2015–2016 Awards
National Merit Scholarship finalists — RNHS and SVHS

Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient — RNHS

Intel Science Talent Search semifinalists — SVHS

National Spanish Examination’s Junior Travel Award — RVHS

Aspirations in Computing Award — WHS

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Candidates — RNHS and SVHS

Grand prize winner in BreyerFest contest sponsored by Young Rider Magazine — RTES

Southeastern Scholastic Art Gold Key Awards — BHS, RNHS, RVHS, SVHS and WHS
Perfect ACT score — SVHS
Perfect ACT section scores — RNHS, RVHS and SVHS
Perfect SAT section scores — RNHS and SVHS
President’s Volunteer Service Award — SVHS

National Spanish Examination Gold scores — RVHS and SVHS
Eagle Scouts — BHS and SVHS
Atlantic Institute Art and Essay Contest winners — SVHS
National-Level School Awards

National High School Model United Nations Award of Distinction — RNHS

Southern High School Model United Nations Award of Distinction — RNHS

National Beta Club School of Merit — CES

Magnet Schools of America’s Magnet School of Excellence Award — NSES

Magnet Schools of America’s Magnet Schools of Distinction — CES, FLES, RVHS
National School Public Relations Association Golden Achievement Award — Dr. Theresa Riley Stephens, Communications and Strategic Partnerships

National High School Coaches Association’s National Track and Field Coach of the Year — John Jones, SVHS

American School Counselor Association’s S.C. Counselor of the Year — Lee York, KMMS

Astrobrights Colorize Your Classroom Challenge winner — Michelle Spigner, SVHS

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar — Tristan Richardson, BMS
National-Level Employee Awards

National Tutoring Association Board Member of the Year and N.T.A. President-elect — Ishmael Brown, SVHS

International Society for Technology in Education’s Emerging Leader Award — Marissa Young, PES

National Geographic Certified Educator — SVHS

American Red Cross Lifesaving Award — Debbie Bernhagen, Stacey Harris, SPMS

National Soccer Coaches Association of America’s S.C. State Soccer Coach of the Year — Peter Wittig, BHS
National-Level Employee Awards

National Association of School Psychologists’ Model School Psychology Intern Field Supervisor — Dr. Sandra Manning, RVHS

Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow — Matthew Owens, Teaching and Learning

701 National Board Certified Teachers

American Red Cross Lifesaving Award — Debbie Bernhagen, Stacey Harris, SPMS

National Soccer Coaches Association of America’s S.C. State Soccer Coach of the Year — Peter Wittig, BHS
National-Level Department Awards

Government Finance Officers Association’s Certificate of Achievement for Excellence for in Financial Reporting — Financial Services

Association of School Business Officials International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting — Financial Services

Pioneer Athletics Field of Excellence Awards, three fields — Maintenance and Operations
State-Level Student Awards

Clemson University Declamation Contest 1st place winners — SVHS
S.C. Finance Challenge 1st place winners — KMMS
Verizon App Challenge “Best in State” — BMS
Letters about Literature 1st place winner — BMS
S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control’s Champion of the Environment — BRES

S.C FBLA State Leadership Conference gold medal winners — BHS, RNHS and WHS
S.C. HOSA State Leadership Conference 1st place winners — RVHS and SVHS
S.C. DECA 1st place winner — RVHS
NJROTC Area Drill Meet 1st place — RNHS
3A Student Council of the Year — RNHS
State-Level Student Awards

National Assoc. of Conservation Districts S.C. Conservation Poster Contest — LMS and PES
Palmetto Dramatic Association State Competition 1st place — WHS and RNHS
S.C. Theatre Association’s High School One-Act Play Festival 1st place — BHS
4A Student Council of the Year — WHS

S.C. National History Day 1st place awards — BHS, SVHS and DMS
Reading with the Gamecocks Highest Reading Awards — LCEL, LES, PRES and SPMS
S.C. Bar Law Related Education Division’s We the People competition 1st place — DMS
S.C. Scholastic Press Association Palmetto Award for Best Yearbook in Class 3 and Best in State — RNHS
State-Level Student Awards

