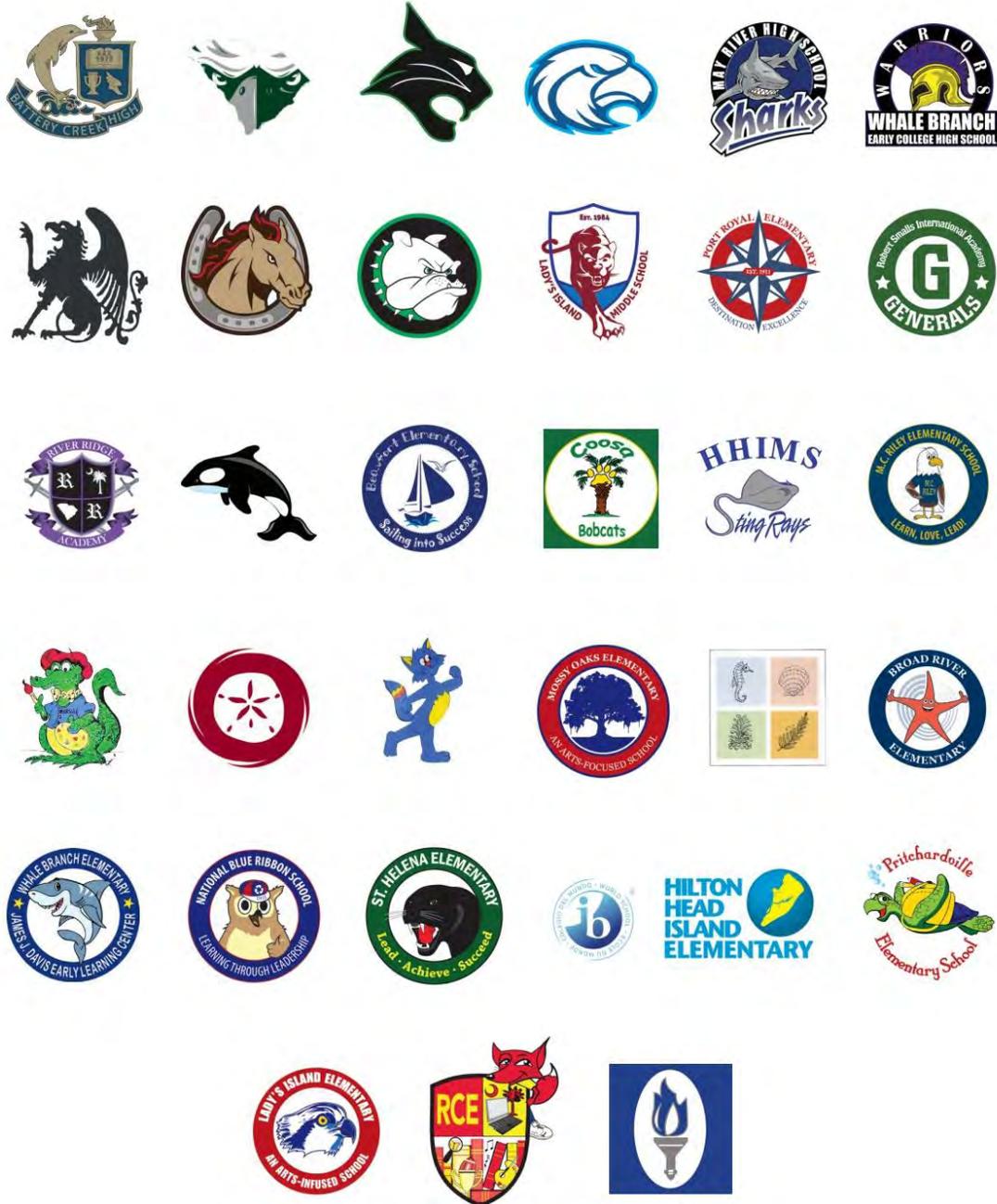




2022-23 BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL DIRECTORY



BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2900 MINK POINT BLVD., BEAUFORT, SC 29902

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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,

At Beaufort County School District (BCSD), we know that not all children learn in the same way. Because of this, we give our students a voice and an opportunity to find a learning environment that best suits their individual needs. We are able to do this through offering School Choice options, which make our programs accessible to all students in the District.

Along with our excellent neighborhood schools, BCSD offers Montessori programs, Early College options, Advanced Placement, Cambridge Academy, and International Baccalaureate programs. In addition, we are proud to announce our newest academic program – the Med-Tech7 Magnet Program.

This program will feature a specialized, theme-based curriculum that will prepare students for a future in either the Medical or Technology field. The addition of this program reaffirms our commitment to empowering our students to create their own educational pathways.

With so many School Choice options, our families have plenty of opportunities to find a learning environment that best suits their child's 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.

We know that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make during their childhood. This School Directory was designed to help you navigate through this journey by providing you with all the information you need to make an informed decision for the 2022-23 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



PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR SCHOOL CHOICE

Applications for School Choice will be available March 1, 2022 on the district website.

All applications should be submitted electronically. Prior to applying for a School Choice program, we encourage you to view the School Choice Program video to learn more about each program. For more information please contact the school that you intend to apply.

The deadline to apply is March 31, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Procedures for Applying:

1. Go to <https://www.beaufortschools.net> on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
2. Click on Parent tab located at the top of the page. Select School Choice Headquarters from the menu on the left. 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 feel free to contact Yanina SarliRotti a Yanina.SarliRotti@beaufort.k12.sc.us
3. You will be notified by email of the decision by April 15, 2022.
4. If your school choice application was denied, you may appeal in writing to Dr. Juliet White at Juliet.White@beaufort.k12.sc.us by May 1, 2022. An appeal decision will be made with 10 business days.
5. In-School Choice program is a program offered to students who live in the zone for the school. In-school choice students do not have to fill out a school choice application.
6. Out-of-zone students may apply to a choice program at any school, with the exception of an "in-school choice program", as this option is only offered to students who live in the zone for the school.
7. There are five schools within the district with no availability for choice because these schools are at or above capacity in terms of overall student enrollment. Students zoned for the five schools are: Bluffton High School, Hilton Head High School, May River High School, HE McCracken Middle School, and Pritchardville Elementary School.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1	School Choice Applications are available on the District website
March 31	School Choice Applications are due and must be submitted by midnight
April 15	School Choice Decisions will be emailed to families
May 1	Decision Appeals must be submitted in writing by 5:00 PM
July 30	If you can provide documentation that you moved to Beaufort County - or to a different location within Beaufort County - after the deadline but before July 30, you may submit an application

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

OVERVIEW OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS

2022-2023 Programmatic Choices		Grade Levels Served	Beaufort Elementary	Bluffton Elementary	Broad River Elementary	Coosa Elementary	Hilton Head ECC	Hilton Head Elementary	Hilton Head SCA	Shanklin Elementary	Lady's Island Elementary	MC Riley Elementary	Mossy Oaks Elementary	Okealee Elementary	Port Royal Elementary	Pritchardville Elementary	Red Cedar Elementary	River Ridge Academy	Robert Smalls International Academy	St. Helena Elementary	Whale Branch Elementary (K-4th)	Whale Branch Middle (5th)	
Academic	Accelerated Elementary Academy	1st-5th		✓																			
	AMES	3rd-5th	✓													✗					✓		
	Dual-Language	Kinder-5th			✓			✓															
	International Baccalaureate (IB)	Kinder-5th						✓															
	Montessori	River Ridge 1st-5th Beaufort Elem K-5th	✓															✓					
Schoolwide Program	Computer Science	Kinder-5th		✓																			
	Arts Integration	Kinder-5th						✓		✓		✓										✓	✓
	Learning Through Leadership	Kinder-5th				✓				✓		✓		✓						✓	✓	✓	
	Project Based Learning	Kinder-5th					✓								✓	✗	✓						
	Project Lead the Way	Kinder-5th																✓					✓

✓	Choice Available Within, and Outside of, School Student Attendance Zone
✓	Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP)
✗	Choice Available Within School Student Attendance Zone



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Beaufort Elementary School (BES) promotes academic achievement in an engaging, creative, and collaborative environment. Through an integrated STEAM approach, students are challenged to reach their full potential as learners.

In an effort to support students on their journey to becoming responsible and respectful citizens, BES emphasizes whole child and character development. Students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning while exploring their unique interests and talents.

In order to meet the individual needs of the diverse community of learners, Beaufort Elementary School offers AMES and Montessori programs. Both of these programs challenge students academically and equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the future.

“SAILING INTO SUCCESS”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Advanced Math, Engineering, and Science Academy (AMES)

A program designed for gifted and achieving students based on rigorous math and science foundational skills. Students actively engage in exploration, discovery, and mastery of standards.

Montessori

An individualized, self-paced program that allows students to follow their own curiosity. Students work individually and collaboratively to discover, explore, and develop their maximum potential.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT BES

- 1 Student Leadership Team**
 Students have the opportunity to develop leadership skills through our Student Leadership Team, also known as The Navigators.
- 2 STEAM Focused**
 From STEAM-centered field trips to the annual STEAM-based career fair, STEAM is fully-integrated in the BES culture.
- 3 Strong Community Partnerships**
 Partners with the Audubon Society and Clemson Extension to support the Outdoor Learning Lab, which features a koi pond & turtle habitat.
- 4 Reading Plus Combo Award**
 Received a Combo Award for student achievement with reading comprehension from Reading Plus, a reading intervention program.
- 5 The Great Kindness Challenge**
 BES participates in the Great Kindness Challenge, an initiative that fosters a school culture of kindness, compassion, and respect.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Art Clubs
 - CheerLEADers
 - ECO Club
 - Kindness Club
 - Knitting Club
 - Music Clubs
 - Navigators
 - News Crews
 - Robotics
 - Running Club
 - Sports & Fitness Club
 - STEAM Clubs
 - Theater
 - Yearbook
- Related Arts include: Coding, Lego Lab, Engineering, Art, Music & PE


Innovative
Maker Space


Responsive
Classroom


Houseboat
Teams

300+
Canned Goods Collected
for HELP of Beaufort each Month

10:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

STEM
Certified by AdvancED

6,375,432
Number of Words Read
in Reading Plus

142
Students Participating in
After School Clubs

625
Average Number of Books
Checked out of the Library
Monthly



BLUFFTON ELEMENTARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD

150 & 160 H.E. MCCracken Circle, Bluffton, SC | (843) 706-8500 & (843) 706-0900



Bluffton Elementary School (BLES) engages students in a STEM focused learning environment that promotes lifelong learning. Beginning in Pre-Kindergarten, students receive the knowledge and skills needed to build a strong academic foundation.

BLES is the only elementary school in Beaufort County that offers the Accelerated Academy program. This program allows students to learn at a pace that matches their ability, giving them the opportunity to complete three years of instruction in two years.

In addition to a strong academic program, Bluffton Elementary is dedicated to the individual development of all students. By focusing on the intellectual, emotional, and creative growth of each student, BLES encourages students to become leaders of the next generation.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Accelerated Academy

A program that allows students to progress through school at an accelerated pace. Students can enroll in higher level courses and complete their elementary learning years at a younger age.

