



# 2026 IMPACT REPORT

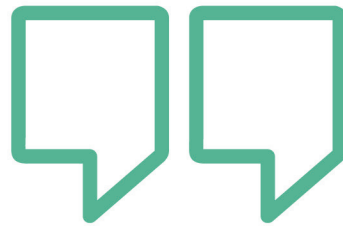
 Kids First

A LOOK AT THE IMPACT, GROWTH,  
AND PROGRESS MADE WHEN  
STUDENTS COME FIRST



Public Charter  
SCHOOL DISTRICT





**KIDS AREN'T AN AFTERTHOUGHT;  
THEY'RE THE REASON FOR  
EVERY CONVERSATION WE HAVE.**

Superintendent Chris Neeley





## **Kids First Champions,**

**As we reflect on the work highlighted in this report, I'm reminded of a simple truth that guides everything we do: kids belong in every conversation. Whether we're planning district initiatives, supporting school leaders, or walking through classrooms, our direction becomes clearer, and our impact stronger, when we begin with kids at the center.**

Over this past year, I've seen remarkable dedication across our district. From our own staff to school leadership teams, educators, and the students themselves, there is a shared commitment to moving from good to great to best. It's not a slogan; it's an expectation we hold for ourselves and for one another.

That expectation shows up in everyday moments: the way teachers create engaging, joyful learning environments; the way principals build cultures where students are known and valued; and the way our district teams focus on providing strong support while holding ourselves and our schools accountable to the mission. And every time we step into a school, students remind us why the work matters and what the work requires.

Our mission remains steady and clear. When students lead the way, the path forward is never complicated. We listen, we learn, we collaborate, and we continue raising the bar together.

Thank you for the work you do each day, for the vision you bring to your role, and for the belief that our schools and our students are capable of the very best.



**Kids First,**

**Chris Neeley, MPA**

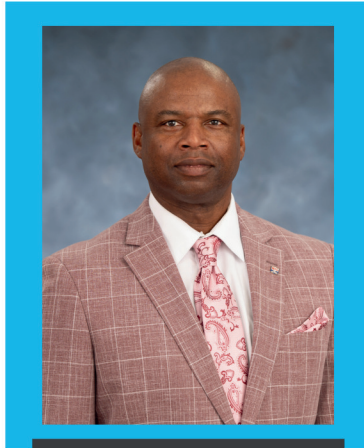
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## MOTTO

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## MISSION

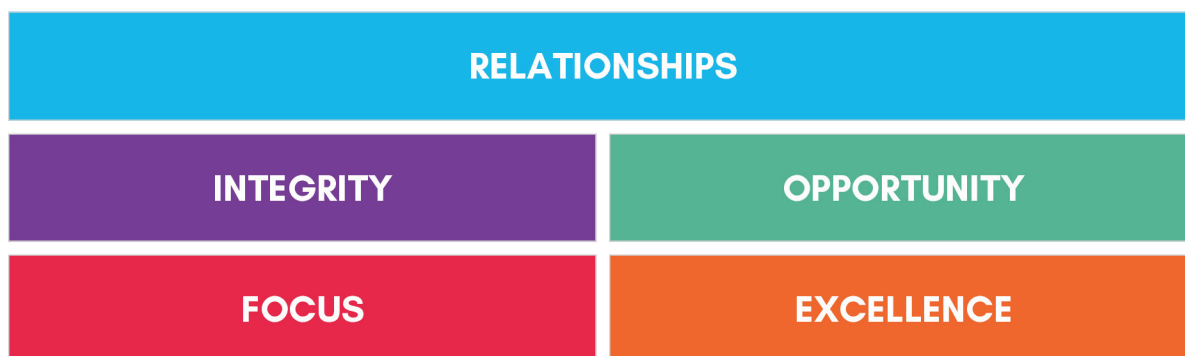
The South Carolina Public Charter School District authorizes, supports, and champions innovative K-12 public charter schools, ensuring quality educational opportunities for parents, and academic excellence for students, so every South Carolina child can reach their highest potential.

## VISION

We envision a South Carolina where each child is academically equipped to reach their full potential in life.

