## School/District Awards

### Palmetto’s Finest Award Finalists
- Blythewood High School
- Kelly Mill Middle School

### Palmetto Gold Awards
- Bethel-Hanberry Elementary School (2 gold awards)
- Blythewood High School
- Blythewood Middle School (2 gold awards)
- Bookman Road Elementary School
- Bridge Creek Elementary School
- Center for Inquiry
- Center for Knowledge
- Lake Carolina Elementary School (2 gold awards)
- Round Top Elementary School
- Sandlapper Elementary School
- Spring Valley High School

### Palmetto Silver Awards
- Forest Lake Elementary School
- Killian Elementary School
- Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School
- Langford Elementary School
- Polo Road Elementary School
- Rice Creek Elementary School
- Sandlapper Elementary School

## National Awards

*National school awards*

### National School of Character
- Round Top Elementary School

### American Scholastic Press Association – 1st place
- Forest Lake Elementary School Eagle Expressions Literary Magazine
National Association of Professional Development Schools 2013 Award for Exemplary Professional Development School Achievement
Lake Carolina Elementary

National Aerospace Connections in Education School of the Year
Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School

“The Washington Post” America’s Most Challenging High Schools for academic rigor
Spring Valley High School

Pioneer Athletics 2012 Fields of Excellence Award
Harry Parone Stadium

National Association of Secondary School Principals - Principals Month Video Contest winner
Ridge View High School

National Association of Student Councils National Gold Council of Excellence Award
Ridge View High School

Magnet Schools of America Region XI Magnet Principal of the Year
Principal Dr. Jo Lane Hall (Center for Knowledge)

Magnet Schools of America Region XI Teacher of the Year
Veneshia Stribling (Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet School)

2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
Matt Owens (Spring Valley High School)

Parents Magazine National Honor Roll School
Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School

National Aerospace Connections in Education Coordinator of the Year
Denise Duke (Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School)

National Association of Educational Office Professionals 1st place newsletter
Arlene Ford (District Office)

NASA Reduced Gravity Flight Team
Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School

National student awards
President's Volunteer Service Award
Anthony Frederick (Spring Valley High School)

International Model UN Association’ first place Award of Distinction – for 24th year
Richland Northeast High School’s Model UN team

National DECA first place finishes
Jazmin Goodwin and Christinia Green (Ridge View High School)

**Presidential Scholar**
Courtney Noh (Spring Valley High School)

**National Merit scholars**
$2,500 from College Board
  Courtney Noh, David Qu, Rana Sobeith (Spring Valley High School)

**College Merit scholars**
  Erika Arvay, Jonathan Boland, Daniel Clements (Spring Valley High School)

**Corporate Merit scholar**
  Kelley Kennedy (Blythewood High School)

**National Achievement scholars**
Jasmin Graham (Spring Valley High School)
Rehema Thomas (Blythewood High School)

**Perfect SAT and ACT sections**
Justine Flora, Jediah Gist (2), Jae Ro, Aakash Shingala, Linda Thomas (Spring Valley High School)
Gaal Almor, Benjamin Crawford, Michael Gonzalez, Elizabeth Matthews (Richland Northeast High School)

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**State-Level Awards**

*State school/teacher/employee awards*

**State School of Character**
Round Top Elementary

**SC Association of School Administrators Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year Award finalist**
Shawn Suber (Lake Carolina Elementary School)

**SC Education Oversight Committee Gold Award for School Innovation**
Longleaf Middle School

**SC Bar Law Related Education Elementary School of the Year**
Nelson Elementary School Academy for Civic Engagement (ACE) Magnet Program

**SC level National History Day Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year**
Ashley Auspelmyer (Westwood High School)

**South Carolina Association of School Psychologists Outstanding Contributions in Education Award**
Principal Perry Mills (Blythewood Academy)

**Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence**
State Department of Education Volunteer of the Year Award
Richland Northeast High School Improvement Council