Computer Science

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.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT BLES

- 1 A Unified Champion School**
 Recognized as a school that promotes social inclusion. BLES hosts a Young Athletes' Day for students with special needs.
- 2 Dedicated to Service**
 Students complete quarterly community service projects & participate in the annual Rotary Club's Happy Feet event to support local families.
- 3 Random Acts of Kindness**
 Each year, hundreds of students are recognized for their Random Acts of Kindness with a certificate and a positive phone call home.
- 4 Strong Literacy Program**
 The Webster Trophy is awarded weekly to the class that reads the most lines. BLES also rewards Readers of the Month with a new book.
- 5 School Garden & Education Instruction Winner**
 Recently awarded an all-inclusive garden kit from Clemson Extension School & Community Gardening.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Chorus
- STEM Club
- Gardening Club
- Student Council
- Girls on the Run
- Young Gentlemen's Club
- Recycling Club
- Young Ladies Club



Intro to Game Design Class



Book Vending Machine



Student of the Month

PRE-K

Program Offered at the BLES Early Childhood Center

12:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

1,281,990

Minutes Read by Students Last Year

76

Students Participate in Young Athletes Each Year

MONTHLY

PBIS Celebrations

83%

Retention of Highly Qualified Educators



BROAD RIVER ELEMENTARY

474 BROAD RIVER BLVD., BEAUFORT, SC | (843) 322-8400



Broad River Elementary School (BRES) provides a safe and academically stimulating learning environment that encourages students to reach their full potential. The programs offered at BRES provide a firm foundation for students to learn, grow, and find their paths to success.

Students at BRES receive individualized instruction that positively impacts their personal and academic growth. By focusing on the whole child, students have the opportunity to explore their unique talents and skills in the classroom and through extracurricular activities.

As the only school in North of the Broad that offers a Dual Language program, BRES furthers their commitment to developing internationally minded learners. Students are able to study content standards in both English and either Spanish or Mandarin throughout the year.

"IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A STARFISH"

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Dual Language

An immersive experience where students are taught core curriculum in two different languages during the school day - English and either Spanish or Chinese.





BROAD RIVER ELEMENTARY

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FUN FACTS ABOUT BRES

- 1 Scholastic Literacy**
 The first school-wide pilot of the Scholastic Literacy program in the country. BRES has seen a significant increase in reading achievement.
- 2 Chinese New Year**
 Chinese Immersion students host an annual Chinese New Year program, which highlights their learning and Chinese culture.
- 3 Student Diversity**
 With such a large number of military families in the BRES community, the student population represents almost all 50 states.
- 4 Military Liaison**
 One of two schools in BCSD with a Military Family Life Counselor on-site to offer counseling services to military families, students & staff.
- 5 Featured Podcast Guest**
 Ms. Goodwine-Lewis was featured on a well-known podcast, The Epiphany Exchange, to discuss the great things happening at BRES.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Boys & Girls Club Afterschool Program
- Summer Programs


Reading Partners Program


Culture of Respect


Diverse School Community

5
Countries Represented
by Staff Members

16:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

FIRST
School in BCSD with a
BJHCHS Health Clinic On-Site

30%
of BRES Students are
from Military Families

PRE-K
Program Offered at BRES

10.6%
Growth in Reading on the
2021 State Assessment



COOSA ELEMENTARY

45 MIDDLE RD, BEAUFORT, SC | (843) 322-6100



Coosa Elementary School (CES) promotes academic excellence through an innovative program that nurtures the potential of each student. At CES, students participate in hands-on activities that encourage exploration in and out of the classroom.

By integrating character development with a strong academic program, students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. CES offers individualized learning opportunities that allow students to build upon their unique strengths and reach their full potential.

The Learning Through Leadership program, more specifically known as Leader in Me, is infused in all aspects of the school. Through enrichment opportunities, students are taught essential leadership skills that promote responsibility and confidence. Students are given opportunities to demonstrate these skills throughout the school year.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Learning Through Leadership

A whole-school learning model that builds leadership and life skills in students, and empowers them to become leaders in their school and community.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT CES

- 1 Leader in Me Lighthouse School**
 The flagship Leader in Me school in Beaufort County. CES was also the first school in the District to be honored with Lighthouse status.
- 2 Junior Master Gardeners**
 Through a partnership with 4H Clemson Extension Center, 4th grade students take a year-long course to become Junior Master Gardeners.
- 3 STEM Integrated**
 Students are invited to participate in whole-school engineering and design challenges that encourage creativity and exploration.
- 4 Outdoor Learning Space**
 CES has a green house, an outdoor classroom, and a garden that students use to plant fruits and vegetables.
- 5 Military Liaison**
 One of two schools in BCSD with a Military Family Life Counselor on-site to offer counseling services to military families, students & staff.

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Garden Beds to Plant Fruits & Vegetables

RIGOROUS
Gifted & Talented Curriculum

PRE-K
Program Offered at CES

100%
Club Participation by Offering Activities During the Day

AWARD WINNING
Robotics Team



ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- | | | |
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| 
Chorus | 
Robotics Team | 
Gardening |
| 
National Elementary Honor Society | 
Student Lighthouse Team | 
Related Arts: STEM Lab, PE, Music & Art |
| 
Students Visit STEM Lab Weekly | 
Student Leadership Jobs | 
Book Vending Machine |



HILTON HEAD ISLAND ELEMENTARY

30 SCHOOL RD., HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC | (843) 342-4100



Hilton Head Island Elementary School (HHIES) creates an engaging and rigorous learning experience for students. As the only Beaufort County elementary school offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP), HHIES builds the foundation for students to continue learning under the International Baccalaureate framework.

By focusing on the development of the whole child, HHIES ensures that each student reaches their full academic potential. At the heart of the school is their commitment to encourage students to think critically, become inquisitive, life-long learners that have a global perspective.

The academic programs offered at HHIES align with this commitment. In addition to PYP, they offer a Dual-Language program that gives students the opportunity to receive their core content in both English and their target language - either Spanish or Chinese.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Dual-Language

An immersive experience where students are taught core curriculum in two different languages during the school day - English and either Spanish or Chinese.

International Baccalaureate

Content standards are taught under the framework of six Unit Planners which incorporate lines of inquiry, elements of the Learner Profile, and opportunities to take action.



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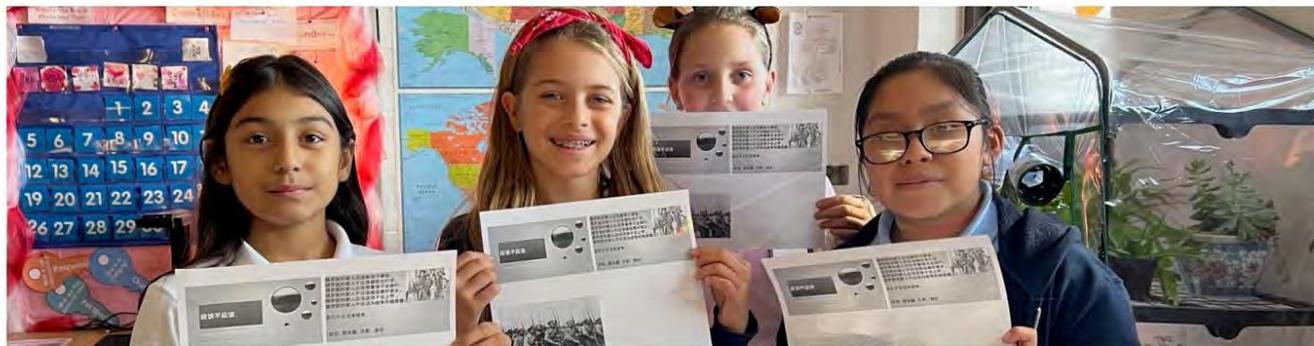


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HILTON HEAD ISLAND ELEMENTARY

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FUN FACTS ABOUT HHIES

- 1 PYP Trailblazer**
IB PYP first began at HHIES in 2001. They were one of the first schools in the world to be authorized to provide this program.
- 2 Storm the Citadel Award Winner**
An annual event that promotes STEM education. HHIES has been the recipient of multiple awards.
- 3 First Dual Language School**
HHIES is the first public school in the state to offer a dual-language immersion program.
- 4 Gifted and Talented Students**
HHIES is home to a robust Gifted and Talented Academic and Artistic program with multiple opportunities to showcase their talents.
- 5 District Elementary School Counselor of the Year**
Awarded the Beaufort County School District Elementary School Counselor of the Year in 2022.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Afterschool Clubs
- Archery
- Basketball
- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- Gardening
- Geography Club
- GT Arts
- InterAct
- Kindness Club
- Origami
- Pickleball
- Robotics
- Singing Sea Otters
- Student Council
- Swimming
- Tutoring



Inquiry Based Learning



Monthly Family Events



Promotes Global Citizenship

4 YEARS

as Recipient of SCNSPRA Award for Effective Communication

12:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

\$1770+

Awarded through the 2021 Bright Ideas Grant

STATE

Medallion Award for Parent Education Programs

20

Countries Represented by HHIES Staff

HIGH

Academic Achievement Results Surpassing District & State Averages in all Areas



HILTON HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

10 BUS DRIVE, HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC | (843) 342-4380



Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts (HHISCA) is committed to building a foundation for lifelong curiosity and confident learning. Through an arts-integrated curriculum, students are able to develop their academic and artistic abilities and talents.

Each day, students receive unique instructional opportunities in the Arts, either in the classroom or through extracurricular offerings. The Arts-Integrated academic program allows students to make meaningful connections between their core subject areas and an art form.

Through careful attention to the whole child, students are able to enhance their academic achievement and their social and emotional wellness. The well-rounded program offered at HHISCA provides students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to seamlessly transition to middle school.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Arts-Integrated

An approach that engages students in a creative process to meet learning objectives. Students explore connections between art and academic subject areas to gain a greater understanding of both.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT HHISCA

- 1 School of Distinction**
Received re-certification by the South Carolina Arts Commission as an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) School of Distinction in 2021.
- 2 Strong Community Partnerships**
HHISCA partners with many community organizations to support an artistically rich academic environment for students.
- 3 State-of-the-Art Facility**
Featuring a newly renovated Library Media Center, a Dance Studio classroom, and an Art classroom complete with a kiln.
- 4 Two School Campuses**
The HHISCA community includes 2 campuses - HHISCA and Daufuskie Island Elementary, which is accessible only by ferry.
- 5 Outdoor Learning Space**
HHISCA has a green house, a garden, and an outdoor courtyard complete with an amphitheater.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Art Club
- Drama Club
- Instrumental Clubs
- Robotics Club
- Singers
- Related Arts include: Music, Dance, PE, Drama, Media Center, Technology/Robotics-Lego Lab, & Arts



Technology & Lego Lab



Responsive Classroom



Diverse Student Body

100%
of Students Receive Arts Instruction Each Day

12:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

\$12,000+
in Grants Awarded each Year to Enhance Student Experience

2,500+
Books Checked out from the Library This Year

87%
Retention of Highly-Qualified Staff

3
On-Site Liaisons (Bilingual & Parent) to Meet the Diverse Needs of the School Community



JOSEPH S. SHANKLIN ELEMENTARY

121 MORRALL DR., BEAUFORT, SC | (843) 466-3400



Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary School (JSES) is committed to providing a challenging and supportive environment for learning and leading. Beginning in Pre-Kindergarten, students receive a personalized learning experience tailored around their individual needs, interests, and strengths.

