engineering and Science (AMES) Program for identified Gifted and Talented students encourage students to “learn by doing real world problem solving” with a focus on Science, Technology Engineering and Math (STEM).

For more information visit: <https://pves.beaufortschools.net/>

Red Cedar Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Project-Based Learning

At Red Cedar Elementary (RCES), *rated Excellent on the 2022 South Carolina School Report Card*, the foundational philosophy is to do “whatever it takes” to ensure students are successful. RCES works hard to provide support for those who need it, challenge for those who grow with it, and enrichment for those who flourish with it. RCES' Project-Based Learning approach empowers students to be in charge of their learning through hands-on individualized projects, and allows students to apply their learning in real-world scenarios.

RCES works to ensure all students receive highly effective instruction in their classrooms. Teachers participate in professional development (PD) and professional learning communities (PLCs) through which they learn new strategies, study standards and curriculum, and analyze student work to improve instruction.

RCES supports the whole child by providing many enrichment opportunities. For example, Foxes Jam is a program for beginning and intermediate string and wind instruments, beginning in the third grade. RCES has a gardening club and a celebrated Foxes Rock Drum and Dance Team. RCES' student support team advises staff in meeting the needs of RCES students.

For more information visit: <https://rces.beaufortschools.net/>

St. Helena Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: Leader in Me

St. Helena Elementary School (SHES) continues to work towards its vision of developing lifelong learners that lead in the community, succeed in the school, and achieve their dreams. SHES is a Leader in Me Lighthouse School. SHES' Learning Through Leadership model provides students with opportunities to build their personal leadership skills.

SHES is helping students develop world class skills, along with the life and career characteristics of the Profile of a South Carolina graduate by continuing to implement the Leader in Me process. Teachers use multiple data points to formally and informally assess students, set high expectations, and individualize target goals for student achievement growth. We continuously strive to focus on family-friendly service and improve communication with families, staff, and the community. It is through the support of dedicated staff, parents and numerous volunteers from the community that SHES is cultivating growth in all students and empowering them to lead, achieve, and succeed.

For more information visit: <https://shes.beaufortschools.net/>

Whale Branch Elementary School

Available Choice Programs: MedTech7 and Leader in Me

At Whale Branch Elementary School (WBES), students develop world-class skills and characteristics to expand their life and career capabilities as proposed in the South Carolina Profile of the Graduate. WBES uses the Leader in Me framework to enhance school culture, which enables students to determine their strengths and responsibilities while expanding their competencies. WBES is proud to be a MedTech7 school, providing a technology focus along with arts integration for all students. Project Lead the Way Launch provides students with technology focused real-world experiences for students to prepare them for success in the education and beyond.

WBES' high expectations for learning and development challenges both teachers and students. Highly-trained instructional coaches and master teachers engage teachers with innovative practices in weekly professional development activities. WBES determines goals and explores strategies collaboratively to improve the educational program for students.

For more information visit: <https://wbbs.beaufortschools.net/>



Elementary School

Choice Program Options

Acceleration Elementary Academy

*Located at **Bluffton Elementary School***

Acceleration Elementary Academy is a strategy that allows a student to progress through school at a faster rate. In an accelerated model, a student can complete their elementary learning years at a younger age. For this school choice, specific qualifications will be required and can be discussed more in depth upon interest.

Advanced Math, Engineering and Science Academy (AMES)

*Located at **Beaufort** and **Pritchardville Elementary Schools***

AMES is a program based on rigorous math and science foundational skills taught through the use of science and engineering projects. The AMES learning environment is designed to actively engage students in exploration, discovery, experimentation and mastery of standards. For this school choice, specific qualifications will be required and can be discussed more in depth upon interest.

Arts in Basic Curriculum / ABC Project

*Located at **Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts, Lady's Island, and Mossy Oaks Elementary Schools***

Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) programs focus on providing extensive opportunities for all students to learn through creative instructional approaches and to express themselves creatively in the arts. The arts curriculum provides students with a creative learning environment that includes performances, exhibitions of artwork and special performing groups.

For more information visit: <https://www.abcinstitutesc.org/>

Computer Science

*Located at **Bluffton Elementary School***

Computer Science is an immersive program that places emphasis on the use of technology to support learning and creative expression. Students develop skills needed to thrive in a digital world.

Dual-Language

*Located at **Broad River** and **Hilton Head Island Elementary Schools***

Dual-Language is a form of education in which students are taught literacy and content in two different languages during the school day. Students have the advantage of learning required subject area content and becoming fluent in a second language at the same time. Chinese and Spanish dual language programs are currently offered.

Elementary School Choice Program Options

International Baccalaureate Program (IB) - Primary Years Programme (PYP)

*Located at **Hilton Head Island Elementary School***

The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) for children aged 3-12 nurtures and develops young students as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. The PYP offers an inquiry-based, transdisciplinary curriculum framework that builds conceptual understanding. The PYP has evolved to become a world leader in future-focused education.

For more information visit: <https://www.ibo.org/>

Leader in Me

*Located at **Coosa, Shanklin, Lady's Island, M.C. Riley, St. Helena, Whale Branch Elementary Schools and Robert Smalls International Academy***

Leader in Me® is a whole-school transformation model and process developed in partnership with educators that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on principles and practices of personal, interpersonal and organizational effectiveness, and upon the powerful premise that every child possesses unique strengths and has the ability to be a leader.