4A Boys 200 and 400 Free Relay State Champions, Individual 50 and 100 free (swim) — SVHS

North-South All-Star Football Players — SVHS and BHS

4A Girls 4x400 Relay State Champions (track) — RVHS

4A Girls 400 meter State Champion (track) — RVHS

North/South All Star Wrestling Classic — WHS

Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, MVP Defensive Player — RNHS

Carolinas All-Star Basketball Players — BHS and SVHS

North-South All-Star Basketball Players — RVHS and SVHS

North-South All-Star Soccer Players — BHS, RNHS and SVHS

Clash of the Carolinas (soccer) — BHS
State-Level School Awards

4A State Basketball Championship — SVHS

S.C. Air Force Association’s Sword of Excellence and 2016 AFJROTC Outstanding Organization — SVHS

Southern Interscholastic Press Association’s annual convention—1st place — RNHS

4A State Wrestling Champion — WHS

State Lego Competition 1st place — CFI

White Knoll Carolina Winter Ensemble Association Championships — SVHS

S.C. Department of Education’s Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards — BHES, BHS, BMS, BRES, CTES, CFI, CFK, LCEL, NSES, PRES, PES, RVHS, RTES, SVHS, WES
State-Level Employee Awards

S.C. Association of School Psychologists Award of Excellence — Dr. Sandra Manning, RVHS

S.C. Theatre Association’s High School One-Act Play Festival’s Best Director — Sandra Dietel, BHS

S.C. Aquarium Teacher of the Year — Rachel Tustin, DMS

S.C. Council for Exceptional Children’s 2016 Rookie Teacher of the Year — Katie Tyczynski, MRMS

S.C. Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Teachers of the Year — Dr. Joanne Bedlek-Anslow, Dale Soblo, Michelle Spigner, SVHS

S.C. Association of Student Council’s Advisor of the Year — Janet Frick, WHS
State-Level Employee Awards

S.C. Association of School Social Workers’ School Social Worker of the Year — Brenda Creighton, ABS, JKES

S.C. Association for Pupil Transportation’s ROAD-E-O 1st place — Deheja Harris, Dorothy Wilson, Sharon Skinner, Operations

Phi Beta Mu Bandmaster Recognition — David Allison, SVHS; James Barnes, BHS; Vince Clayton, RVHS

S.C. National School Public Relations Association Rewards for Excellence — Tyler Abernathy, BMS; Ish Abdu Saboor, Brian Cowley, Adam Ginsburg, Tony Kenion, Communications and Strategic Partnerships; Denise Duke, FLES; Bob Crowley, Dr. Brenda Mack-Foxworth, Ellen Harrison, Melissa Myers, Wendi Wimmer, RVHS; Rob Herron, SVHS; Mary Brebner, Janet Frick, Cheryl Guy, Lynn Washington, WHS
State-Level Employee Awards

S.C. Assoc. for the Advancement of Health Education’s 2015 Outstanding Contribution to Health Education Award — Dena Fender, Teaching and Learning Department

Global Partners for Fathers and Families’ Palmetto State Fatherhood Award — Jamey Patterson, RVHS

S.C. Athletic Coaches Association’s Athletic Director of the Year — Tim Hunter, SVHS

S.C. Science Education Leadership Association’s Leadership in Science Education Award — Ed Emmer, Teaching and Learning
State-Level Employee Awards

S.C. Assoc. of Educational Office Professionals president — Jill Averyhart, District Office

S.C. Athletic Coaches Association Strength Coach of the Year — Stephen Venugopal, RNHS

S.C. Economics’ Outstanding Teacher Service Award — Kurt Stiglbauer, RVHS

S.C. Athletic Coaches Association Girls Basketball Coach of the Year — Anne Long, SVHS
United Way of the Midlands’ Best in Class in the Public Sector Award — Richland School District Two

South Carolina School Boards Association Ten Year Service Pin — Susan Brill