JSES creates a culture of student empowerment through their Learning Through Leadership program. Students are given opportunities to utilize their leadership skills and make a significant difference in their individual learning experience, their classroom, and in the school.

Following in the footsteps of the school's namesake, JSES offers students opportunities to discover their unique gifts and talents. This focus on the development of the whole child prepares students to become confident lifelong learners with a strong foundation for success.

“LEARN. LEAD. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Learning Through Leadership

A whole-school learning model that builds leadership and life skills in students, and empowers them to become leaders in their school and community.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT JSES

- 1 Leader in Me Lighthouse School**
 JSES is one of only four schools in BCSD to earn this international recognition for the quality of their student leadership program.
- 2 Mentorship Opportunity**
 Fifth grade students that complete the Role Model Challenge are given the opportunity to work with and mentor younger students.
- 3 Student Lighthouse Team**
 A group of students selected to serve on the Lighthouse Team, which provides student representation in major school events and projects.
- 4 Unique Namesake**
 Named after Joseph Shanklin Sr., a pioneer of education. Shanklin was principal of the historic Beaufort County Training School.
- 5 100% Club Participation**
 Once a month, JSES offers extracurricular opportunities during the school day. This allows every student to participate in a club.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Art Club
- Book Club
- Boys and Girls Club
- Cheer Club
- Color Guard
- Cooking Club
- Emerging Scholars
- Escape Room Club
- Fitness Club
- Intro to Dance Club
- LEGO's
- Line Dancing
- Piano Club
- Playdough
- Sewing Club
- STEM Clubs



Student Leader
of the Month



Diverse
Student Body



Unique Learning
Experiences

1,000,000+
Minutes Read by
Students Last Year

11:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

4
Buildings on Campus
Surrounding a Courtyard

PRE-K
Program Offered at JSES

2
School Stores for Students
to Purchase Fun Items

LIFETIME
Achievement Award from the
American Heart Association



LADY'S ISLAND ELEMENTARY

73 CHOWAN CREEK BLUFF, BEAUFORT, SC | (843) 322-2240



Lady's Island Elementary School (LIES) provides an arts-integrated learning environment where students immerse themselves in the arts, while connecting to a rigorous core curriculum. Through a holistic approach, students are able to discover and explore their interests and passions.

Students receive high-quality, differentiated instruction which allows them to participate in meaningful and engaging learning experiences. This unique learning environment promotes students' growth as bold artists, curious learners, and mindful citizens.

The academic program at LIES is complemented by a focus on developing every child's potential through social, emotional, and character education. Students gain important skills that will help them as they transition to the next level of their educational journey.

"IT'S TIME TO P.U.S.H. - PERSEVERE UNLEASH SUCCESS HIGH ACHIEVEMENT"

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Arts-Integrated

An approach in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form. Students engage in a creative process which connects an art form to another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT LIES

- 1 Arts-Infused Trailblazer**
The first arts-integrated school in Beaufort County, and is now a model for other schools looking to adopt an arts-infused program.
- 2 ABC Certified School**
An Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Certified School since 2001, which provides funding for the Arts & guarantees a rigorous Arts curriculum.
- 3 Artists in Residency**
Students attend quarterly workshops with teaching artists. These have included miming, hip-hop songwriting & storybuilding.
- 4 Featured in a Published Case Study**
The Arts-Integration program at LIES is featured in Creating Meaning Through the Arts, a college textbook for aspiring educators.
- 5 Dedicated to Service**
Students participate in many service learning projects each year, in support of local organizations.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Academic Afterschool Support
- African Drumming
- Ballet
- Differentiated Arts Afterschool Program (D'Arts)
- Girls on the Run
- Guitar & Stringed Instruments
- Hip Hop Dance
- News Media Production
- National Elementary Honor Society
- Osprey Ovation Choirs
- Piano Lab
- Puppetry
- Running Club
- Sport (Cup) Stacking
- Storybuilders
- Theater
- WordMasters Challenge



Book Vending Machine



Osprey Store



Student-Led Morning Show

500+
Pounds of Supplies Collected by Students for Local Animal Rescues

12:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

PRE-K
Program Offered at LIES

10
Arts Specialties Offered in D'Arts Afterschool Program on Average

180
Minutes per Week of Direct Arts Instruction

4
Professional Arts Experiences Offered Yearly per Grade Level



MC RILEY ELEMENTARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD

172 & 200 BURNT CHURCH RD. BLUFFTON, SC | (843) 706-8300 & (843) 707-0800



Michael C. Riley Elementary School (MCRES) supports every student in their journey to becoming lifelong learners and leaders. Beginning in Pre-Kindergarten, students are challenged to build habits that encourage individual accountability and academic achievement.

MCRES supports students and their individual needs by focusing on their social and emotional wellbeing. Students are able to explore their personal interests and talents by participating in one of the many enrichment activities offered by the school.

The Learning Through Leadership program is embedded in the culture of MCRES. In and out of the classroom, students are able to participate in a variety of leadership activities and service learning projects. The skills gained through this program help prepare students for future success in any setting.

“LEARN, LOVE, LEAD”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Learning Through Leadership

A whole-school learning model that builds leadership and life skills in students, and empowers them to become leaders in their school and community.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT MCRES

- 1 Leader in Me Lighthouse School**
Awarded to outstanding Leader in Me schools. MCRES is one of three schools in BCSD to have received this award.
- 2 Internationally Minded**
MCRES hosts an International Festival that gives students an opportunity to learn about and celebrate different cultures.
- 3 The Original Elementary School in Bluffton**
The first elementary school in Bluffton. Named after Michael C. Riley, the first African American trustee of the School Board of Education #2.
- 4 Kids Heart Challenge Top 25**
MCRES participates in the annual Kids Heart Challenge. In 2020, the school raised enough money to join the Top 25 Heart of Gold Schools.
- 5 Dedicated to Service**
In addition to hosting the Bluffton Rotary Club's annual Happy Feet event, MCRES students complete annual community service projects.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Art Club
- Coding Club
- Girls on the Run
- Singing Eagles
- SOAR Afterschool Activities
- Student Lighthouse Team
- Swim Club


STEM Instruction
in Grades K-5


Latino Family
Literacy Program


Annual
Leadership Day

PRE-K
Program Offered at MC Riley
Early Childhood Center

12:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

STEM
Certified by AdvancED

35 YEAR
Tradition of Hosting their
International Festival

13,098
Books Checked Out During
the 2020-21 School Year

4,000,000+
Math Facts answered
in Reflex



MOSSY OAKS ELEMENTARY

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Mossy Oaks Elementary School (MOES) empowers students through academic and explorative experiences to enhance their curiosity about the world around them. MOES provides a rich and rigorous academic program that fosters a lifetime love of learning.

Through a comprehensive arts-integrated program, students make meaningful connections with the core curriculum while discovering their unique gifts and abilities. This fusion of art with academics results in an environment that inspires students to reach their full potential.

MOES lives by their mission to promote character development by nurturing the whole child. With a strong focus on developing important life skills, MOES is committed to helping students grow and succeed in their educational journey.

“BY WORKING TOGETHER, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Arts-Integrated

An approach that engages students in a creative process to meet learning objectives. Students explore connections between art and academic subject areas to gain a greater understanding of both.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT MOES

- 1 ABC Certified School**
MOES is an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Certified School, which allows students to gain a high-quality, comprehensive Arts education.
- 2 Magnet Schools Assistance Program**
A Med-Tech7 school. Beginning in 2023, students can explore the Medical Field through the Pre-Med and Biomedical Science track.
- 3 Certified Outdoor Classroom**
The National Wildlife Federation recognized their Outdoor Classroom as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.
- 4 Student Leadership Opportunities**
Students have the opportunity to lead in the facilitation of school-wide events. In 2021, they hosted their inaugural Special Olympics.
- 5 Morning News Show**
Every day at MOES starts with the Hoot News, a student-led morning news broadcast.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Fine and Performing Arts Integration
- Garden Club
- National Elementary Honors Society
- Robotics
- STEAM/Arts Camp



2,000+
Canned Goods Collected for Help of Beaufort in 2021

12:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

90%
Retention Rate of Highly-Qualified Staff

7,760+
Books Checked out from the Library this Year

QUARTERLY
Academic Challenges for Team Building & Cooperative Learning

96%
of Parents Approve of MOES Social & Physical Environment



OKATIE ELEMENTARY

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Okatie Elementary School (OES) is committed to providing a rigorous academic program that supports the achievement of all students and encourages them to reach their full potential. By providing a student-centered learning environment, OES empowers students to become lifelong learners.

Staying true to their mission, OES guides students on their journey to become respectful, responsible citizens in and out of school. Students attending OES understand the importance of giving back to their community, and do so on a regular basis.

In addition to the school's commitment to service, OES also prides itself on providing leadership opportunities and experiences to all their students. The Learning Through Leadership program is not only embedded in the culture of the classroom, it is exemplified in the extracurricular offerings.

“EARNING OUR WINGS AND LEARNING NEW THINGS”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Learning Through Leadership

A whole-school learning model that builds leadership and life skills in students, and empowers them to become leaders in their school and community.

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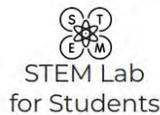


FUN FACTS ABOUT OES

- 1 Trifecta School**
Only school in SC to earn 3 prestigious awards in one year - National Blue Ribbon, Palmetto's Finest, and the Dick & Tunky Riley Award.
- 2 Community and Service Oriented**
Each year, every grade level completes a service learning project to support local organizations and causes.
- 3 Annual Trek**
Students track their physical activity throughout the year. The school-wide goal is to log enough miles to 'travel' from Okatie to New Zealand.
- 4 Outdoor Learning Spaces**
In addition to an outdoor classroom, OES has a Monet's Garden sponsored by the Ladies of Callawassie Garden Club.
- 5 Best of Bluffton Staff**
Ms. Woods was voted Teacher of the Year (Elementary School) in the 2021 Best of Bluffton.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Art Club
- Beta Club
- Book Club
- Chorus
- ESOL Club
- Flag Patrol
- Gardening Club
- GEM
- Girls on the Run
- Hall Patrol
- Kids on the Run
- Lady Owls
- Spirit Squad



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Eagle Scout Projects Completed at OES

14:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

STEM
Certified by AdvancED

1ST PLACE
in the 2021 WordMasters National Challenge

\$7,000
in Grants Awarded in 2021 to Enhance Student Experience

I-READY
Reading Super School Winner in January 2022



PORT ROYAL ELEMENTARY

1214 PARIS AVENUE, BEAUFORT, SC | (843) 322-0820



Port Royal Elementary School (PRES) has a long history of providing high-quality education to students. Through an engaging, personalized learning environment, 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.

By promoting the academic and social-emotional development of each student, PRES helps students develop a strong academic foundation. Their holistic approach to education nurtures independent learning skills and encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning.