For more information visit: <https://www.leaderinme.org/>

MedTech7 Magnet School Programs

*Located at **Mossy Oaks and Whale Branch Elementary Schools***

MedTech7 magnet pathways are offered in two clusters: Whale Branch and Beaufort. All MedTech7 schools offer schoolwide Arts Integrated learning. The Beaufort cluster offers Medical pathways in Biomedical Science, Allied Health Science, and Sports Medicine. The Whale Branch cluster offers Technology pathways in Game & Interactive Media Design, Cybersecurity, and Networking pathways. MedTech7 provides theme-based pathways of study which allows students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue careers and/or post-secondary education.

For more information visit: <https://www.medtech7.com>

Montessori

*Located at **Beaufort Elementary School and River Ridge Academy***

Montessori education supports children's natural development and encourages them to develop their creativity, think critically, solve problems, and manage their own time. Montessori features mixed-age classrooms, allows students to make individual choices about their research and work, and gives them time for uninterrupted concentration. Montessori students enjoy their learning so they can better remember what they learn.

Project Based Learning

*Located at **Coosa, Port Royal, Pritchardville, and Red Cedar Elementary Schools***

Project Based Learning provides an engaging, personalized learning environment where students are encouraged to achieve success and develop a love for learning. Through Project Based Learning, students engage in hands-on activities that are reflective of real-world challenges. This program encourages students to further explore subject areas and make meaningful connections between past knowledge and new concepts.



PK-8 Schools

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River Ridge Academy

Available Choice Programs: Montessori

At River Ridge Academy (RRA), *rated Excellent on the 2022 South Carolina School Report Card for grades 6-8*, is working to develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by focusing on the “whole-child”. RRA provides programmatic options for student choice through a Montessori program. Students in grades K-5 have daily instruction in Project Lead the Way Launch, a national pre-engineering curriculum. At the elementary level, RRA offers two STEM course offerings, Engineering is Elementary and LEGO lab to teach design thinking, collaboration, and communication skills. In grades 6-8, all students are required to take classes within the Project Lead the Way Program. RRA offers classes such as Flight and Space, Medical Detectives, Automation and Robotics, Design and Modeling, and Computer Science for Innovators and Makers. Many after school clubs support the STEM program such as VEX Robotics, Green Steps, the art and gardening club, and Young Astronauts.

Since opening in August 2015, staff at RRA have developed a culture of learning that supports “whole-child” development. RRA empowers students to act upon the world and make a difference in their community. RRA students and families appreciate the connections and positive relationships established throughout the school community.

For more information visit: <https://rra.beaufortschools.net/>

Robert Smalls International Academy

Available Choice Programs: Leader in Me

Robert Smalls International Academy ensures all students develop World-Class Knowledge and Skills and Life and Career Characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate through small class sizes and by implementing Leader in Me. Leader in Me is aligned with best-in-class content and concepts practiced by global education thought leaders. Leader in Me provides a holistic, schoolwide experience for staff, students, and parents, and creates a common language and culture within the school. The leadership principles and lessons are incorporated into coursework, traditions, systems, and culture.

The staff at RSIA is committed to modeling and implementing the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People in order to provide a caring and nurturing learning environment for students. These 7 Habits have been proven to improve academics, discipline, and attendance by strengthening individual work habits and improving social interactions.

RSIA is excited to move into a brand new building in the fall of 2023. This state of the art facility will provide an engaging learning environment for students and provide a great setting for innovative teaching and learning.

For more information visit: <https://rsia.beaufortschools.net/>



Middle Schools

Choice Program Options by Middle School

	Beaufort	Bluffton	HE McCracken	Hilton Head	Lady's Island	River Ridge	Robert Smalls	Whale Branch
Arts in the Basic Curriculum / ABC Project	✓		✓		✓			
International Baccalaureate (IB)				✓				
Leader in Me		✓					✓	
MedTech 7 – Medical Magnet	✓				✓			
MedTech7 – Technology Magnet								✓
MedTech 7 – Arts Integration Magnet	✓				✓			✓
Montessori						✓		

Virtual Learning:

All BCSD students grades 4-12 have the option to take courses virtually while maintaining the benefits of school enrollment. See pages 34-35 of this booklet for more information about Virtual Learning Options.

Middle Schools

Beaufort Middle School

Available Choice Programs: MedTech7 and Arts in Basic Curriculum/ABC Project

Beaufort Middle School (BMS) supports and assists all students through a focus on critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity. This focus assists students in developing qualities of character, interpersonal skills, and self-direction.

BMS is an Arts in Basic Curriculum School, and the Distinguished Arts Program designation provides grant funding to integrate the arts. Artists-in-residence, including collaboration with the Pat Conroy foundation, provide opportunities to support the arts.

Along with the arts, BMS is one of seven schools in the Beaufort County School District that will launch MedTech7, a magnet program. MedTech7 offers learning opportunities in Medical and Technology fields for students in Kindergarten-12th grade. These innovative programs provide theme-based courses of study that allow students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue post-secondary education and careers in their chosen fields.

BMS is a recipient benefitting from the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grant. This grant provides additional college and career ready resources to successfully expand the BMS STEM program.

BMS continues a commitment to excellence by featuring an integrated learning environment for all students that combines a rigorous core curriculum with opportunities to extend student learning beyond the general curriculum for students with diverse needs.

For more information visit: <https://bms.beaufortschools.net/>

Bluffton Middle School

Available Choice Programs: Leader in Me

Bluffton Middle School (BLMS) empowers all students to develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the South Carolina Profile of the Graduate by providing a rigorous, 1:1 technology based middle school STEM curriculum where students are able to communicate, collaborate, think critically, and be creative in problem-solving based activities that address real-world issues.

