RICHLAND COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY PROGRAM
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

THIS PACKET IS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Barber/Cosmetology Program is designed to prepare students to be a Registered Barber/Master Hair Care Specialist or Cosmetologist. Students will perform techniques and arts such as haircutting and styling, facial treatments, trimming and shaving of facial hair, chemical hair relaxing, tenting and hair coloring, shampooing and rinsing and more. Upon completion of 1540 course hours, as well as all course requirements, the students will be eligible to take the state board examination to receive a license through the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations (SCDLLR). This course gives students the opportunity to experience day-to-day shop operations, communications skills, hands-on skills, proper ethics, knowledge of any type hair, diseases, and it offers an in-depth view of the hair industry.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications

All applicants must be at least 16 years old and must have completed 10th grade. SCDLLR mandates transcript verification. Entry-level grade point average (GPA) is expected to be at least 2.5 for Barbering and at least 2.0 for Cosmetology. Students are expected to be mature academically and prepared for a two (2) year commitment.

Note: All student candidates MUST be on pace with expected class prerequisites for graduation. They MUST be on track with their current Individual Graduation Plan (IGP).

Fees upon entering Barbering/Cosmetology

Permit Application Fee (Barbering ONLY) ($35.00) No services can be performed in the barbering laboratory without a **SCDLLR permit**. Fees for permits must be paid in accordance with timeline requirements. **(July 31, 2026).**

Master Hair Care Barbering Lab fees/Kit ($635)—All lab fees must be paid in full in accordance with the attached timeline. Kits include industry-ready supplies and daily disposable products used by the students.

Cosmetology Lab Fees/Kit ($600) All lab fees must be paid in full in accordance with the attached timeline. Kits include industry-ready supplies and daily disposable products used by the students.

The full kit belongs to the student and can be taken from the classroom.

Master Hair Care Barbering -Pass Tuberculin (TB) Test

SCDLLR requires a negative tuberculin test result to be submitted with an application for Master Hair Care/Barbering. Tuberculin results must be submitted in accordance with timeline requirements.

Required Documents - Master Hair Care Barbering

Students are required to submit the following documents:

- SCDLLR application
- Passport picture
- Color copy of SC photo identification card (may submit copy of driver's permit or license)
- Copy of social security card

Dress Code/Attire

Barbering/Master Hair Care

Students are required to wear scrubs EVERYDAY, and the instructor will provide information to all enrolled students. In addition, students must wear closed toe shoes.

Cosmetology

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Attendance

Attendance is extremely important.

*Maintain Good Attendance (*no excessive absences)

Example High School Clock Hours:

180 days x 2 hours 30 minutes	450 hours (year 1)	450 hours
180 days x 2 hours 30 minutes	450 hours (year 2)	450 hours
Subtotal		900 hours
Total allowable hours for other approved activities	100 hours	
Subtotal		1000 hours
Academic Appropriation	540 hours	
Total Barbering/Cosmetology Hours		1540 hours

Students must complete 1,540 clock hours in an approved barbering program or cosmetology program; this is mandated by the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Board of Barbering/Cosmetology. In order to obtain the required hours, a student must be in attendance every day to receive a license. **If any day is missed, excused or unexcused by the school district, the time must be made up in the barbering/cosmetology department in order to receive the required clock hours**. In an attempt to assist students in receiving all the necessary hours, the following procedures have been made to receive additional hours outside of regular classroom time:

- Job shadowing/mentoring with approved barber professional (Barbering program only).
- Staying after school with the teacher.
- Arriving to class early when the teacher is present.
- Participating in mandatory Saturday events in the barbering/cosmetology department outside of the normal school day.

Student and Parent Orientation Meeting (mandatory)

Prior to the beginning of school, all parents and students are required to attend an orientation meeting to review expectations, requirements, and dress code. During the meeting, GPA will be discussed. Barbering GPA – 2.5

 Cosmetology GPA – 2.0

COURSE REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES

Courses should be taken sequentially:

Barber/Master Hair Care 2 – ***Pass Barber/Master Hair Care 1 with a minimum of a 70 average and a minimum of 250 clock hours;***

Barber/Master Hair Care 3 – ***Pass Barber/Master Hair Care 2 with a minimum of a 70 average and a minimum of 500 clock hours;***