“STAYING ON COURSE: DESTINATION EXCELLENCE”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Project Based Learning

A dynamic classroom approach designed to give students the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills through engaging projects set around challenges they may face in the real world.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT PRES

- 1 Rooted in History**
First opened in 1911, PRES is the second oldest school in the state. The current school building is a historical landmark.
- 2 STEM Experiences**
Monthly school-wide Engineering challenges that showcase students' innovation and design. Students also visit the STEM Lab weekly.
- 3 Student Leadership**
Students have the opportunity to serve as a School Ambassador and can help in school improvement decision-making.
- 4 Fresh Food Program Participant**
PRES participates in the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program which helps introduce students to a variety of fresh produce.
- 5 Health & Wellness Partnership**
MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness partners with PRES to create a healthy learning environment and a culture of wellness.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- CREW: Student Community Teams
- ExPRESSions Music Club
- Robotics Club
- Walking Field Trips
- Related Arts include: Art, Music, PE, Media Center, & STEM Lab


Book Vending Machine


Responsive Classroom


STEM Lab for all Students

QUARTERLY

Anchored in Achievement Ceremony

9:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

MARINER

of the Month Recognition

PRE-K

Program Offered at PRES

MONTHLY

CREW Rally

R.E.D.

Individual Reading Goals for Each Student Encouraging them to Read Every Day



PRITCHARDVILLE ELEMENTARY

9447 EVAN WAY, BLUFFTON, SC | (843) 707-0500



Pritchardville Elementary School (PVES) has a national reputation for providing quality education to every student. Beginning in Pre-Kindergarten, students receive a rigorous STEM-integrated learning experience that helps facilitate a successful future.

PVES provides a well-balanced learning environment that encourages high achievement and student success. Not only are students challenged academically, they are supported socially and emotionally. Students are given opportunities to foster creativity, innovation, and showcase their talents.

The academic offerings at Pritchardville Elementary, AMES and Project Based Learning, actively engage students in the exploration, discovery, and mastery of standards. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and engage in higher level thinking.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Advanced Math, Engineering, and Science Academy (AMES)

A program designed for gifted and achieving students based on rigorous math and science foundational skills. Students actively engage in exploration, discovery, and mastery of standards.

Project Based Learning

A dynamic classroom approach designed to give students the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills through engaging projects set around challenges they may face in the real world.



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PRITCHARDVILLE ELEMENTARY

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FUN FACTS ABOUT PVES

- 1 Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School**
PVES achieved Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence recognition in 2021 for their strong commitment to educational excellence.
- 2 STEM Speakers Program**
Through the STEM Speakers Program, students have the opportunity to learn about different STEM careers from local industry experts.
- 3 Morning News Show**
The Sea Turtle News is the PVES student-run morning news show. Every day, a group of 5th grade students broadcast live.
- 4 Dedicated to Service**
PVES students support local families through their partnership with the Bluffton Dream Center food pantry.
- 5 Above Average Scores**
3rd-5th grade students at PVES score above the state average on the annual SCTest.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- 5th Grade Student Advisory
- Chorus
- Garden Club
- Girls on the Run
- Lego Club
- Scholars Academy
- Sports Tournaments



Innovative
Maker Space



Monthly School
Spirit Days



Cyber
Citizenship

PRE-K
Program Offered
at PVES

14:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

STEM
Certified by AdvancED

8 TIMES
More Gifted & Talented Students
than the National Average

1000+
Students in Pre-K
through 5th Grade

1
Adorable School Mascot -
Sammy the Sea Turtle



RED CEDAR ELEMENTARY

10 BOX ELDER ST., BLUFFTON, SC | (843) 707-0600



Red Cedar Elementary School (RCES) lives by their motto and truly does “Whatever It Takes” for every student to succeed. Beginning in Pre-Kindergarten, students are exposed to learning experiences that support their unique and varying level of skill and curiosity.

RCES makes it a priority to help every student reach their fullest potential through their academic offerings. As a Project Based Learning school, RCES encourages students to explore and investigate, ask thoughtful questions, and develop creative solutions to real-world problems.

In addition to a strong academic program, RCES has incorporated character education as an integral part of their school. The entire school community is committed to supporting every student as they develop into respectful, responsible, and contributing members of society.

“WHATEVER IT TAKES”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Project Based Learning

A dynamic classroom approach designed to give students the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills through engaging projects set around challenges they may face in the real world.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT RCES

- 1 Palmetto's Finest School**
 Recognized for excellent instruction, outstanding leadership, & strong community involvement. RCES is a Palmetto's Finest School.
- 2 Award Winning Drum & Dance Team**
 The Foxes Rock Drum & Dance Team marches in the annual Christmas Parade and has won the Spirit of Bluffton & Best Performance awards.
- 3 Focus on Strengths**
 RCES works continuously to develop the talents of students through enrichment opportunities and a focus on student interests.
- 4 Partnership with Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra**
 The Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra provides lessons, learning experiences, and exclusive concerts for RCES students.
- 5 Best Gaga Ball Pit**
 RCES has the best Gaga Ball Pit in the District. Recently upgraded, it now features turf.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Fox Tales Creative Writing
- Foxes Jam 1 & 2
- Foxes Jam Violins
- Foxes Rock Drum & Dance
- Foxes Sing
- Go Green Garden Club
- Running Club and 5K
- Scholars
- Sports Club
- The Fox Gazette



Gifted Learning Experiences



Morning News Broadcast



Culture of Respect

5K
The annual Foxes Trot 5K raises funds for special causes

12:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

STEM
Certified by AdvancED

442.5
Pounds of Candy Donated to the Candy Bounce Back Challenge

6,000+
Boxes of Cereal Donated to Bluffton Self Help

1ST PLACE
Regional Winner of Continental Math League Competition in 2020



ST. HELENA ELEMENTARY

1025 SEA ISLAND PKWY., ST. HELENA ISLAND, SC | (843) 838-0300



St. Helena Elementary School (SHES) provides real-world, relevant learning opportunities to help students develop skills needed to succeed in the future. By focusing on individual learning styles, strengths, and needs, SHES supports students on their journey to become lifelong learners.

Students at St. Helena Elementary are part of a tight-knit community that promotes the academic and social development of all students. This focus on the whole child ensures SHES students are not only learning academically, but thriving socially and emotionally.

SHES is committed to providing a climate and culture that promotes greatness in every student. Both the Learning Through Leadership and AMES programs encourage students to become lifelong learners ready to lead, succeed, and achieve their dreams.

“LEADERSHIP: CHOOSE IT, OWN IT, LIVE IT”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Advanced Math, Engineering, and Science Academy (AMES)

A program designed for gifted and achieving students based on rigorous math and science foundational skills. Students actively engage in exploration, discovery, and mastery of standards.

Learning Through Leadership

A whole-school learning model that builds leadership and life skills in students, and empowers them to become leaders in their school and community.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT SHES

- 1** **Flags of the Gullah People**
Every year, students present the Flags of the Gullah People during the Penn Center Heritage Days celebration
- 2** **Panther Chow Chamber**
The Panther Chow Chamber, an in-house food pantry sponsored by a local church, provides meals and household items to SHES families.
- 3** **Tug-of-War Champions**
Reigning champion for the Beaufort Cluster "Staff Tug-of-War" competition. All money raised was donated to Help of Beaufort.
- 4** **Community and Service Oriented**
Each grade level completes an annual community service project, as a way for students to 'pay it forward' to their community.
- 5** **Strong Sense of Culture**
As part of the annual SHES Black History program, students highlight notable figures from St. Helena Island in a living Wax Museum.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Art Clubs
- Boys & Girls Club
- Game Clubs
- Health & Wellness Clubs
- Keyboard Club
- National Elementary Honor Society
- Student Lighthouse Team
- Sport Clubs


Book Vending Machine


Random Acts of Kindness Week


Annual Career Day

15,900+
I-Ready Lessons Passed
This Year

18:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

PRE-K
Program Offered at SHES

400
Books Earned out of the
Book Vending Machine

25+
Years Collaboration with
Adopt-a-School Volunteers

FINE ARTS
Program featuring
Drumming and Keyboarding



WHALE BRANCH ELEMENTARY & JAMES J. DAVIS EARLY LEARNING

15 STEWART POINT RD., SEABROOK, SC | (843) 466-1000



Whale Branch Elementary School (WBES) provides a supportive environment where students are encouraged to be active participants in their learning. With a focus on individual growth, students receive personalized learning tailored to their individual strengths and learning styles.

Along with a strong academic program, WBES focuses on the social and emotional growth of their students. Through a variety of enrichment opportunities, students develop into well-rounded, confident leaders, both in and out of the classroom.

The Learning Through Leadership program at WBES supports a culture of empowerment and helps unleash each student's full potential. Students gain fundamental leadership and life skills that help prepare them for success in middle school and beyond.

"TIGER SHARK STRONG"

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Arts-Integrated

An approach that engages students in a creative process to meet learning objectives. Students explore connections between art and academic subject areas to gain a greater understanding of both.

Project Lead the Way

An engaging, hands-on environment where students work together to solve real-world problems. PLTW empowers students to gain skills needed to thrive in college, career, and beyond.

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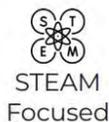


FUN FACTS ABOUT WBES

- 1 Magnet Schools Assistance Program**
A Med-Tech7 school. Beginning in 2023, students can explore the Cybersecurity, Network Engineering, and Computer Science fields.
- 2 Early Learning Center**
James J. Davis Early Learning Center is part of the WBES community. Students from Headstart to Kindergarten attend the J.J. Davis campus.
- 3 Strong Community Partnerships**
WBES partners with many community organizations to support an academically rich learning environment for students.
- 4 Student Leadership Opportunities**
As part of their commitment to Leader in Me, WBES gives each student a leadership role.
- 5 Sidewalk Obstacle Course**
WBES has a large outdoor space that encourages exploration and discovery. In addition, they have an outdoor sidewalk obstacle course.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Afterschool Program with the YMCA
- Distinguished Gentlemen
- Leading Ladies
- Various School Clubs



PRE-K
Program Offered at
J.J. Davis Early Learning Center

15:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

50,000+
Number of Math Facts Answered
in Reflex Last Year

STUDENT
of the Month Recognition

500+
Hours of Community Service
Completed by Students Last Year

1400+
Library Books Checked out
So Far This Year

PreK-8th GRADE SCHOOLS

River Ridge Academy and Robert Smalls International Academy are the only public Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade schools in Beaufort County. Both schools are listed on the Elementary School Program Overview and Middle School Program Overview charts.



RIVER RIDGE ACADEMY

3050 RIVER RIDGE DR., BLUFFTON, SC | (843) 836-4600



River Ridge Academy (RRA) is committed to providing a world-class educational experience for each and every student. As the only K-8 public school in Bluffton, RRA has a unique opportunity to help students develop a strong academic foundation and nurture their passion for knowledge.

The school's emphasis on character development provides students with a sense of agency to make a difference in their school and community. By providing a safe and engaging learning environment, students feel comfortable and confident to take an active role in their education.

The academic programs offered at River Ridge Academy provide students an opportunity to learn in a way that best suits their individual needs. Both Montessori and Project Lead the Way are programs that encourage exploration, collaboration, and hands-on learning, while supporting students' natural development.