When BLMS opened its doors in 2010, a precedent was set of supporting students and families. To compliment and further develop the core academic program, BLMS offers several Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses that provide students the foundational knowledge for STEM learning needed in high school and to be college and career ready. This curriculum includes: Design and Modeling, Automation and Robotics, Medical Detectives, Introduction to Career Clusters, Flight and Space, and Green Architecture. Due to a heavy focus on STEM learning building wide, BLMS received the prestigious STEM certification through Cognia. This award recognizes the extraordinary opportunities students have to interact with technology to research, collaborate, and think critically to problem solve real world situations incorporating all subjects.

For more information visit: <https://blms.beaufortschools.net/>

Hilton Head Island Middle School

Available Choice Programs: IB Middle Years Programme

Hilton Head Island Middle School (HHIMS) is empowering all students to develop the world-class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by cultivating an environment that develops engaged, intrinsically motivated, globally-aware learners who understand true learning is full of interrelated experiences, applicable both inside and outside of the classroom. HHIMS is focused on developing well-rounded, versatile citizens by implementing a rigorous, world-renowned instructional model that successfully blends a focus on academic achievement and honing higher-order thinking skills with cultural awareness, world language development, technology integration, and community service. HHIMS strongly believes, through a conceptual approach to teaching that provides meaningful educational opportunities for every child, all students can and will learn.

As an International Baccalaureate World School fostering the Middle Years Program, HHIMS strives daily to enhance South Carolina state curriculum standards with real-world applications, incorporating students' unique skills and interests. Teachers tailor instruction to fit the needs of all students, focusing on interdisciplinary teaching and project-based learning, and assessing students for content mastery. Understanding that experiences and exposure are of the utmost developmental importance for students.

For more information visit: <https://hhims.beaufortschools.net/>

Lady's Island Middle School

Available Choice Programs: MedTech7 and Arts in Basic Curriculum / ABC Project

Lady's Island Middle School (LIMS) empowers all students to develop the world class skills, life skills, and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by continuing to provide high quality professional development for teachers and staff focusing on improving student achievement, collaboration and teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving through project based learning and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) focused curriculum. LIMS is a School of Choice for the Arts and MedTech7, which offers a medical pathway that students can continue into high school.

LIMS is also a recipient benefitting from the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grant. This grant provides additional college and career ready resources to successfully expand the LIMS STEM program.

During the 2021-2022 school year, LIMS continued the curricular instructional focus as a nationally accredited Cognia STEM middle school. LIMS' recent recertification in this area guarantee's an additional 5 year period with this distinction. In addition, through the Arts In Basic Curriculum (ABC) Grant awarded by the South Carolina Arts Commission, LIMS has been recognized as an Arts Infused school. Rigorous and engaging STEAM instruction provides an environment where teachers collaborate and implement processes to develop targeted skills for each student.

For more information visit: <https://lims.beaufortschools.net/>

H.E. McCracken Middle School

Choice Programs - available only to students zoned for HEMMS: Arts in Basic Curriculum / ABC Project

H.E. McCracken Middle School (HEMMS), *rated Excellent on the 2022 South Carolina School Report Card*, strives to prepare all students for the next level in their lives. HEMMS promotes independence, responsibility, effort, and self-respect. The curriculum offerings promote STEAM options so students can receive a well-rounded educational experience. HEMMS incorporates foreign languages, integration of the arts, and electives centered around career exploration in science, technology, engineering, and math.

HEMMS focuses on arts integration for students interested in visual arts, dance, chorus, band, various methods of creative expression, guitar, and piano. Working to create opportunities where the arts can be seen across the curriculum and connecting the core areas is a goal that HEMMS continues to set and expand each year.

HEMMS collaborates with community nonprofit organizations to support students' academic needs. Additionally, HEMMS works closely with the Bluffton Library to encourage students to continue literacy development in their community after hours.

For the 2022-2023 school year, HEMMS embarked on a transformational process known as the Leader in Me, teaching students 21st-century leadership and life skills and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. The Leader in Me paradigm sees that every child is capable, and everyone is a leader.

For more information visit: <https://hemms.beaufortschools.net/>

Whale Branch Middle School

Available Choice Programs: MedTech7

Whale Branch Middle School (WBMS) is empowering all students to develop the world class skills of the profile of the South Carolina Graduate through the choice option of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). Through the STEAM program, academic arts teachers collaborate with content area teachers to infuse the arts within academic classes to promote student engagement and enhance teaching and learning. Additionally, WBMS offers Project Lead the Way Launch focused on business and technology. All students participate in visual and performing arts classes to include band, art, and drama. To ensure world class knowledge, WBMS also provides the opportunity at a second language acquisition in Spanish. By tapping into students' interest in the arts and technology students are able to build stronger connections with academic classes.

WBMS students are prepared for life and career characteristics through a variety of ways. WBMS school counselors partner with several business to introduce students to the necessary skills for career path they might choose. Students at WBMS leave educated on their options as well as the skills and behavior characteristics necessary to attain their career goals.

For more information visit: <https://wbms.beaufortschools.net/>

Middle School

Choice Program Options

Arts in Basic Curriculum / ABC Project

Located at **Beaufort, HE McCracken, Lady's Island, and Whale Branch Middle Schools**

Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) programs focus on providing extensive opportunities for all students to learn through creative instructional approaches and to express themselves creatively in the arts. The arts curriculum provides students with a creative learning environment that includes performances, exhibitions of artwork and special performing groups.

For more information visit: <https://www.abcinstitutesc.org/>

International Baccalaureate Program (IB) - Middle Years Programme (MYP)

Located at **Hilton Head Middle School**

The IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) emphasizes intellectual challenge. It encourages students aged 11 to 16 to make practical connections between their studies and the real world, preparing them for success in further study and in life. The programme empowers students to inquire into a wide range of issues and ideas of significance locally, nationally, and globally. The result is young people who are creative, critical, and reflective thinkers.