## CORE VALUES

We value all students' unique talents and abilities and hold high expectations for social, emotional, and academic growth inclusively within the diverse population we serve. Our efforts are guided by these principles:





**30,000+**

**STUDENTS**

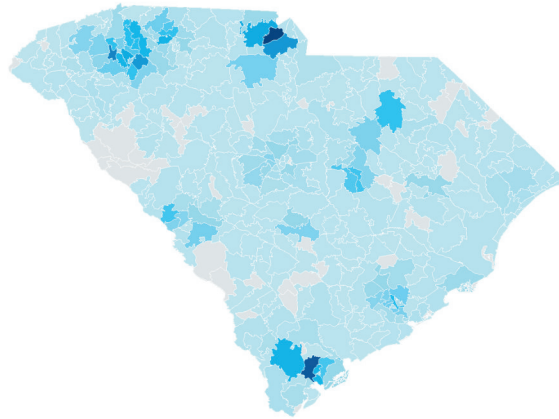
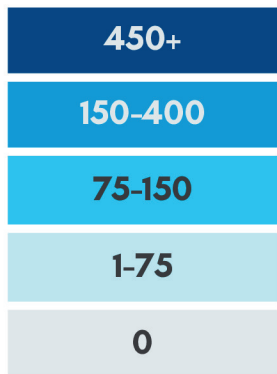
**55**

**SCHOOLS**

**2,500+**

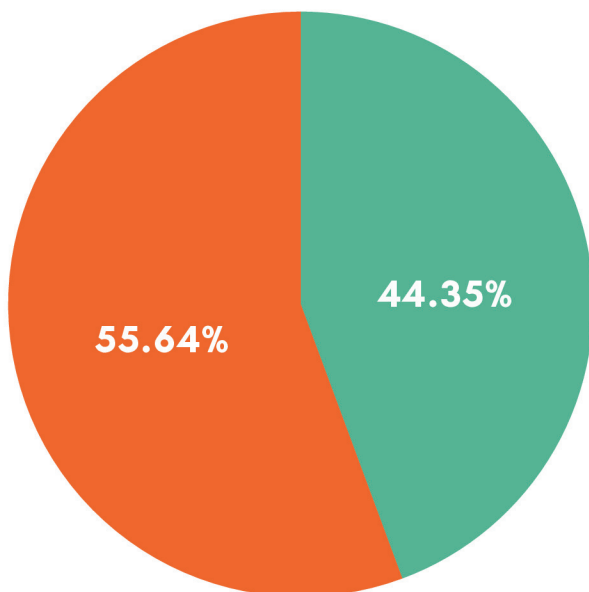
**STAFF + TEACHERS**

### STUDENT POPULATION DENSITY BY COUNTY



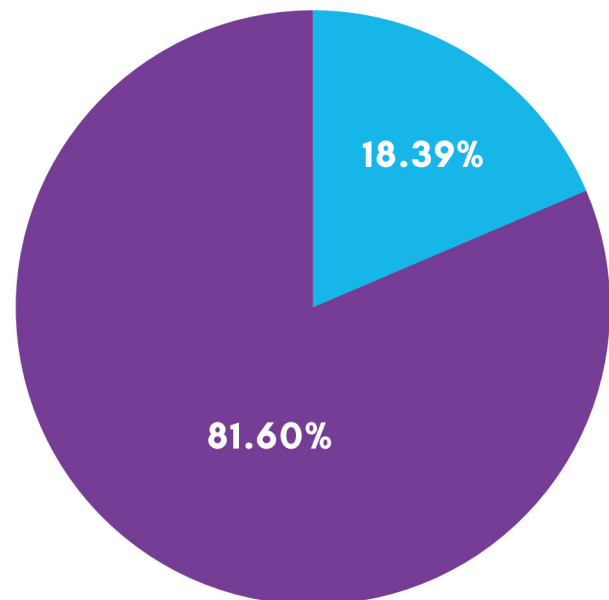
### PUPILS IN POVERTY

- PUPILS IN POVERTY
- NON-PUPILS IN POVERTY



### DISABILITIES BREAKDOWN

- STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
- STUDENTS WITHOUT DISABILITIES