SC Council for Exceptional Children Principal of the Year
Beth Elliot (Pontiac Elementary School)

SC of Educational Office professionals Office Professional of the Year
Jill Averyhart (District Office)

SC Dance Association’s Dance Educator of the Year
Veneshia Stribling (Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet School)

SC Association of Conservation Districts 2012 Teacher of the Year
Vikki Pasco (Catawba Trail Elementary)

S.C. Athletic Coaches Association 2013 State Track & Field Coach of the Year
Coach John Jones (Spring Valley High School)

State student awards

SC Association of Student Councils Gold Honor Council Award
Blythewood, Richland Northeast, Ridge View, Spring Valley and Westwood high schools

SC DECA conference – 9 first place finishes
Blythewood and Ridge View high schools

SC Education Oversight Committee Gold Award for School Innovation
Longleaf Middle School

SC Health Occupation Student Association (HOSA) conference - 21 first place finishes
Blythewood, Ridge View and Spring Valley high schools

SC National History Day contest winner
Kyla Burwick (Westwood High School)

State Showcase for Project Citizen, middle school division
Nelson Elementary School Teacher Susan Bryan's fifth grader ACE class

Clemson University Calculus Challenge and 2013 USC High School Math Contest winner
Spring Valley High School Math Team

SC Scholastic Art Awards’ Gold Key Award
Lucy Counts and Cleavon Flojo (3 awards) (Richland Northeast High School)
Iantha Florit Rosario and Victoria Moore (Ridge View High School)
Passhunate Scott, Colton Rabon and Linda Thomas (Spring Valley High School)

SC Scholastic Art Awards’ American Visions Award/ Best of Show
Lucy Counts (Richland Northeast High School)

Mathcounts State Team Champions (Fifth year in a row)
2012 TOP GUN Drill Championship, Charleston Southern University Low Country Drill Championship, S.C. State University National Society of Pershing Rifles Championship
Spring Valley High School JROTC

Drill, Fitness and Academic Chapin State Invitational Champions
Richland Northeast JROTC

SC State 4A Champions
Spring Valley High School Boys Track and Field Team (Undefeated season)

**100 meter butterfly and 100 meter backstroke events**
Jonathan Boland (Spring Valley High School)

**100m Dash**
Devin Albert (Blythewood High School)

**4x100 relay**
Devin Albert, Austin Dodd, Darius Wilson, and D'Andre Fletcher (Blythewood High School)

**4x800m relay**
Tom Hoefel, Terrell Simmons, Connor McCormack and Bradley Gibson (Spring Valley High School)

**800 meter race**
Connor McCormack (Spring Valley High School)

**Pole vault**
Richard Fish (Spring Valley High School)

SC winner for the National Honor Society Scholarship by the National Association of Secondary School Principals
Shannon Hall (Spring Valley High School)

University of South Carolina Reading with the Gamecocks Literacy Outreach Program
Overall Winning School - Keels Elementary School
Overall Highest Hero for reading - Christopher Brown

Palmetto Dramatics Association and the S.C. Theatre Association Convention – 1st place awards
Richland Northeast Palmetto Center for the Arts

SC DARE Essay Contest Winner
Khushi Patel (Polo Road Elementary School)

**Other significant achievements**

2012 Palmetto Pillar Award – IT Infrastructure Services Award for implementation of the Virtual
Desktop Infrastructure

Association of School Business Officials Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting – 26 consecutive years

AA Credit Rating – Standard & Poor’s, Fitch, Moody’s

Dedication ceremonies – Westwood High School

Governmental Finance Officers’ Association Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting – 26 consecutive years

National Board certified teachers: 35 new, 654 total (most in the state)

Project Red Signature District – Richland Two’s 1TWO1

SISTE Teaming for Teaming for Transformation District – Richland Two’s 1TWO1

Students received more than $78.3 million in scholarships