For more information visit: <https://www.ibo.org/>

Leader in Me

Located at **Bluffton Middle School and Robert Smalls International Academy**

Leader in Me® is a whole-school transformation model and process developed in partnership with educators that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on principles and practices of personal, interpersonal and organizational effectiveness, and upon the powerful premise that every child possesses unique strengths and has the ability to be a leader.

For more information visit: <https://www.leaderinme.org/>

MedTech7 Magnet School Programs

Located at **Beaufort, Lady's Island, and Whale Branch Middle Schools**

MedTech7 magnet pathways are offered in two clusters: Whale Branch and Beaufort. All MedTech7 schools offer schoolwide Arts Integrated learning. The Beaufort cluster offers Medical pathways in Biomedical Science, Allied Health Science, and Sports Medicine. The Whale Branch cluster offers Technology pathways in Game & Interactive Media Design, Cybersecurity, and Networking pathways. MedTech7 provides theme-based pathways of study which allows students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue careers and/or post-secondary education.

For more information visit: <https://www.medtech7.com>

Montessori


Located at **River Ridge Academy**

Montessori education supports children's natural development and encourages them to develop their creativity, think critically, solve problems, and manage their own time. Montessori features mixed-age classrooms, allows students to make individual choices about their research and work, and gives them time for uninterrupted concentration. Montessori students enjoy their learning, so they can better remember what they learn.



High Schools

Choice Program Options by High School



	Battery Creek	Beaufort	Bluffton	Hilton Head	May River	Whale Branch
Advanced Placement Capstone (AP)		✓	✓		✓	
Cambridge AICE	✓				✓	
Early College						✓
International Baccalaureate (IB)				✓		
Learning Through Leadership	✓					
MedTech 7 – Medical Magnet		✓				
MedTech7 – Technology Magnet						✓
MedTech 7 – Arts Integration Magnet		✓				✓
Visual & Performing Arts		✓	✓			

Choice Program Options Information Sessions:

Battery Creek High School - March 9, 2023 at 5:30pm

Beaufort High School - March 2, 2023 at 6:00pm

Hilton Head Island High School - March 23, 2023 at 6:00pm

Whale Branch Early College High School - March 23, 2023 at 6:00pm

Virtual Learning:

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High Schools

Battery Creek High School

Available Choice Programs: Cambridge AICE Diploma and Learning Through Leadership

Battery Creek High School (BCHS) engages students by providing a rigorous and relevant curriculum in an environment where differences are embraced and celebrated. Diverse academic offerings challenge every student to discover their passions and realize their greatest potential. The Cambridge AICE Diploma courses afford students classes to actively research and creatively problem solve in preparation for college credit exams. In addition, dual enrollment, ten CTE pathways, and Teacher Cadet provide opportunities for students to select the courses that best meet their individual needs. BCHS' structures enable every student to graduate both college and career ready. With BCHS' Learning Through Leadership framework, students are empowered to showcase their leadership abilities in and out of the classroom. BCHS is the only high school in Beaufort County that offers the Learning Through Leadership framework, becoming the third high school ever to earn Leader in Me Lighthouse status. Students are able to choose from a variety of visual & performing arts groups, clubs, service organizations, and athletic teams to thrive in a student-centered environment. BCHS' athletic teams have recently earned region titles in both track and field, and wrestling. BCHS' modernization project provides learning and community spaces for all to grow and excel. *#RISEtoLEAD*

For more information: <https://bchs.beaufortschools.net/>; visit BCHS on March 9, 2023 at 5:30pm

Beaufort High School

Available Choice Programs: MedTech7, Visual & Performing Arts, and AP Capstone

Beaufort High School (BHS) continues to focus on supporting all students in developing the world class skills, and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. BHS is proud to consistently graduate National Merit and Presidential Scholars.

Every student is provided with a computer to increase student engagement and learning through technology. MedTech7 pathways increase opportunities for students through schoolwide arts integration, and state of the art medical pathways providing students opportunities to earn industry credentials. The arts at BHS consistently produce high quality performances and learning for students. BHS offers instrumental and choral music, dance, theater, visual art, and digital design classes. In addition to high quality academic programs, BHS has excellent sports programs winning multiple region and state titles every year - including the AAA football state championship in 2022 as well as titles in tennis, golf, track and field, basketball, baseball, wrestling, and more.

The ultimate goal is for BHS students to be prepared with multiple language development, science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), the arts, and social sciences along with the interpersonal skills, self-direction, and integrity to successfully enter the job workforce and/or meet the criteria to enroll in the educational field of student choice.

For more information visit: <https://bhs.beaufortschools.net/>; visit BHS on March 2, 2023 at 6pm

Bluffton High School

Choice Programs - available only to students zoned for BLHS: AP Capstone and Visual & Performing Arts

Bluffton High School (BLHS), *rated Excellent on the 2022 South Carolina School Report Card*, offers a rigorous but flexible academic program designed to meet the diverse needs of every student. BLHS is proud to have the highest graduation rate in Beaufort County School District. Through a well-rounded curriculum, extensive co-curricular program, and a supportive learning environment, students are encouraged to achieve their personal best. BLHS offers 46 Advanced Placement classes, 13 Career and Technical Education pathways including business, technology, and health sciences, as well as Dual Enrollment opportunities through two local colleges. By offering a wide range of unique courses and academic opportunities, students have the freedom to customize their educational experience. In addition to excellent academic opportunities, BLHS has earned multiple region accolades in athletics including basketball, football, soccer, cross country, and lacrosse. The school culture celebrates individuality, diversity, and respect for others. Students at BLHS are encouraged to discover their potential and become the best versions of themselves.