"BUILDING A BETTER WORLD, ONE STUDENT A TIME"

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Montessori

An individualized, self-paced program that allows students to follow their own curiosity. Students work individually and collaboratively to discover, explore, and develop their maximum potential.

Project Lead the Way

An engaging, hands-on environment where students work together to solve real-world problems. PLTW empowers students to gain skills needed to thrive in college, career, and beyond.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT RRA

- 1 Dedicated to Service**
Students and staff at RRA give back to the local community throughout the year by partnering with charitable organizations.
- 2 VEX IQ Excellence & Skills Champion Awards**
VEX Competitions allow students to showcase their ability to design, build, and program a robot. RRA won 2 of the top awards in 2020.
- 3 Voted Best of Bluffton**
RRA was voted Best of Bluffton (Public School) in 2019 & 2020. Best of Bluffton is voted on by residents of the Town of Bluffton.
- 4 Project Lead the Way Launch**
The only school in Bluffton to offer PLTW Launch - a program for grades K-5 that empowers students to develop essential skills.
- 5 A Green Steps School**
Recognized as a school that takes annual sustainable steps toward becoming more environmentally responsible.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Basketball
- Baseball
- Cheerleading
- Chess Club
- Football
- Girls on the Run
- Green Steps Club
- GT Music Club
- Guitar Club
- National Junior Honor Society
- Robotics Club
- Soccer
- Softball
- Track & Field
- Valuable Vocalists
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Young Astronauts Club



Engineering in
Grades K-8



Responsive
Classroom



Montessori
Program

3 YEARS

as Softball and Volleyball
Champions (2019-21)

16:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

STEM

Certified by Cognia

30 HOURS

of Community Service by each
NJHS Member

10,000+

Library Books Read by
Students This Year

2 ANNUAL

Adopt-a-Highway Clean Ups
along Bluffton Parkway



ROBERT SMALLS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

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Robert Smalls International Academy (RSIA) empowers students to take an active role in their educational journey. As one of only two PK-8 public schools in Beaufort, RSIA is able to provide students with a strong academic foundation that will prepare them as they transition to high school.

During the 2021-22 school year, RSIA launched its first courses in partnership with Cambridge International Academy. Students in 6th through 8th grades participate in Global Perspectives coursework, in addition to their state social studies curriculum. This partnership will allow students to develop the skills needed to become lifelong learners.

True to the name of the school, RSIA helps students develop an international mindset. By exploring and embracing the diversity of the school community, students gain an appreciation of cultural differences and prepare to successfully participate in a global society.

“GREAT THINGS HAPPENS HERE”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Cambridge International Academy

An international curriculum designed to build a strong academic foundation for all students. Students develop skills to be confident, responsible, and engaged learners.

Learning Through Leadership

A whole-school learning model based around Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective people that builds leadership and life skills in students, and empowers them to become leaders in their school and community.



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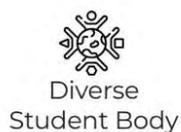


FUN FACTS ABOUT RSIA

- 1 High School Credits**
8th grade students have the opportunity to take Algebra 1 and start earning high school credits.
- 2 Responsible ARTistry**
Partners with Responsible ARTistry, a local organization created to mentor youth through the Arts, for musical storytelling.
- 3 Annual Generals' Boot Camp**
An opportunity to welcome and support rising 6th graders as they transition to RSIA.
- 4 Dedicated to Service**
Hosts an annual Week of Service, where students are encouraged to make an impact in their community.
- 5 Historical Namesake**
RSIA is named after Robert Smalls, a former slave who escaped and went on to become a Congressman representing Beaufort.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Art Club
- Baseball
- Band
- Baseball
- Basketball
- CTE
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Football
- PSAT
- Soccer
- Softball
- Spanish
- Student Lighthouse Team
- Track
- Volleyball
- Wrestling



PRE-K

Program Offered at RSIA

11:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

1250+

Positive Behavior Referrals Each Year

LIFETIME

Achievement Award from the American Heart Association

2023

When the New RSIA Campus Will be Open



Rendering Courtesy of LS3P

MIDDLE SCHOOL

OVERVIEW OF MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS

2022-2023 Programmatic District		Grade Levels Served	6th-8th							
Academic	Cambridge Academy	6th-8th							✓	
	Classical Studies	6th-8th		✓						
	International Baccalaureate (IB)	6th-8th				✓				
	Montessori	6th-8th					✓			
	Pre-Medical Sciences	6th-8th					✓			
Schoolwide Programs	Arts Integration	6th-8th		✓	✗		✓			✓
	Learning Through Leadership	6th-8th	✓						✓	
	Project Lead the Way/ Gateway to Technology	6th-8th	✓		✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓	Choice Available Within, and Outside of, School Student Attendance Zone
✓	Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP)
✗	Choice Available Within School Student Attendance Zone



BEAUFORT MIDDLE

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Beaufort Middle School (BMS) has developed a student-centered school culture that promotes academic success. Through rigorous arts-integrated learning, students develop the skills and characteristics needed to succeed in high school and beyond.

BMS is the only school in Beaufort County that offers the Classical Studies program. This program provides a unique, college preparatory learning experience for students. Students develop a strong understanding of the past and use this knowledge to create a better future.

Students at BMS receive a balanced learning experience that promotes the education of the whole person. Through an innovative and creative learning environment, students are able to recognize and develop their unique strengths and reach their full potential.

“WHERE GRYPHONS RISE, FLY & SOAR”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Arts-Integrated

An approach that engages students in a creative process to meet learning objectives. Students explore connections between art and academic subject areas to gain a greater understanding of both.

Classical Studies

A college-preparatory program with a focus on critical thinking, accountability, and civic responsibility. By studying the classics, students gain a strong appreciation for the past.



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BEAUFORT MIDDLE

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FUN FACTS ABOUT BMS

- 1 High School Credits**
Students have the opportunity to earn high school course credits while attending BMS.
- 2 Committed to the Arts**
An Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) school since 2009. BMS has received Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) grant funding since 2010.
- 3 Annual Student Productions**
Students enrolled in Fine Arts courses produce an annual musical performance. Past shows have included Annie, Lion King Jr., & Shrek Jr.
- 4 Magnet Schools Assistance Program**
A Med-Tech7 school. Beginning in 2023, students can explore the Medical Field through the Pre-Med and Biomedical Science track.
- 5 Advanced Learning Opportunities**
Well-defined Gifted & Talented program that serves 19% of students. 28% of students are enrolled in an Advanced section of core classes.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- After-School Tutoring
- Band
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Chorus
- Drama Team
- Football
- GT Intervention
- Gryphon Beats
- Mentoring
- Morning News
- National Junior Honor Society
- Orchestra
- Soccer
- Softball
- Student Council
- Student Police Academy
- Track & Field
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Volleyball
- Yearbook

20,000,000+

Words Read per Year in Reading Plus

14:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

630

Years of Collective Experience from BMS Teachers

24

Sport Championships Since 2010

6

High School Credit Courses Offered

10,000+

Library Books Checked Out Last Year



BLUFFTON MIDDLE

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Bluffton Middle School (BLMS) provides students with a challenging curriculum that actively engages them in every lesson. Their carefully designed academic program gives each student the opportunity to develop and grow academically, emotionally, and socially.

The Learning through Leadership program is the guiding spirit behind the school's instruction. BLMS focuses on the strengths of each student as they develop into strong leaders, both in and out of the classroom.

The academic offerings at BLMS encourage students to explore and discover while learning fundamental skills that will lead to academic success for years to come. In addition to the core curriculum, students have the opportunity to participate in exploratory classes that appeal to their individual interests.

"A TRADITION OF CHERISHING AND CHALLENGING EVERY STUDENT"

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Learning Through Leadership

A whole-school learning model that builds leadership and life skills in students, and empowers them to become leaders in their school and community.

Project Lead the Way

An engaging, hands-on environment where students work together to solve real-world problems. PLTW empowers students to gain skills needed to thrive in college, career, and beyond.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT BLMS

- 1 Financial Literacy**
The only middle school in BCSD to offer a Financial Literacy course to students.
- 2 School Improvement Council Honorable Mention**
BLMS was a finalist for the Dick and Tunky Riley Award which recognizes SIC for outstanding action in their public schools.
- 3 National Beta School of Merit**
Recognized as a National Beta School of Merit in 2021. This award honors dedication and commitment to academic excellence.
- 4 Green Steps School**
Recognized as a school that takes annual sustainable steps towards becoming more environmentally responsible.
- 5 Best of Bluffton Staff Awards**
Home to the best middle school teacher and coach in the 2021 Best of Bluffton Awards.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Art Club
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Culinary Cooking Creations
- Dance Club
- FCA
- Football
- GT Art Club
- Green Steps Club
- Jr. Beta Club
- Leading Ladies Club
- Model United Nations
- Mustang TV
- National Junior Honor Society
- Photography Club
- Project Unity
- Robotics Club
- Soccer
- Softball
- Student Leadership Committee
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Yearbook
- Youth in Government

90%+
Retention of Highly Qualified Educators

23:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

STEM
Certified by AdvancED

320
Students Recognized Annually for Exemplifying Character Traits

10,000+
Community Service Hours Earned by Students

20
Minutes of Daily Flex Time



H.E. MCCRACKEN MIDDLE

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H.E. McCracken Middle School (HEMMS) provides each student with opportunities to strengthen their academic, social, and emotional skill sets. By continuing to build on the foundation that was set in elementary school, HEMMS is able to further enhance students' academic ability and love of learning. Teachers create interactive lessons aimed toward achieving student growth.

The social-emotional capacity of students is a top priority of HEMMS. The school provides a responsive and equitable learning environment, where every student feels valued, respected, and welcome. The school's community embraces, supports, and finds strength in their diversity.

The academic offerings at HEMMS are purposefully selected and designed to prepare students for a successful transition to high school. As an arts-integrated STEAM school, McCracken provides a collaborative environment where students are engaged in exploration of creativity and critical thinking.

“TOGETHER WE BUILD AND CONNECT”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Arts-Integrated

An approach that engages students in a creative process to meet learning objectives. Students explore connections between art and academic subject areas to gain a greater understanding of both.

Project Lead the Way

An engaging, hands-on environment where students work together to solve real-world problems. PLTW empowers students to gain skills needed to thrive in college, career, and beyond.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT HEMMS

- 1 Arts-Integrated School**
 HEMMS is recognized as an SC Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) school. Student artwork is showcased throughout the campus.
- 2 STEAM Focused**
 Students are invited to participate in whole-school engineering and design challenges that encourage creativity and exploration.
- 3 Annual Bulldog Camp**
 Students are invited to visit HEMMS prior to the start of the school year to help them feel comfortable with their transition.
- 4 District Middle School Counselor of the Year**
 Award-winning counselors, including the most recent BCSD Middle School Counselor of the Year in 2022, assist and support students.
- 5 Unique Namesake**
 HEMMS is named after Henry Emmett McCracken, who served as the Superintendent of Beaufort County School District No. 2 in 1950.

