# 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 (2 gold awards)
- Blythewood Middle School
- Bookman Road Elementary School
- Center for Inquiry
- Center for Knowledge
- Lake Carolina Elementary School (2 gold awards)
- Langford Elementary School
- Ridge View High School
- Round Top Elementary School
- Spring Valley High School

## Palmetto Silver Awards
- Bethel-Hanberry Elementary School
- Bridge Creek Elementary School (2 silver awards)
- L.W. Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet School (2 silver awards)
- Dent Middle School
- Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School
- Kelly Mill Middle School
- Killian Elementary School
- Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School
- North Springs Elementary School
- Polo Road Elementary School
- Rice Creek Elementary School
- Sandlapper Elementary School (2 silver awards)

## State School of Character
- L.W. Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet School

## National Awards

*National individual and group awards*

**Presidential** and **National Merit Scholar**
Afia Kahn (Spring Valley High School)

**College-sponsored National Merit Scholars**
Jake Farell, Nicolette Hook, Andrew Voss (Spring Valley High School)
National Achievement Scholars
Jessika Banks (Spring Valley High School)
Karli Wells (Richland Northeast High School)

Perfect SAT
Overall – score of 2400
Davis Borucki (Richland Northeast High School)

Math
David Qu (Spring Valley High School)
Reilly Brown (Spring Valley High School)
Ali Mirza (Spring Valley High School)
Andrew Voss (Spring Valley High School)
Ming Wong (Spring Valley High School)

Critical Reading
Courtney Noh (Spring Valley High School)
Megh Ahire (Blythewood High School)

Writing
Ali Mirza (Spring Valley High School)

National High School Model United Nations’ Award of Distinction – won 21 first places in 23 years
Richland Northeast High School Model UN Team

Presidential Award of Excellence in Math and Science winner
Matt Owens (Spring Valley High School)

National Orchestra Festival Chamber Orchestra Division winner
Spring Valley High School Chamber Orchestra

US Congressional Medal Silver Award
Rachel Smith (Spring Valley High School)

McDonald’s All American Teams
Xylina McDaniel as player and Anne Long as coach (Spring Valley High School)

Selected to perform at Carnegie Hall
Blythewood High School Choir

American Historical Association Beveridge Family Teaching Prize
Jason Yaman (Blythewood Middle School)

American Scholastic Press Association’s Most Outstanding School Magazine & Best Elementary Publication
Eagle Expressions Literary Magazine (Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School)

National Council of Teachers of English Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines
Pegasus Literary Magazine (Ridge View High School)

Magnet Schools of America Magnet Teacher of the Year for Region XI
Marian Scullion (Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School)

Top Teacher in US for Innovative Use of NASA Resources
Denise Duke (Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School)

National School Public Relations Association’s Golden Achievement Award
Department of Communications and Strategic Partnerships (District Office) - The Richland Two Story
MEBA 2012 Technology Champion  
Rose Mary Wilson (Spring Valley High School)

Association for Career and Technology Education Teacher of the Year  
Lila Abraham (Blythewood High School)

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

Weidenhammer Corporation’s 2012 Innovators in Education Award  
Kathleen Alexander and Ray Fantone (District Office)

National school and districtwide awards

Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) for Outstanding Counseling Program  
Round Top Elementary School

Magnet Schools of America’s National Magnet School of Distinction  
North Springs Elementary School

SMART Showcase School  
Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School

Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance Program Mix It Up Model School  
Dent Middle School

Association of School Business Officials International’s Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for 25th consecutive year  
Richland Two

State-Level Awards

State individual and group awards

State Champions at the S.C. High School League 4A Outdoor Meet

High Jump  
Craisaud Foulks (Richland Northeast High School)

100 and 200 meter dash  
Shekara Martin (Ridge View High School)

Girls 4 x 400 meter relay  
Imani Belton, Corrianne Kelley, Alesha Love and Shekara Martin (Ridge View High School)

Boys 4 x 400 meter relay  
Bradley Gibson, Tom Hoefel, Connor McCormack and Terrell Simmons

W.B. Harley Lifetime Achievement Award  
Dr. Cheryl Washington (District Office)

S.C. State Top Gun All Services Champions and 2011 Flying Gamecock Invitational Drill Championship - 27th consecutive year  
Spring Valley High School Air Force JROTC

S.C. State NAVY NJROTC Invitational Drill Winners  
Richland Northeast High School Naval JROTC Drill Team

Mathcounts State Team Champions – fourth consecutive year  
Dent Middle School Mathcounts Team
S.C. Association of Student Councils’ 4A Council of the Year and Outstanding Project Award, for the “My Story” video
Ridge View High School Student Council

First place Color Guard at S.C. Army JROTC State Drill Team Championship
Blythewood High School Army JROTC

S.C. Winner of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize
Himabindu Vinnakota (Spring Valley High School)

S.C. Scholastic Arts Awards
Richland Northeast High School  American Visions Award (Best of Show), 4 Gold, 4 Silver
Blythewood High School  1 Silver
Ridge View High School  2 Gold, 5 Silver
Spring Valley High School  3 Gold, 3 Silver

The State newspaper’s “20 under 40 List”
James Manning (Richland Two School Board)

S.C. Bar Law Related Education Divisions Middle School Teacher of the Year
John Goldsborough (Blythewood Middle School)

2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards – S.C. Top Middle Level Youth Volunteer
Anthony Frederick (Dent Middle School)

S.C. Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association’s Medallion Award
Department of Communications and Strategic Partnerships (District Office) - The Richland Two Story

S.C. Bar Law Related Education Program’s Middle School Project Citizen Showcase Winner
ACE Magnet Program (Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School)

S.C. Council for Exceptional Children Rookie Teacher of the Year
Daniel Murphy (Polo Road Elementary School)

S.C. Association of School Librarians Media Specialist of the Year
Cindy Symonds (Round Top Elementary School)

S.C. Council for Social Studies Middle level Palmetto Award
Susan Baumann (Richland Northeast High School)

Gatorade 2012 South Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year
Asia Dozier (Spring Valley High School)

S.C. Basketball Coaches Association’s Hall of Fame Inductee
Anne Long (Spring Valley High School)

S.C. Health Occupations Students of America Outstanding Advisor of the Year
Lila Abraham (Blythewood High School)

S.C. Track and Cross Country Association Hall of Fame
Rick Crumpler (Spring Valley High School)

State school and districtwide awards

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Blythewood High and Kelly Mill Middle schools
South Carolina School of Character
L.W. Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet School

Certified as International Baccalaureate World School
Richland Northeast High School

United Way of the Midlands Division Chairman Award – Public Sector
Richland Two

Other Significant Achievements

37 new National Board certified teachers - 612 total, most in the state

Students received more than $61.7 million in scholarship offers.

The district received competitive grants totaling $4,294,870.

144 eighth graders recognized as Junior Scholars with the Duke TIP Program

SACS CASI Accreditation
Richland Two

AA Credit Rating – Standard and Poor’s, Fitch, Moody’s
Richland Two

Dedication Ceremonies
Catawba Trail Elementary, Muller Road Middle and Center for Achievement

Rededication Ceremonies
Richland Northeast and Ridge View high schools (new additions)