For more information visit: <https://blhs.beaufortschools.net/>

Hilton Head Island High School

Choice Programs - available only to students zoned for HHIHS: International Baccalaureate

Hilton Head Island High School (HHIHS) provides students the opportunities to develop the World Class Skills and Life and Career Characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate, through the school choice program—the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program spans all grade levels by offering two components: the Middle Years Programme (MYP) for ninth and tenth graders, and the Diploma Programme (IBDP) for eleventh and twelfth graders. These programs offered at HHIHS encourage students to use critical thinking and problem-solving skills to work both individually and in a collaborative setting to creatively come up with innovative ideas and solutions. For the first time in HHIHS' history, the graduating IB Diploma Programme students had a 100% IB Diploma conferral rate. In addition, HHIHS has earned many region and state athletic accolades including tennis, golf, volleyball, cross country, and swim. The HHIHS community is proud to continue a comprehensive tradition of excellence. Together HHIHS continues to make the “Seahawk Nest” an exceptional place to be.

For more information visit: <https://hhihs.beaufortschools.net/>; visit HHIHS March 23, 2023 at 6pm

May River High School

Choice programs-available only to students zoned for MRHS: AP Capstone & Cambridge AICE

May River High School (MRHS) provides students with access to rigorous curricula through a wide selection of academic offerings. Through a supportive and engaging learning environment, students are encouraged to discover and develop their talents and interests. Students can earn the AP Capstone and Cambridge Academy diplomas or take courses in one of the many Career & Technical Education (CTE) pathways offered, including business, technology, welding, automotive technology, law enforcement services and more. In addition, MRHS offers Dual Credit Enrollment opportunities through two local colleges. MRHS offers a well-rounded education grounded in academics and enriching extracurricular activities. MRHS has earned region and state titles in tennis, golf, and football. Through their offerings, students have the opportunity to create and follow a unique path preparing them to achieve their individual goals.

For more information visit: <https://mrhs.beaufortschools.net/>

Whale Branch Early College High School

Available choice programs: MedTech7 and Early College

Whale Branch Early College High School's (WBECHS) vision is to be a high performing school that provides all students the opportunity to excel. In order to make this vision a reality, WBECHS collaborates with stakeholders so that students obtain world class skills, meet the requirements of the Profile of a South Carolina High School Graduate, and are career and college ready. WBECHS does this by providing high-quality professional development for teachers and staff, focusing on improving student achievement, fostering collaboration and teamwork, employing critical and problem-solving skills through project-based learning and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) focused curriculum. The staff, students, and parents of the WBECHS community will continue to promote excellence, collaboration, STEAM, and school-wide growth. Through planning, implementation, and reflection, WBECHS strives for accuracy every day to ensure students are prepared for an ever-changing world. WBECHS is proud to be a Blue Ribbon School Beacon Award recipient. WBECHS has earned multiple athletic region and state accolades in basketball, football, and track and field. Warrior Nation is on the War Path for Excellence!

For more information visit: <https://wbechs.beaufortschools.net/>; visit WBECHS on March 23 at 6pm

High School Choice Program Options

Advanced Placement Capstone (AP)

*Located at **Beaufort, Bluffton, and May River High Schools***

AP Capstone™ is a diploma program based on two yearlong AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. These courses are designed to complement other AP courses that the AP Capstone student may take.

For more information visit: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org>

Cambridge AICE

*Located at **Battery Creek and May River High Schools***

The Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma is an international curriculum and examination system that emphasizes the value of broad and balanced study. The Cambridge Academy provides students with the opportunity to pursue a rigorous program of study based on an internationally standardized curriculum.

For more information visit: <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org>



High School Choice Program Options

Early College

*Located at **Whale Branch High School***

Early College high school students can earn both a high school diploma and up to two years of college credit at the same time. Early College high schools increase exposure and access to post-secondary study while reducing or eliminating college costs as students prepare for the job market or further study. A strong component of the Early College model is the WBECHS - Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) partnership.

International Baccalaureate Program (IB)

*Located at **Hilton Head Island High School***

IB is a program that includes curriculum and pedagogy, student assessment appropriate to the age range; professional development for teachers; and a process of school authorization and evaluation.

For more information visit: <https://www.ibo.org/>

Learning Through Leadership

*Located at **Battery Creek High School***

Leader in Me® is a whole-school transformation model and process developed in partnership with educators that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on principles and practices of personal, interpersonal and organizational effectiveness, and upon the powerful premise that every child possesses unique strengths and has the ability to be a leader.

For more information visit: <https://www.leaderinme.org/>

MedTech7 Magnet School Programs

*Located at **Beaufort** and **Whale Branch High Schools***

MedTech7 magnet pathways are offered in two clusters: Whale Branch and Beaufort. All MedTech7 schools offer schoolwide Arts Integrated learning. The Beaufort cluster offers Medical pathways in Biomedical Science, Allied Health Science, and Sports Medicine. The Whale Branch cluster offers Technology pathways in Game & Interactive Media Design, Cybersecurity, and Networking pathways. MedTech7 provides theme-based pathways of study which allows students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue careers and/or post-secondary education.