Barber/Master Hair Care 4 – ***Pass Barber/Master Hair Care 3 with a minimum of a 70 average and a minimum of 750 clock hours OR teacher/administrator approval (based on SCLLR guidelines)***

Courses should be taken sequentially:

Cosmetology 2 – ***Pass Cosmetology 1 with a minimum of a 75 average and a minimum of 250 clock hours;***

Cosmetology 3 – ***Pass Cosmetology 2 with a minimum of a 75 average and a minimum of 500 clock hours***

Cosmetology 4 – ***Pass Cosmetology 3 with a minimum of a 75 average and a minimum of 750 clock hours OR teacher/administrator (based on SCLLR guidelines)***

TIMELINE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

2026-2027 School Year

- October 10, 2025
  - Applications Sent Electronically to Feeder School Counselors
- March 20, 2026
  - Deadline for submission of Student Applications from Feeder Schools
- April 13-30, 2026
  - Student Interviews Scheduled at School
- May 15, 2026
  - Acceptance Letter Emailed to Students, Parents & Feeder Schools Notified
- July 31, 2026
  - Parent/Student Orientation Meeting TBA
  - $35 Barber Application Fee Due

Deadline for ALL State board Applications/Required Documents for Barbering August 2025 (information regarding application will be supplied to students accepted in program).

Note: Students who do not submit requested information and application fee by this date will not be enrolled in the program and will lose their slot to the next person on the waiting list.

Student Kit Payment Due Dates

- August 18, 2026
  - 1st Payment of $155.00 required toward lab fees ($120.00) and student permit ($35.00) is due students who do not submit payment by the first day of school August 16 will lose their slot to the next person on the waiting list.
- September 16, 2026
  - 2nd payment of $120.00 required toward lab fees is due. .
- October 16, 2026

  3rd payment of $120.00 required toward lab fees is due.
- November 16, 2026

  4th payment of $120.00 required toward lab fees is due.
- December 16, 2026

  5th final payment of $120.00 required toward lab fees due.

INTEREST SECTION

Personal Information

Name_____
Last First Middle

Street Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Telephone_____ E-mail Address_____

Date of Birth_____ Age_____ Current Grade_____

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Teacher Recommendation *(Please provide 2 different teacher references)*

Teacher Name	**Course(s) Taught**	**Initials**
_____	_____	_____

Explain why this student would be a good fit for the Cosmetology/Barbering Program:

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_____	_____	_____

Explain why this student would be a good fit for the Cosmetology/Barbering Program:

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****Please attach a typed essay explaining why you should be accepted into the Cosmetology/Barbering program.**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY _____GPA _____UNEXCUSED ABSENCES _____REFERRALS
_____SUNS ID STUDENT AND PARENT AGREEMENT

PREREQUISITES: **Barbering: GPA of 2.5 or better; Cosmetology: GPA of 2.0 or better**
Good attendance and behavior; Interviewed by the instructor/committee

The Cosmetology/Barbering Programs are designed to prepare students to qualify for state board licensure examinations. This is a two-year completion program. Students will receive training in the art and science of the care and beautification of hair, skin, and nails. Students must be at least 16 years old and have completed the 10th grade.

All students must provide the instructor with proof of medical insurance/coverage, a picture ID and other documents required by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations (SCDLLR). Students are required to purchase a kit/lab supplies which will include a lab jacket and daily disposable products. You are expected to pay the following fees by the established deadlines to ensure kits are ordered January 2026 - Semester 2.

August 18, 2026 1st Payment $120.00 for kit/lab fees and ($35 Barber Application Fee Barbering only)
September 16, 2026 -2nd Payment $120.00 Kit/Lab Fees
October 16, 2026 - 3rd Payment $120.00 Kit/Lab Fees
November 16, 2026 – 4th Payment $120.00 Kit/Lab Fees
December 16, 2026- 5th Final payment $120.00 Kit/Lab Fees
Students are also responsible for purchasing closed toe/heeled shoes.

Parent and Student Agreement:
I understand the requirements for being enrolled in the Richland One Cosmetology/Barbering Program. I agree to allow my child to participate, and I understand that completing this agreement does not guarantee my child's acceptance into the program.

Student's Name (please print): _____
(Last, First, Middle Name)

Student's Signature: _____

Feeder School: _____

Circle the Program of Interest: Barbering or Cosmetology

Parent's Name (please print): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____