8,000+
Book Titles in the Media Center

16:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

ANNUAL
Art Contests for Students

3,100+
Student Volunteer Hours

WEEKLY
Classroom Visits from the PTO WooHoo Wagon

1:1
Per Student with Smart Technology in every Classroom

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Anime Club
- National Junior Art Honor Society
- Band
- National Junior Honor Society
- Baseball
- Paint & Model Building Club
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Cheerleading
- Softball
- Connections
- Swimming
- Cross Country
- Tennis
- FCA
- Track and Field
- Football
- Volleyball
- Junior Beta Club
- Wrestling
- Yearbook



Innovative
Maker Space



Hands-On
Learning



Bulldogs Daily
News Show



HILTON HEAD ISLAND MIDDLE

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Hilton Head Island Middle School (HHIMS) provides students with the skills and support needed to achieve academic success at the highest level. As the only school in Beaufort County that offers the Middle Years Programme (MYP), HHIMS prepares students to seamlessly transition to high school.

The academic programs offered at HHIMS encourage students to make connections between traditional learning and the real world. In addition to MYP, they offer Project Lead the Way, which allows students to explore and engage in activities they are passionate about.

With a highly diverse student body, HHIMS is committed to building a school culture that supports diversity in a safe, nurturing environment. Students are able to recognize their individual strengths and needs and use that knowledge to grow as lifelong learners.

“WE JUST CAN’T HIDE THAT STINGRAY PRIDE”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

International Baccalaureate

An inquiry-based approach that nurtures and develops students as active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. This program challenges students to become internationally-minded.

Project Lead the Way

An engaging, hands-on environment where students work together to solve real-world problems. PLTW empowers students to gain skills needed to thrive in college, career, and beyond.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT HHIMS

- 1 Published Student Work**
HHIMS' students have artwork, poetry, and short stories published in two books - "The River of Words" and "Living with COVID".
- 2 Hilton Head Lantern Parade**
Students create lanterns and participate in the Hilton Head Lantern Parade each year, as a way to celebrate the history of the Island.
- 3 Dedicated to Service**
Students at HHIMS give back to the local community throughout the year by partnering with charitable organizations.
- 4 Basketball Champions**
The girls Basketball team has won the District Championship for 3 years in a row, and the boys team has won for the past 2 years.
- 5 Award-Winning Staff**
Home to the most recent Town of Hilton Head's Mayor's Honored Islander Award.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Book Club
- Cheerleading
- FCA
- Football
- Interact Club
- National Junior Honor Society
- Running Club
- Soccer
- Softball
- Student Council
- Swimming
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Yearbook



Diverse Student Body



Unique Learning Experiences



PBIS School Store

14
Nationalities Represented through HHIMS Student Body

15:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

10
Character Traits in the IB Learner Profile

225+
Students Projects Displayed at the 2022 Science Fair

ALLIGATORS
Have Been Known to Visit the HHIMS Campus

780+
Assignments Completed in Afterschool Tutoring



LADY'S ISLAND MIDDLE

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Lady's Island Middle School (LIMS) provides a high-quality academic program that offers the flexibility to accommodate the different skill sets, learning abilities, and interests of each student. Through a personalized approach, students are able to find their passions while becoming successful learners.

Committed to their mission, LIMS promotes lifelong learning and individual creativity through their academic offerings. In addition to Project Lead the Way and Arts-Integration, LIMS also offers a Pre-Med Academy. Through this program, students have the opportunity to earn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and first aid certifications.

The experiences and opportunities offered at LIMS are designed to promote the personal growth and development of each student. Students gain the knowledge and skills needed to meet current and future global challenges.

"LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY MOTIVATION SERVICE"

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Arts-Integrated

An approach that engages students in a creative process to meet learning objectives. Students explore connections between art and academic subject areas to gain a greater understanding of both.

Pre-Med Sciences

An engaging, hands-on environment where students work together to solve real-world problems. PLTW empowers students to gain skills needed to thrive in college, career, and beyond.

Project Lead the Way

An immersive program that prepares students to be highly competitive in the medical field. Students receive hands-on, real-world learning experiences, to include CPR & First Aid Training.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT LIMS

- 1 ABC Certified School**
 LIMS is an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Certified School, meaning the school maintains an arts-rich learning environment.
- 2 First in the Nation**
 LIMS was the first middle school in the nation to become STEM Certified by Cognia.
- 3 Magnet Schools Assistance Program**
 A Med-Tech7 school. Beginning in 2023, students can explore the Medical Field through the Pre-Med and Biomedical Science track.
- 4 Merge EDU Innovation Grant**
 One of only two schools in the country to receive this grant in 2021. Merge EDU helps enhance STEM and Science programs.
- 5 Dedicated to Service**
 Students and staff at LIMS give back to the local community throughout the year by partnering with charitable organizations.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Baseball
- Basketball
- FCA
- Football
- Lady's Island Jr. Leadership
- National Junior Honor Society
- Soccer
- Softball
- Student Council
- Student Police Academy
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Young Leaders of Beaufort



Whole School
STEAM Challenges



Award-Winning
Robotics Team



College & Career
Cafe Program

200,000+
LiveSchool Points Awarded
for Positive Behavior

16:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

STEM
Certified by Cognia

2000+
Food Items Donated to a Local
Food Pantry this Year

35
Students Earned their CPR
Certification Last Year

150+
Volunteers for our Cougar
Community Clean-Ups



WHALE BRANCH MIDDLE

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Whale Branch Middle School (WBMS) is committed to providing an engaging STEAM-based academic program where students can take an active role in their learning. Rigorous instruction coupled with positive relationships give students the support they need to succeed.

The academic offerings at WBMS encourage students to make unique connections between the content and their daily lives. Through an arts-integrated curriculum, students are able to explore their talents, pursue their passions, and achieve their full potential.

WBMS offers small class sizes, providing students with more individual attention and personalized learning. The school's tight-knit community supports the development of every student and encourages them to become lifelong learners.

“EXCELLENCE IS OUR STANDARD”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Arts-Integrated

An approach that engages students in a creative process to meet learning objectives. Students explore connections between art and academic subject areas to gain a greater understanding of both.

Project Lead the Way

An engaging, hands-on environment where students work together to solve real-world problems. PLTW empowers students to gain skills needed to thrive in college, career, and beyond.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT WBMS

- 1 Educational Epiphany Partnership**
 WBMS has a partnership with Educational Epiphany, a program that supports schools in establishing an exceptional culture of instruction.
- 2 Outdoor Learning**
 In addition to a marsh-front outdoor classroom, WBMS also has a nature trail, a greenhouse, and a community garden.
- 3 Archaeology Grant Winner**
 The WBMS Archaeology Club was awarded a grant to help further their research and education about Beaufort's Revolutionary War heritage.
- 4 True Community School**
 Each year, WBMS hosts a Fun Day where hundreds of community members come together to kick-off the new school year.
- 5 Magnet Schools Assistance Program**
 A Med-Tech7 school. Beginning in 2023, students can explore the Cybersecurity, Network Engineering, and Computer Science fields.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Archaeology Club
- Band
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Chess Club
- Cross Country
- Football
- Fort Excellence Enrichment
- Gardening Club
- MOST Club
- Media Club
- Soccer
- Softball
- Student Government
- Theatre Club
- Track
- Volleyball
- WISE Club



Diverse Student Body



STEAM Integrated



Unique Learning Experiences

10
Staff Members On-Site to Target Social-Emotional Needs

12:1
Student : Teacher Ratio

50+
Acre Campus

ANNUAL
Black History Month Celebration and Museum

500+
Hours of Staff and Student Community Service This Year

100%
of Students Passed the Accuplacer Exam for Early College Entrance in High School

HIGH SCHOOL

OVERVIEW OF HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS

2022-2023 Programmatic Choices		Beaufort High	Beaufort High	Beaufort High	Wilson High	Waynes High	Wilmington-Durham Early College High
Academic	Advanced Placement Capstone (AP)		✓	✗		✗	
	Cambridge AICE	✓				✗	
	Chinese Language	✓					
	Early College						✓
	International Baccalaureate (IB)				✗		
	Visual & Performing Arts		✓	✗			
High School Accelerated Academies/ Career and Technical Education (CTE)	Allied Health Sciences	✓	✓	✗		✗	✓
	Automotive Technology					✗	
	Aviation/Aerospace Engineering	✓					
	Biomedical Sciences PLTW	✓	✓	✗		✗	✓
	Computer Science PLTW	✓	✓		✗		✓
	Culinary Arts	✓			✗		
	Emergency & Fire Management			✗			
	Engineering PLTW	✓	✓	✗		✗	✓
	Environmental & Natural Resources Management	✓					
	Family & Consumer Sciences		✓	✗	✗		
	Hospitality and Tourism				✗		
	JROTC - (MRHS Students Only)			✓			
	Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security					✗	✓
	Media Technology	✓		✗			
	Welding Technologies	✓				✗	
Schoolwide Programs	Learning Through Leadership	✓					

✓	Choice Available Within, and Outside of, School Student Attendance Zone
✗	Choice Available Within School Student Attendance Zone



BATTERY CREEK HIGH

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Battery Creek High School (BCHS) engages students by providing a rigorous and relevant curriculum in an environment where differences are embraced and celebrated. The learning experiences provided at BCHS encourage students to discover their passions and reach their full potential.

By completing the Learning Through Leadership program, students are empowered to take an active role in their school experience. Throughout high school, students complete a four-course sequence and are given opportunities to showcase their leadership ability and skills. Battery Creek is the only high school in Beaufort County that offers the Learning Through Leadership program.

The academic pathways at BCHS challenges all students to realize their greatest potential. With dual enrollment opportunities and 10 Career & Technical Education (CTE) pathways, students are able to select the courses that best meet their individual needs. Every student receives support and guidance to graduate both college and career ready.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Learning Through Leadership

A whole-school learning model that builds leadership and life skills in students, and empowers them to become leaders in their school and community.

Academic Programs

- Cambridge AICE Diploma / College Credit
- Chinese Language

Accelerated Academies/Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- Aerospace Engineering Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
- Environmental & Natural Resources Management
- General Management
- Health Science
- Media Technology
- Sports Medicine
- Web & Digital Communications
- Welding Technology





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FUN FACTS ABOUT BCHS

- 1 Leader in Me Lighthouse School**
 1 of only 3 high schools in the world to become Lighthouse Certified.
 The only high school and 4th school in BCSD to receive this recognition.
- 2 Award Winning Band**
 The Dolphin Pride Marching Band was one of only 10 in the country invited to participate in the 2019 Thanksgiving Parade in Chicago.
- 3 Why Creek? Part 1**
 "I love the family feel of Creek. The best parts are the opportunities with academic and athletics." - C. Robinson, C/O 2022
- 4 Program Trailblazer**
 BCHS was the second school in the state to offer the Cambridge Assessment International Education program.
- 5 Why Creek? Part 2**
 "Creek felt like home...It's a welcoming environment. Here I can be part of something larger than myself." D. Vega, C/O 2022

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Academic World Quest
- Anime Club
- Band
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Chamber Choir
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Drone Club
- FBLA
- FCA
- FFA
- Football
- Girls Who Code
- Golf
- HOSA
- Interact
- JROTC Marksmanship
- La Fuerza
- Lighthouse Leadership Team
- National Honor Society
- Project Unify
- Robotics
- SADD
- Sewing Club
- Soccer
- Softball
- Spanish Honor Society
- Sports Information
- Student Government
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Theater
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling ... and more!