For more information visit: <https://www.medtech7.com>

Visual and Performing Arts

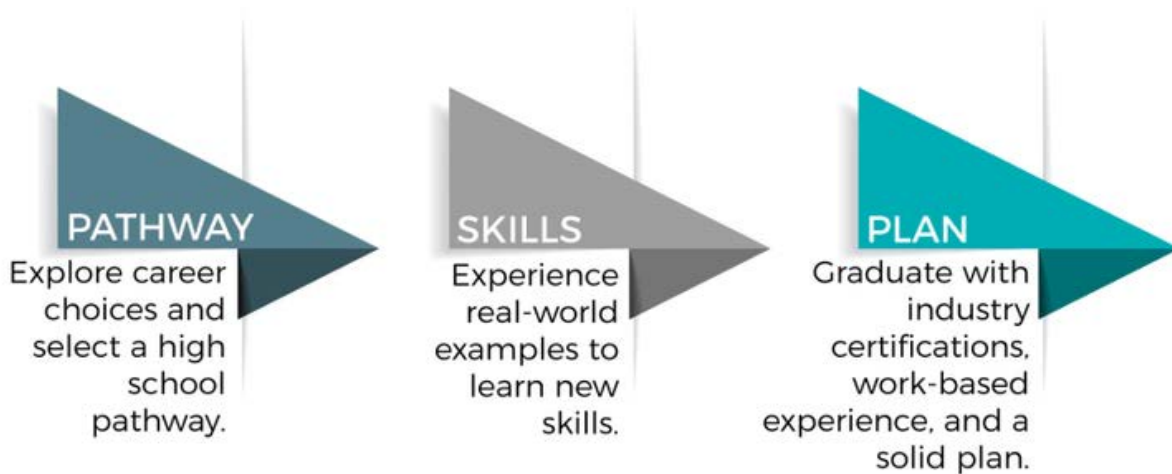
*Located at **Beaufort** and **Bluffton High Schools***

Visual and Performing Arts programs provide opportunities for committed and talented students who have a serious interest in the arts. In-depth study of the arts develops conceptual and technical skills of artistic expression and brings to fruition the student's individual interpretations of the world. The arts training is provided by highly trained art teachers as well as artists in residence. Students participate in extensive, highly specialized courses that can include dance, music theater, visual arts, and communication arts as well as a full academic program.

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) offers an authentic problem-based approach in multiple pathways designed to accelerate students for success in our ever-changing global society and career marketplace.

CTE serves students in grades 6-12 through state-approved course offerings leading to career concentrations, work-based learning opportunities, and/or industry credentials. Whether planning to attend a four-year university, a technical college, or preparing to enter the workplace, CTE courses and pathways can help students graduate college and career ready.



Preparing CTE students for college and career also includes more than average classroom instruction. In Beaufort County, our goal is for CTE students to graduate with a diploma PLUS experiences to help make a more effective transition after high school graduation. Experiences include...

- leadership opportunities in Career Technical Student Organizations through competitive events and regional and state offices;
- skill development through Industry Certifications;
- Career Readiness Proficiency;
- business experience through Work-Based Learning/Internships/Capstone Classes; and
- early college credits through Dual Credit/ Dual Enrollment.

These experiences increase the soft skill development employers are seeking and provide students with a jump start to the future.

Available CTE Pathways by High School

Career Cluster	SC Pathway	Battery Creek	Beaufort	Bluffton	Hilton Head	May River	Whale Branch
Agriculture	Environmental & Natural Resources	X					
Arts & Audio/Visual	Media Technology			X			
Business Administration	Business Information Management	X	X				X
	Business General Management	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Accounting	X				X	
	Business Finance/Law	X		X	X		
Health Sciences	Biomedical Sciences		X	X			
	Health Sciences	X	X	X		X	X
	Sports Medicine	X	X	X		X	X
Hospitality & Tourism	Culinary Arts	X			X		
	Hospitality Management				X		
	Foods & Nutrition		X	X			
Education & Training	Child Development			X			
	Introduction to Teaching		X				
Information Technology	Information Technology Systems		X				X
	Computer Science	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Web & Digital Communications	X		X	X	X	
Public Safety	Law Enforcement Services					X	X
	Fire Fighter Services			X			
Manufacturing	Welding	X				X	
Marketing	Marketing Communications		X		X		
	Marketing Management			X		X	
STEM	Aerospace/Aviation	X					
	Engineering	X	X	X		X	X
Transportation	Automotive Technology					X	

- Each pathway offers 4 or more courses.
- All high school pathways can include internships for high school credit & dual enrollment courses for college credits.

Visit the BCSD CTE website for more information:

<https://www.beaufortschools.net/academics/instructional-programs-support/career-technical-education-cte>

Virtual Learning Options

Beaufort County School District has collaborated with partner districts in South Carolina to offer high-quality, full time, virtual programs for grades 4-12. Students stay enrolled in their zoned school, but take their courses online. There are eligibility requirements for virtual learning, including a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.5 and attendance in good standing.

The Virtual Learning application will be available between March 1-31, 2023. Contact your student's school counselor for more information.

Grades 4-8 Low Country Virtual

Low Country Virtual is a tuition-free, full-time, online public school program based upon the National Standards for Quality (NSQ). Beaufort County has partnered with seven other districts across the state as part of the Lowcountry Education Consortium whose purpose is to provide full-time, standards-based virtual education to students.

Low Country Virtual offers a strong South Carolina standards-aligned curriculum and a flexible, online learning environment. Students will be able to take core courses in English language arts, math, science, and social studies as well as electives via a high-quality curriculum taught by certified teachers. Students remain enrolled in their zoned school in Beaufort County School district and are eligible for participation in extracurricular events and activities.

Students will be required to log in daily for synchronous (real-time, live) instruction. Sample schedules by grade level are available. Students will be provided a device by the school district, but will need a stable Internet connection.