DATA BASED UPON THE PCSD 2025-26 45TH DAY DATA





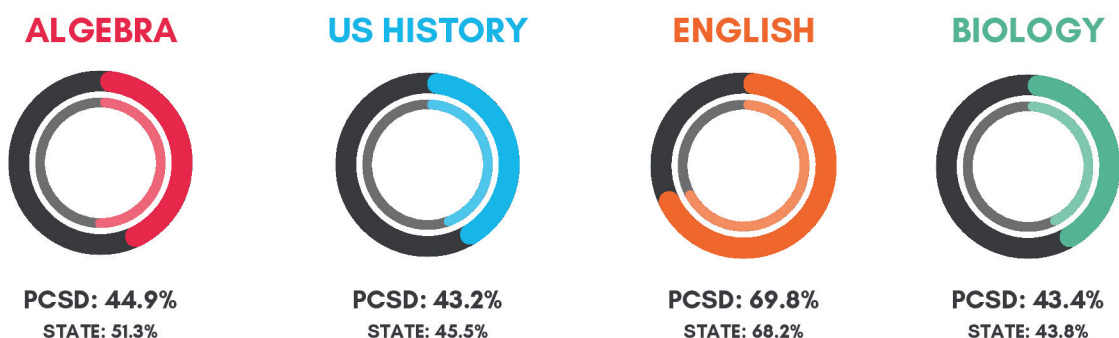


## PCSD GRADUATION RATE BY YEAR



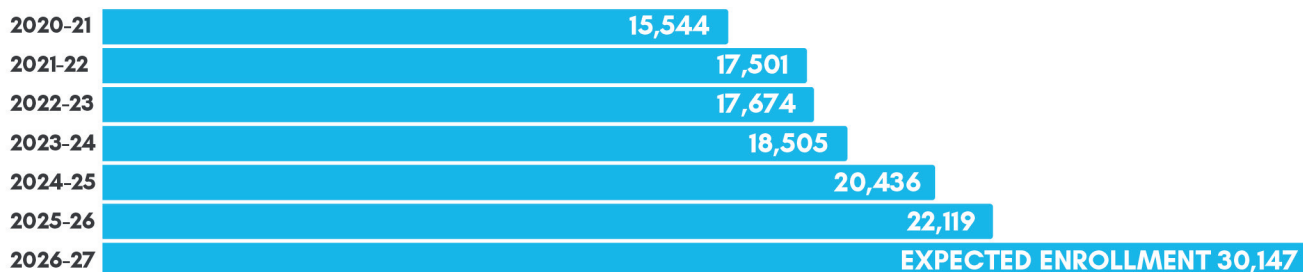
NOTE: DISTRICT GRADUATION RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE DROPOUT RECOVERY SCHOOLS. GRAD RATE WITH AECS IS 77%

## 2024-25 END OF COURSE ASSESSMENTS



% STUDENTS SCORING C OR HIGHER

## PCSD ENROLLMENT



## 2024-25 SC READY ASSESSMENTS



% STUDENTS SCORING MEETS/EXCEEDS



## FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 AUDITED FINANCIALS

|                                                                             |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| STATE REVENUE                                                               | \$256,291,078 |
| FEDERAL REVENUE                                                             | \$8,719,159   |
| LOCAL TAX REVENUE                                                           | \$0           |
| PCSD BUDGET                                                                 | \$6,715,348   |
| STATE MANDATED 2% AUTHORIZING FEE                                           | \$4,992,928   |
| PCSD DEBT                                                                   | \$0           |
| PCSD ASSETS                                                                 | \$12,833,835  |
| PCSD PER PUPIL                                                              | \$12,578      |
| 135-DAY ADM<br>THIS IS THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP<br>(NUMBER OF STUDENTS) | 21,069.36     |
| AUDIT FINDINGS                                                              | NONE          |
| SCDE RISK ASSESSMENT                                                        | LOW           |
| FISCAL PRACTICES DESIGNATION                                                | NONE          |







# KIDS FIRST IN *ACTION!*







## JOIN US IN PUTTING Kids First

Our mission to put kids first is bigger than any one person; it's a collective effort that depends on the voices, energy, and commitment of our entire community. Growth, accountability, and meaningful change happen when we stay connected and engaged with one another. By following us on social media, subscribing to our newsletter, or tuning in to our podcast, you can stay informed, hear the stories shaping our schools, and join the conversation about what matters most to our students. Every post, every episode, and every interaction is an opportunity to learn, share ideas, and hold ourselves accountable to the promise of giving students the very best. We invite you to be a part of this mission, not just as an observer, but as an active participant helping shape the future of our schools and the lives of the students we serve.



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## PCSD'S CHARGE

The Charter Act makes clear why we exist. South Carolina's charter school law was passed in 1996 and defined seven key purposes and one goal of closing the achievement gap between low-performing students and high-performing students, each of which connects to our strategic pillars and grounds us in our principles to serve the students of South Carolina not just well, but to the highest possible level:

- 1 Improve student learning;
- 2 Increase learning opportunities for students;
- 3 Encourage the use of a variety of productive teaching methods;
- 4 Establish new forms of accountability for schools;
- 5 Create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site;
- 6 Assist South Carolina in reaching academic excellence;
- 7 And create new, innovative, and flexible ways of educating children within the public school system, **with the goal of closing achievement gaps** between low-performing student groups and high-performing student groups.



The legislature created the South Carolina Public Charter School District (PCSD) in 2006 as a state-wide authorizer of new charter schools, schools transferring from local districts, and virtual charter schools. The PCSD is unique in that it is state-funded and—unlike charters authorized by local districts—its schools can serve students from anywhere in the state. An appointed board of trustees with leaders from various regions and cities around South Carolina governs the PCSD. Driven by parent demand, the PCSD has grown rapidly over the years. In the 2024-25 school year, the district oversaw 44 charter schools, both virtual and brick-and-mortar, serving approximately 20,600 students statewide.





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