\$3,732,300+

Awarded in Scholarships
to the Class of 2021

12:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

193

Students will take the Cambridge
International Exams this Year

2023

When \$56 Million Referendum
Renovations will be Complete

100+

Positive Behavior Certificates
Presented each Semester

TOP

College & University Acceptances
including USC, Clemson, NYU,
& Dartmouth



BEAUFORT HIGH

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Beaufort High School (BHS) is committed to providing students with a well-rounded academic program. True to their mission, BHS provides an engaging learning environment that supports students in developing important life and career skills.

BHS allows students the flexibility to pursue their passions and explore new interests. Students have access to a wide range of academic and extracurricular offerings that allow them to customize their educational journey and choose a path that best supports their plans for the future.

Students can select from 10 Career & Technical Education (CTE) pathways, 17 AP courses, and numerous academic specialty programs, in addition to Dual Credit Enrollment options through two local colleges. At BHS, students have a unique opportunity to complete up to 20 college credit hours and receive industry recognized certificates.

“COME SOAR WITH US”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Advanced Placement Capstone (AP)

A diploma program based on two year long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. Students develop essential skills needed to succeed in college and beyond.

Visual & Performing Arts

A highly-specialized program for students with a serious interest in the Arts. Students are encouraged to develop and achieve their creative and expressive potential.

Accelerated Academies/Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- Allied Health Services
- Biomedical Science PLTW
- Business and Marketing
- Computer Science PLTW
- Engineering PLTW
- Family & Consumer Sciences

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FUN FACTS ABOUT BHS

- 1 Strong Student Academic Achievement**
 100% of the Class of 2022 is on track to graduate with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. 89% of all BHS students are on the Honor Roll.
- 2 Nationally Recognized Arts Program**
 BHS has a strong Fine Arts program that produces high-quality performances and has won many accolades.
- 3 Magnet Schools Assistance Program**
 A Med-Tech7 school. Beginning in 2024, students can explore the Medical Field through the Pre-Med and Biomedical Science track.
- 4 National Merit Scholarship Finalists**
 The BHS Class of 2022 has two National Merit Scholarship finalists. Finalists for this award make up only 1% of all applicants.
- 5 Famous and Well-Known Alumni**
 BHS has an impressive list of alumni, including politicians, recording artists, professional athletes, best-selling authors, and Broadway stars.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Academic World Quest
 - BHS Talon Yearbook
 - Baseball
 - Basic Home Repair Club
 - Basketball
 - CREATE Club
 - Campus Beautification
 - Cheerleading
 - Crochet Club
 - Cross Country
 - DAYLO Club
 - DECA
 - Diversity Council
 - FBLA
 - FCA
 - Football
 - French Honor Society
 - Golf
- HOSA Club
 - Interact Club
 - Key Club International Club
 - Kitty Hawk JROTC Honor Society
 - Lacrosse
 - Model United Nations Club
 - National Honor Society
 - Project Unified Club
 - Robotics Club
 - Sea Island Sound Marching Band
 - Soccer
 - Softball
 - Spanish National Honor Society
 - Student Council
 - Volleyball
 - Wrestling
 - Youth in Government Club
 - and more!

\$14,990,000+

Awarded in Scholarships to the Class of 2021

16:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

8,600+

Hours of Community Service Completed by BHS Students

33

Athletic Teams with Numerous Regional & State Championships

87%+

of Graduates Matriculate into Post-Secondary Education

TOP

College & University Acceptances including Harvard, Vanderbilt, The Citadel, & WestPoint



BLUFFTON HIGH

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Bluffton High School (BLHS) offers a rigorous but flexible academic program designed to meet the diverse needs of every student. 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, several Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways, and 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.

The school culture celebrates individuality, diversity, and respect for others. Students at BLHS are encouraged to discover their full potential and become the best versions of themselves.

“IT’S BETTER TO BE A BOBCAT”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Advanced Placement Capstone (AP)

A diploma program based on two year long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. Students develop essential skills needed to succeed in college and beyond.

Visual & Performing Arts

A highly-specialized program for students with a serious interest in the Arts. Students are encouraged to develop and achieve their creative and expressive potential.

Accelerated Academies/Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- Allied Health Services
- Biomedical Science PLTW
- Emergency & Fire Management
- Engineering PLTW
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- JRTOC
- Media Technology

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FUN FACTS ABOUT BLHS

- 1 Top High School**
 US News and World Report lists BLHS in the top 10% of public high schools in South Carolina. The report also ranks them as #2 in BCSD.
- 2 High Graduation Rate**
 In 2021, BLHS led the District with 90% of the graduating class earning College or Career Ready status.
- 3 Top South Carolina Scholarship**
 Fourteen students from the Class of 2021 were named Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients.
- 4 Strong JROTC Program**
 The BLHS JROTC program is the largest in the District. The Drill, Color Guard, and Raider teams compete throughout the region.
- 5 District Counselor of the Year**
 Awarded the Beaufort County School District Counselor of the Year in 2022.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Academic WorldQuest
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bobcat Band
- Bobcat Newspaper
- Bobcat Reading Club
- Cheerleading
- Chorus
- Cross Country
- DECA
- Dance
- Drill Team
- Football
- Golf
- JROTC
- Lacrosse
- Model UN
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National Art Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Orchestra
- PET Club
- Robotics Club
- Science Honor Society
- Science Olympiad
- Soccer
- Softball
- Spanish Honor Society
- Student 2 Student Ambassador
- Student Council
- Swimming
- Teens for Healthy Youth
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Tri-M Honor Society
- Volleyball and more!

\$10,000,000+

Awarded in Scholarships to the Class of 2021

15:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

140

Seniors (C/O '21) Successfully Completed CTE Pathways

500+

AP Tests Administered to over 300 Students in 2021

6,300+

Library Books Checked Out by Students Last Year

TOP

College & University Acceptances including USC, Clemson & College of Charleston



HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH

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Hilton Head Island High School (HHIHS) offers a rich program of courses designed to support students with their individual goals. As the only school in Beaufort County that offers the IB Diploma Programme, HHIHS prepares students to successfully transition to college or a career.

In addition to the IB Diploma Programme, HHIHS offers students multiple advanced placement courses and Career & Technical Education (CTE) pathways - including the only Hospitality and Tourism program in the District. With so many offerings available, students are able to identify and pursue their interests throughout their high school career.

HHIHS provides a balanced educational program that challenges students to excel academically and thrive personally. Students feel empowered to be their full, authentic selves in an environment where differing viewpoints and multiple perspectives are appreciated.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

International Baccalaureate

An inquiry-based approach that nurtures and develops students as active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. This program challenges students to become internationally-minded.

Accelerated Academies/Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- Computer Science PLTW
- Culinary Arts
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Hospitality & Tourism



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FUN FACTS ABOUT HHIHS

- 1 Directors Cup Champions**
 Won the Directors Cup for eight consecutive years. An award for the top athletics programs in each high school classification.
- 2 Top High School**
 US News and World Report lists HHIHS in the top 10% of public high schools in the United States. The report also ranks them as #1 in BCSD.
- 3 NFL Alum**
 Poona Ford, HHIHS Class of 2014, is an NFL Defensive Tackle with the Seattle Seahawks and the '17 Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year.
- 4 National Merit Scholarship Finalists**
 The HHIHS Class of 2022 has two National Merit Scholarship finalists. Finalists for this award make up only 1% of all applicants.
- 5 Ruby Jubilee**
 HHIHS has a history of excellence and will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary next year with a Ruby Jubilee.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Academic World Quest
- Baseball & Softball
- Basketball
- Beta Club
- Book Club
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country & Track
- Culture Club
- DECA
- FCA
- Football
- French Honor Society
- GSA: Project Rainbow
- Golf
- Interact Club
- International Thespian Society
- Junior Leadership
- Lacrosse
- Latinx Affinity Club
- Model United Nations
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National Art Honor Society
- Quill and Scroll
- Robotics
- Science National Honor Society
- Seahawk Stage Company
- Soccer
- Society of Women Engineers
- Spanish Honor Society
- Spike Ball Club
- Student Government Association
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Volleyball and more!

\$4,200,000+

Awarded in Scholarships
to the Class of 2021

16:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

97%

IB Diploma Conferral Rate
for the 2020-21 School Year

34

HHIHS Recognized in the 2022
Scholastic Art Award Competition

24

IB/AP Options for
Advanced Courses

TOP

College & University Acceptances
including Duke, UCLA & Winthrop



MAY RIVER HIGH

601 NEW RIVERSIDE RD., BLUFFTON, SC | (843) 836-4900



May River High School (MRHS) provides students with access to rigorous curriculum 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. 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. Through their offerings, students have the opportunity to create and follow a unique path that prepares them to achieve their individual goals.

“TRADITION STARTS TODAY”

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Advanced Placement Capstone (AP)

A diploma program based on two year long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. Students develop essential skills needed to succeed in college and beyond.

Cambridge AICE Diploma

An international curriculum designed to build a strong academic foundation for all students. Students develop skills to be confident, responsible, and engaged learners.

Accelerated Academies/Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- Allied Health Services
- Automotive Technology
- Engineering PLTW
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Sports Medicine
- Welding Technology

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FUN FACTS ABOUT MRHS

- 1 One of the First**
MRHS is one of the only three high schools in South Carolina to offer the Cambridge Program.
- 2 Co-Curricular Leaders**
The co-curricular opportunities at MRHS allow students to lead their organizations to success at the local, state, and national levels.
- 3 Voted Best of Bluffton**
MRHS was voted Best of Bluffton (Public School) in 2021. Best of Bluffton is voted on by residents of the Town of Bluffton.
- 4 Strong Arts Program**
The Arts programs are leaders in the state. MRHS is one of the few schools that put on a full Musical production each year.
- 5 CREW Advisory Program**
This program allows students and teachers to develop positive relationships during their weekly huddles.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Academic World Quest
- Animal Welfare Club
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Best Buddies
- Beta Club
- Blue Crew
- CATE Skills USA Club
- Chess Club
- Cross Country
- DECA
- Diversity Inclusion Club
- Environment Club
- eSports
- Fine Arts Business
- Football
- GSA
- Golf
- HOSA
- Interact Club
- International Thespian Society
- Key Club
- Lacrosse
- May River Readers Book Club
- Men and Women of Distinction
- Model United Nations
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National Honor Society
- National Tech Honor Society
- Science Olympiad
- Softball
- Speech and Debate
- Student Council
- Swimming
- Vex Robotics Team
- ... and more!

\$11,189,200+

Awarded in Scholarships to the Class of 2021

17:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

91%+

Average Graduation Rate

EXCELLENT

on the SC State Report Card Each Year

48+

Athletic Championships in the Past 5 Years

TOP

College & University Acceptances including USC, Clemson, Wofford, & Furman



WHALE BRANCH EARLY COLLEGE HIGH

169 DETOUR RD., SEABROOK, SC | (843) 466-2700



Whale Branch Early College High School (WBECHS) is committed to preparing students for college or career by engaging them in a challenging and supportive academic program.