Parents considering Low Country Virtual should complete the Parent Considerations/Guidelines for Student Success and contact the school counselor at the student's zoned school to discuss if the student would be a good candidate for virtual learning and request the application. The Frequently Asked Questions section also provides information for parents considering Low Country Virtual.

For more information visit: <https://lowcountryvirtual.org/>

Virtual Learning Options

Athletics, Arts, and Extra-Curriculars

Students who qualify for a Virtual Learning Option remain enrolled at their zoned BCSD school. Enrollment in a BCSD school allows students to participate in athletics, the arts, and other extra-curricular clubs while taking courses virtually. Virtual Learning provides a flexible schedule helping make demanding travel, practice, and rehearsal schedules more manageable while maintaining academic success.

Virtual Student Spotlight

Makayla Hinchey

Makayla is a 7th grade Lowcountry Virtual student enrolled at McCracken Middle School. Not only is Makayla a successful student academically, she's also a successful athlete for McCracken. She won the State Championship in Wrestling in 2022. Go Makayla!



Grades 9-12 Berkeley County Virtual Learning

Beaufort County has partnered with VirtualSC and Berkeley County to offer a virtual high school option.

All virtual high school courses are taught by highly qualified and certified South Carolina teachers using the approved South Carolina curriculum. Students will be able to take core courses in English language arts, math, science, social studies, and world language as well as electives via a high-quality curriculum. Students remain enrolled in their zoned school in Beaufort County School district and are eligible for participation in extracurricular events and activities. Students will be provided a device by the school district, but will need a stable Internet connection.

Students need to be self-motivated and complete much of their coursework in an asynchronous (independent of teacher) format. Students will also participate in synchronous (real-time, live) learning for 25% of their coursework for each course. Virtual teachers will provide schedules for weekly office hours and live sessions of instruction. Parents should read over these Guidelines for Success and contact the school counselor at the student's zoned school to discuss if the student would be a good candidate for virtual learning, and request the application.

For more information visit: <https://www.bcsdschools.net/page/24289>

Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

Beaufort-Jasper Academy of Career Excellence (ACE) is a career-center open to 11th and 12th grade students from Beaufort and Jasper County high schools. ACE offers 13 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, which prepare our learners to attend college or enter the work force. The school provides a student-centered learning environment that focuses on the needs of each individual student.

ACE has a unique structure, with students taking three blocks of their CTE program and one block of ELA each day. Students who successfully complete their CTE program will have earned one or more industry recognized certifications or state licenses. In addition to the credentials, ACE offers dual-enrollment opportunities through the Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) in both Culinary Arts (9-credits) and English (3-credits) to those who qualify.

Students are encouraged to pursue their passions and are able to select a CTE pathway that best fits their individual interests. ACE offers students off-site learning experiences, work-based learning opportunities with local business partners, and job placement. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for a tour or additional information.

ACE Program Offerings

Auto Collision Repair	Automotive Technology	Barbering / Master Hair Care
Building Construction	Cosmetology	Culinary Arts
Electricity	Emergency Medical Services	Law Enforcement
Nursing / Health Science	Marine Science	Nail Technology
	Welding	

To learn more about all that ACE has to offer visit:

www.bjace.org



BCSD Athletic Achievements

In addition to high quality academic programs, Beaufort County School District offers comprehensive athletic programs to students in grades 7-12. BCSD schools are consistently receiving region and statewide recognition for athletics, and every year many students at each high school sign on to attend college with athletic scholarships. Below are some of the athletic accomplishments over the last three years.

	2020-2021	2021-2022	Fall and Winter 2022
Battery Creek High School	Boys Track & Field Region Champions	Wrestling Region Champions	
Beaufort High School	Football and Boys Track & Field Boys Region Champions Boys Tennis Lower State Championship Boys Golf Lower State Runner Up	Football State Runner Up, Lower State Champions Boys Basketball, Boys Golf, and Boys Tennis Region Champions	Football State Champions Boys Basketball Region Champions
Bluffton High School	Girls Basketball Region Champions	Girls Basketball Region Champions Boys Cross Country Region Champions	Girls Basketball Region Champions
Hilton Head Island High School	Volleyball State Champions Girls Cross Country, Boys and Girls Swim State Runners Up	Girls Golf State Runner Up	Girls Tennis State Champions
May River High School	Girls Golf State Champions Wrestling State Runner Up Football, and Girls Golf Region Champions	Girls Golf State Champions Wrestling Region Champions	Wrestling Region Champions
Whale Branch Early College High School	Girls Basketball, Boys Track & Field, and Football Region Champions Girls Track & Field State Runner Up	Girls Track and Field State Champions	



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is school choice a good idea?

School choice creates a more personalized learning experience. Research shows that children learn in a variety of ways, and parents know that children have different talents and interests. School choice allows parents to select the type of instruction, and the type of school focus, that appeals to each child. By getting students excited about school, they become more engaged. As their knowledge and skills increase, so does their confidence.

Can my child attend a school outside of our neighborhood school's attendance zone?

It doesn't matter where you live as long as you reside in Beaufort County. If your application is approved, your child can attend a school choice program outside your regular attendance zone.

Please note: Parents must provide transportation to and from the choice school if the student does not live in the attendance zone.

What choices are available?

The Board of Education has approved a variety of instructional options and many of those options are available at multiple schools. All choices are listed in this booklet and you can get more information by visiting the School Choice Headquarters page on the district's website: <https://www.beaufortschools.net/families/school-choiceprograms>

How do I apply?

Complete an online application on the School Choice Headquarters page of the district website: <https://www.beaufortschools.net/families/school-choiceprograms>

Online applications will be posted on the Beaufort County School District's website beginning **March 1, 2023**. Completed online applications must be submitted by 5pm on **March 31, 2023**.

