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## Media Release

### **Three CCSD Schools Ranked Among the Best in SC** **According to U.S. News & World Report 2025**

**Charleston, SC (September 2, 2025)** - Academic Magnet High School, Charleston County School of the Arts (SOA), and Wando High School made the U.S. News & World Report's top-10 list for high schools in South Carolina, ranking second, third, and eighth, respectively. In addition, Academic Magnet is ranked 14th in the entire country.

Consistently ranked among the best in the nation, Academic Magnet High School is known for its strong academic focus and innovative programs like the mentorship program. SOA focuses on both academics and the arts, providing a unique educational experience. At Wando, a high percentage of students participate in Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams.

Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation, and how well they prepare students for college. A great high school educates all of its students from different social and economic backgrounds, exposing them to challenging coursework on the path to graduation. The highest-ranked U.S. public schools in U.S. News & World Report's 2025-2026 Best High Schools rankings are those whose students demonstrated outstanding outcomes above expectations in math, reading, and science state assessments, earned qualifying scores on an array of college-level exams, and graduated in high proportions.

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.