As the only Early College program in Beaufort County, WBECHS gives students the opportunity to receive a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree, or up to 2 years of college credit, at the same time. WBECHS is the only high school in Beaufort County that offers TCL courses on-site.

In addition to the Early College program, students have access to a variety of Career & Technical Education (CTE) pathways purposefully selected to help them discover the career that best fits their passions and talents. With many of the CTE pathways, students have the opportunity to earn industry-recognized certifications.

"WE ARE ON A WARPATH TO EXCELLENCE"

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Early College

An inquiry-based approach that nurtures and develops students as active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. This program challenges students to become internationally-minded.

Accelerated Academies/Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- Allied Health Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences PLTW
- Computer Science PLTW
- Engineering PLTW
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security



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FUN FACTS ABOUT WBECHS

- 1 High Graduation Rate**
WBECHS has a graduation rate of 92%, which is higher than the average graduation rate for both the District and the State.
- 2 On-Site College Courses**
The only high school in BCSD to offer college courses on campus. Students can meet with the TCL Coordinator on-site, as well.
- 3 Culinary Arts Program**
WBECHS students are able to enroll in Culinary Arts courses offered at Battery Creek High School. Transportation for this class is provided.
- 4 Magnet Schools Assistance Program**
A Med-Tech7 school. Beginning in 2024, students can explore the Cybersecurity, Network Engineering, and Computer Science fields.
- 5 NFL Alum**
Dee Delaney, WBECHS C/O, is an NFL Cornerback with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Art Club
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Football
- HOSA
- Ladies First
- Morning Show
- National Honor Society
- Principal Ambassadors
- Soccer
- Softball
- Student Advisory
- Student Government
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Yearbook

\$2,300,000+

Awarded in Scholarships to the Class of 2021

14:1

Student : Teacher Ratio

38%

of Seniors were CATE Completers in 2021

LEADER

in the District for Passing Rates on English II & Algebra I EOC

9TH

Grade Students can Start Taking College Courses

TOP

College & University Acceptances including USC, Clemson & Winthrop

BEAUFORT/JASPER ACADEMY FOR CAREER EXCELLENCE



BEAUFORT-JASPER ACADEMY FOR CAREER EXCELLENCE

80 LOWCOUNTRY DR., RIDGELAND, SC | (843) 987-8107



Beaufort-Jasper Academy of Career Excellence (ACE) is committed to providing students with learning experiences to fully prepare them for college or career. Through a unique and rigorous learning environment, ACE promotes academic success and an enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

ACE offers 13 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, most of which are not offered anywhere else in Beaufort County. Students are encouraged to pursue their passions and are able to select a CTE pathway that best fits their individual interests.

Students have the opportunity to earn industry recognized certifications in one or more CTE pathways during their time at ACE. In addition, the school offers off-site, work-based learning experiences for students with local business partners.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Accelerated Academies/Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- Auto Collision Repair Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Barbering/Master Hair Care
- Building Construction
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Electricity
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Law Enforcement
- Marine Tech
- Nail Tech
- Nursing
- Welding Technology

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FUN FACTS ABOUT ACE

- 1 100% Success Rate**
The past two cohorts to complete a CTE program have had a 100% success rate in earning an industry recognized certificate.
- 2 Honors English**
For students looking for increased academic rigor, ACE offers honors credit in English Language Arts (ELA) classes.
- 3 Student Perks**
Students in good standing academically and socially are eligible to receive services, such as manicures, car repairs, haircuts, and more.
- 4 College and Career Ready**
Completing a CTE program and earning an industry certification ensures students are College and Career Ready on their diploma.
- 5 Therapy Dogs**
Shadow and Evie visit classrooms to help reduce stress & anxiety in students. Both dogs are certified from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students attending ACE can participate in feeder school sports and other co-curricular activities. ACE students can also participate in:

- FCCLA
- HOSA
- National Technical Honor Society
- Recycling Club
- Skills USA
- Student Leaders Club

OFF-SITE

Learning Opportunities for Students

18

Students or Less in Each Class

DAILY

Transportation to ACE from Feeder Schools

2

SkillsUSA Champions in 2021

FOOD TRUCK

ACE has a Food Truck that Attends Local Festivals & Events

7 SCHOOLS

ACE Serves Students from all 6 BCSD High Schools & 1 Jasper County High School

ACE PROGRAM GUIDE



Auto Collision Repair	<p>Auto body repair, automotive refinishing, and collision damage estimation are areas of concentration and employment for completers of the Auto Collision Repair Technology program. Students who successfully complete this program sequence will be prepared to take and pass the respective I-Car and ASE exams.</p>
Automotive Technology	<p>In Auto Tech, students learn fundamentals of automotive systems design, operation, diagnosis, and repair. Classroom concepts and theory are applied in the shop environment where troubleshooting, service procedures, estimating and customer relations are practiced. The automotive industry is changing and growing, with increasing emphasis on safety and electronics.</p>
Barbering/ Master Hair Care 2 1/2 Semesters	<p>Barbering is the study of hair, scalp, and skin. Student's study and prepare in a clinical lab setting, using mannequins and live models for manipulative practice. A kit fee completed TB test and state permit and additional hours are required. Students must be at least 16 years old and submit required documents with application.</p>
Building Construction	<p>The Construction program introduces students to skills in the four core areas of residential construction: masonry, carpentry, electricity, and plumbing. The program emphasizes safety by preparing students to earn an OSHA 10 card in addition to professional NCCER certifications. A broad background allows the student to meet the needs of various graduate employment goals.</p>
Cosmetology 2 1/2 Semesters	<p>Cosmetology students study hair, skin, and nails and their related care. Students are grounded in theory as they prepare to practice procedures in a clinical lab setting or classroom, using manikins for manipulative skill practice. A kit fee & additional hours are required. Students must be at least 16 years old and submit required documents with application.</p>
Culinary Arts 1 Semester *2nd Semester TCL Dual Enrollment	<p>Students practice basic procedures related to kitchen and food safety, kitchen sanitation procedures, and emergency measures. Students explore the purchasing and receiving of goods and study fundamental nutritional principles. Students taking the course second semester will be enrolled in TCL Dual Enrollment and receive two TCL credits if successfully completed.</p>
Electricity	<p>Electricity students develop skills in the installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of residential, commercial, and industrial electrical systems. Students also study electrical theory and mathematical problems related to electricity. The program emphasizes safety by preparing students to earn an OSHA 10 card in addition to professional NCCER certifications.</p>
Emergency Medical Services 1 Semester Seniors Only	<p>Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is designed to teach students how to recognize and respond to various emergencies. Students will review basic anatomy and physiology as it relates to injury management and treatment. Students must be at least 16 years old and submit required documents with application.</p>

ACE PROGRAM GUIDE



<p>Law Enforcement 1 Semester</p>	<p>Students will prepare to perform the duties of police and public security officers, including patrol and investigative activities, traffic control, crowd control and public relations, witness interviewing, evidence collection and management, basic crime prevention methods, weapon and equipment operations and maintenance, and other routine law enforcement responsibilities.</p>
<p>Nursing/ Health Science</p>	<p>The nursing program emphasizes the study of nursing occupations as related to the healthcare system. Students study normal growth and development, simple body structure and function, and medical terminology. Clinical instruction in nursing homes and other healthcare facilities is a mandatory component of the program. Students will be certified in First Aid and CPR in this course and test to become licensed CNAs. Students must be at least 16 years old and submit required documents with application.</p>
<p>Marine Tech</p>	<p>Marine Tech focuses on the service and repair of watercraft and marina operations. Students gain entry-level marine trade skills in areas including inboard and outboard systems and vessel handling. The program utilizes the National Marine Trades Curriculum, developed by the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) and students test to become Yamaha certified techs.</p>
<p>Nail Technology</p>	<p>Students in Nail Tech learn to manicure, pedicure, install, and maintain artificial nails, and apply concepts associated with bacteriology, sanitation, nail disorders, anatomy and physiology, and safety. Completion prepares students for the state licensing examination in Nail Technician. Students must be at least 16 years old and submit required documents with application.</p>
<p>Welding</p>	<p>Students in Welding are taught to use manual welding, cutting, and electrical arc welding processes to fabricate and join metal parts according to diagrams, blueprints, and specifications. Students will also learn all safety-related practices and techniques. Upon completion of the program students can test for an AWS certification.</p>

Reminder that students attending ACE will take program courses along with appropriate ELA courses, except for EMS

DUAL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual credit courses—whether they are taken at the school where the student is enrolled or at a postsecondary institution—are those courses for which the student has been granted permission by his or her home school to earn both high school units of credit and college credit. One quality point may be added to the College Prep (CP) weighting for dual credit courses that are applicable to baccalaureate, associate degree, or certificates by accredited institutions per established district articulation agreements (see SBE Regulation 43-234, Defined Program, Grades 9–12, and Regulation 43-259, Graduation Requirements).

Beaufort County School District has established a cooperative agreement with the following institutions: Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) and University South Carolina Beaufort (USCB).

Why is the Dual Enrollment Program important?

- The purpose of these courses is to allow high school students who are capable of college level work to simultaneously earn both high school credit toward graduation from high school and academic course credit toward either an associate, baccalaureate degree, or certificate at an institution of higher education.
- Students who receive college credit while still in high school have a higher likelihood of graduating from high school, are more likely to continue their education after high school and have more success during their first official year of college.
- Dual enrollment programs can significantly reduce the time and cost required to pursue post-secondary education because students enroll early in courses that will be directly applied to their college transcript.
- The S.C. Commission of Higher Education requires for transferability purposes that students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average unweighted (on a 4.0 scale) based on the previous semester and as noted on the most current transcript to be considered for acceptance into Dual Enrollment classes in Beaufort County School District.
- Students must meet eligibility requirements on the ACCUPLACER, SAT or ACT in keeping with the BCSD Registration deadline.

Process Qualification:

- Recommendation by the school counselor.
- Students' parental consent to participate in the Dual Enrollment Program.
- Approval of high school principal.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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.

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. A complete list is available on the School Choice Headquarters page on the district's website.

How do I apply?

Complete an online application on the School Choice Headquarters page of the district website. Online applications will be posted on the Beaufort County School District's website beginning March 1, 2022. Completed online applications must be submitted by midnight March 31, 2022.

Can I submit my application after the March 31, 2022 deadline?

If you can document that you moved to Beaufort County – or to a different location within Beaufort County – after the deadline but before July 31, 2022, you may submit an application. Information on post-deadline application procedures will be made available April 30, 2022 on the School Choice Headquarters website.

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.

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).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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. Eight schools potentially have no availability for choice because they are at or above capacity in terms of overall student enrollment. Those schools are H.E. McCracken Middle; Hilton Head Island High; May River High; Pritchardville Elementary and Bluffton High. 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, 2022 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 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 Instructional 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.

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

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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 schoolwide 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 that your child is zoned to. The only exceptions are cases where the school choice option requires an additional, program-specific application. Those exceptions include Classical Studies at Beaufort Middle, the Montessori programs at Beaufort Elementary and River Ridge Academy, or the AMES (Advanced Math, Engineering, and Science) programs at Beaufort, Pritchardville and St. Helena elementary schools.

Are school choice options available to Pre-K children?

No. If children are determined to be eligible for prekindergarten, 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.