Can I submit my application after the March 31, 2023 deadline?

If you can document that you moved to Beaufort County – or to a different location within Beaufort County – after the deadline but before **August 18, 2023**, you may submit an application. Information on post-deadline application procedures will be made available **April 30, 2023** on the School Choice Headquarters website:

<https://www.beaufortschools.net/families/school-choiceprograms>

Do I have to submit a new application each year?

Once approved, you no longer need to re-apply each year for that school and program so long as you continue to reside in Beaufort County. The student may remain enrolled until completing the grades offered at that school. Please note that you must apply for school choice at the end of each school grade band. If your child completes elementary school, you must apply for middle school choice; the same for middle to high school.

Can my children stay at a choice school if they are no longer enrolled in that school's choice program?

No. If your children leave a choice program at a school outside your regular attendance zone, they must enroll at the school that serves their neighborhood.



Frequently Asked Questions

Can my child transfer to a school to participate on an athletic team or in an extracurricular activity?

Transfers are not allowed for students to participate in extracurricular programs or sports. Also, approved transfers do not guarantee athletic eligibility while attending out-of-zone schools (see the Beaufort County Schools Athletic Handbook on the District website).

If my child is approved for a choice program, are siblings considered “pre-approved” for that program?

While consideration will be given to siblings, approval of one child’s school choice application does not guarantee that siblings will be approved for that choice due to possible building capacity issues. Separate applications must be submitted for each child.

Can my request be denied?

Yes. Records of excessive absences, tardiness, discipline matters, or academic concerns may be grounds for not approving or renewing a request, or immediately terminating a transfer at the Principal’s discretion. In addition, if the number of choice applications at a school would cause the school to exceed its overall enrollment capacity, or if approved applications would push an individual choice program beyond its capacity, a lottery would be held to determine which applications are approved. **There are six schools within the district with no availability for choice because these schools are at or above capacity in terms of overall student enrollment: Bluffton High School, Hilton Head High School, May River High School, HE McCracken Middle School, Okatie Elementary School, and Pritchardville Elementary School.** However, parents may still apply at those schools, and if limited space becomes available, a lottery would be held later this spring.

Will seats in choice programs be approved on a first-come, first-served basis?

No. School choice applications will be reviewed after the **March 31, 2023** deadline. If the number of applicants for a particular program is greater than the number of available seats, a lottery will be used to determine which students are enrolled.

If my child’s application to attend a choice program at an out-of-zone school is approved, will school bus transportation be provided?

No. Bus transportation is provided only to schools in your regular attendance zone.

Can I appeal a denial of my school choice application?

Yes. An appeal must be made in writing and postmarked within two weeks after the district mails a notification that an application has been denied. Please mail it to: Attn: Yanina SarliRotti, P.O. Drawer 309, Beaufort, SC 29901. Within that same time frame, an appeal also may be hand-delivered to the Beaufort County School District, Office of Student Services, at 2900 Mink Point Blvd., Beaufort, SC 29902. Or email Yanina SarliRotti at Yanina.SarliRotti@beaufort.k12.sc.us.

Can I apply if I live outside the Beaufort County School District?

No. Only documented Beaufort County residents may participate in the district’s school choice program.



Frequently Asked Questions

What if I no longer wish for my child to attend a school choice program?

Students may return to the school in their attendance zone at any time during a school year. Students who were originally attending a choice program outside of their school zone and withdraw, will not be eligible to re-enter the program for that school year.

Will I have to pay any extra fees to attend a choice program outside our neighborhood school's attendance zone?

No. Beaufort County students who attend choice programs will not pay extra tuition, although families will be responsible for their students' transportation if they live outside the attendance zone for the school choice program they will be attending.

Will schools offer traditional classroom instruction in addition to their choice programs?

All district schools maintain a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) focus, as well as a core curriculum includes the arts, world languages, and technology.

Beaufort County's school choice options come in two forms:

- **School-within-a-school:** A traditional curriculum is offered for students who live in that attendance zone. That traditional curriculum includes a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) focus as well as a core in the arts, world languages, and technology. In addition to that traditional curriculum, the school also offers a specific "choice option" available to students who live both inside and outside the regular attendance zone. Example: Beaufort Elementary School offers a traditional elementary grades curriculum, but also offers two "choice options" in Montessori and AMES.
- **School-wide:** All enrolled students participate in a focused instructional method. Example: Lady's Island Elementary engages all its students with a school-wide arts-infused approach.

Do I have to submit a choice application if the instructional option I want for my child is already available at the school that serves our current neighborhood's attendance zone?

No. You should discuss your interest with the specific school counselor at the school in your attendance zone. The only exceptions are cases where the school choice option requires an additional, program-specific application. Those exceptions include the Montessori programs at Beaufort Elementary and River Ridge Academy, or the AMES (Advanced Math, Engineering, and Science) programs at Beaufort, and Pritchardville Elementary Schools.

Are school choice options available to Pre-K children?

No. If children are determined to be eligible for pre-kindergarten, they must attend the schools in their attendance zones.

What are the grounds for removal from a school choice program?

Students can be removed from a school choice programs due to academic, attendance, or discipline concerns. Parents will be notified in writing if their child is in violation of any of the three areas.

Shine a light
on a brighter future for your child



***Technology Magnet Pathways
located at***

Whale Branch Elementary
Whale Branch Middle
Whale Branch High

***Medical Magnet Pathways
located at***

Mossy Oaks Elementary
Lady's Island Middle
Beaufort Middle
Beaufort High

