



2010-2011

Awards and Honors

School/District Awards

Palmetto's Finest Award Finalists

Blythewood High School
Kelly Mill Middle School

Palmetto Gold Awards

Bethel-Hanberry Elementary School
Blythewood High School
Blythewood Middle School
Bookman Road Elementary School
Bridge Creek Elementary
Center for Inquiry
Center for Knowledge
Killian Elementary School
Lake Carolina Elementary School (2 gold awards)
Ridge View High School
Round Top Elementary School
Sandlapper Elementary School

Palmetto Silver Awards

Bethel-Hanberry Elementary School
Blythewood High School
Bookman Road Elementary School
Bridge Creek Elementary School
L.W. Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet School
Killian Elementary School
Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School
North Springs Elementary School
Polo Road Elementary School (2 silver awards)
Rice Creek Elementary School (2 silver awards)
Sandlapper Elementary School
Spring Valley High School

National School of Character

Lake Carolina Elementary School

National School to Watch

Blythewood Middle School

Red Carpet Schools

Bookman Road Elementary
Bridge Creek Elementary
Clemson Road Child Development Center
Dent Middle School
Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary

National Awards

National teacher/employee awards

Micro Society George Award

Patricia Earle (Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School)

National Council for Social Studies' 2010 Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year

Charles Vaughn (Richland Northeast High School)

Magnet Schools of America National Teacher of the Year

Lynn Washington (Richland Northeast High School)

Magnet Schools of America Region IX Principal of the Year

Ralph Schmidt (Richland Northeast High School)

2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Michelle Spigner (Spring Valley High School)

National School Public Relations Association's 2011 Golden Achievement Award and Award of Merit

Public Information Department

National school awards

National Federation of State High School Associations 4A Region 4 National Award of Excellence

Blythewood High School

American Scholastic Press Association's Most Outstanding School Magazine & Best Elementary Publication

Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School's Eagle Expressions Literary Magazine

Magnet Schools of America's National Magnet School of Distinction

Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School

National Association for Professional Development Schools' Exemplary Professional Development School Achievement Award

Lake Carolina Elementary School

National student awards

2011 National Honor Band

Dillon Ashby (Ridge View High School)

Akari Ogawa and Jonathan Sanchez (Spring Valley High School)

College Options Foundation first place level 2 2010-2011 Army Academic Bowl

Blythewood High School JROTC

National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award

Blythewood High School's boys and girls soccer teams

Ben Carson Scholarship Award

Kaily Charles (Dent Middle School)

National Council for Exceptional Children's 2011 Yes I Can! Award in the area of academics

Brad Cook (Lake Carolina Elementary School)

2010 National Career Development Association Poetry and Poster Contest 1st place Intermediate Division

Caitlyn Marier (North Springs Elementary School)

JROTC Area 6 Leadership Academy Top-ranking female cadet

Jessica Cornell (Richland Northeast High School)

International Model UN Association' first place award for Best School Overall

Richland Northeast High School's Model UN team

Gatorade 2011 South Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year

Xylina McDaniel (Spring Valley High School)

National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete

Michael Israel (Spring Valley High School)

National Guard National Ranking Trophy

Spring Valley High School's Girls Basketball Team

National Merit scholars

\$2,500 from College Board

Harmony K. White (Spring Valley High School)

College Merit scholars

Taylor Kimmett (Blythewood High School)

Emily Theus (Richland Northeast High School)

William Fishburne, Brady Russo and Ryland Sundby (Spring Valley High School)

Corporate Merit scholar

Michael J. Hobensack (Spring Valley High School)

National Achievement scholars

LaVesha Parker (Ridge View High School)

Karen N. Ekeh, Travena A. Hawkins and Brendane A. Tynes (Richland Northeast High School)

Kaneisha L. Payton, Jazmin A. Ricks and Gabrielle N. Wilson (Spring Valley High School)

Christina Clay and Miah Davis (Blythewood High School)

Perfect ACT

Overall

William Fishburne (Spring Valley High School)

Emily Theus (Richland Northeast High School)

English section

Dillon Ashby (Ridge View High School)

Math section

Dillon Ashby (Ridge View High School)

Reading section

Katherine Wallace (Richland Northeast High School)

Najia Zahir (Ridge View High School)

Perfect SAT (7 - sections only)

Math section

Abhinav Gainey (Spring Valley High School)

Critical Reading section

Naomi Brown (Richland Northeast High School)

Laura Dorn (Richland Northeast High School)

John Parvin (Richland Northeast High School)

Wesley Paulman (Spring Valley High School)

Writing section

Davis Borucki (Richland Northeast High School)

Megan Brovan (Spring Valley High School)

State-Level Awards

State teacher/employee awards

SC Association of School Administrators Principal of the Year Award

Robin Hardy (Dent Middle School) - Middle Level Assistant Principal

Greg Owings (Spring Valley High School) - High Level Principal

SC Health Science Educators Association's 2011 Health Science Teacher of the Year

Lila Abraham (Blythewood High School)

SC Art Education Association's 2010 Principal of the Year

Dr. Jo Lane Hall (Center for Knowledge)

SC Department of Education's Barbara H. James Career Specialist of the Year

Joyce Simons (Dent Middle School)

SC Department of Education Leadership Institute's Tenenbaum Award

Dr. Randall Gary (Dent Middle School)

SC Association of School Administrators' Harley Award

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Washington (District Office)

SC Chapter of National School Public Relations Association's Medallion Award

Public Information Department (District Office) for the Anna Boyd, Preserving the Legacy Project

SC Theatre Association's Lifetime Achievement Award

Donna Wilson (Richland Northeast High School)

SC Art Education Association's 2010 Elementary Art Educator of the Year

LaDonna Dixon (Round Top Elementary School)

Women's Basketball Coaches Association's 2011 District III Coach of the Year
Coach Anne Long (Spring Valley High School)

SC Basketball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame Inductee
Coach Anne Long (Spring Valley High School)

State student awards

SC Regional National Engineers Week Future City competition's 1st place team
Lillie Buschmann, Valerie Miller and Anthony Richards (Blythewood Middle School)

SC Scholastic Art Awards' Gold Key Award
William Epps, Taylor Kienker and Daniel Lenge (Blythewood High School)

The State newspaper's Class 4A Player of the Year
Katie Fosnacht (Blythewood High School)

Young Entrepreneurship South Carolina's 2010 Top Entrepreneur
Grace Youngblood (Center for Accelerated Preparation)

Mathcounts State Team Champions
Jenning Chen, Richard Chen, Sarah Lee and Surabhi Poola (Dent Middle School)

SC Council for Exceptional Children Professional Development's Yes I Can Award
Duncan Winburn (Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School)

SC Arts Commission's Poetry Out Loud State Champion
LeeAnn Swager (Ridge View High School)

2011 Flying Gamecock Invitational Drill Championship (27th consecutive year)
Spring Valley High School JROTC

SC State 4A Champions (Undefeated season)
Spring Valley High School Girls Basketball Team

SC State 4A Individual Champion in Boys Golf
Shane Rogan (Blythewood High School)

Other significant achievements

45 new **National Board certified teachers**: 598 total (ranks second in state and in top 20 nationally)

Competitive grants received totaling **\$9,023,134**

Students received more than **\$79.5 million** in scholarships