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A GUIDE TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S CAPITAL SCHOOLS

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RICHLAND ONE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

The seven-member Board of School Commissioners is the governing body of Richland County School District One.

The Board is comprised of three at-large members and four members who represent geographic election districts. Board members are elected to serve four-year terms. Non-partisan elections are held in November of even-numbered years and on a staggered basis.

The Board holds regularly scheduled meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month (except July), with meeting locations alternating between schools and the district office (Stevenson Administration Building, 1616 Richland St.). Open session begins at 7 p.m.

The Board sets aside time during each meeting for public comments. Persons who wish to address the Board may sign up to

speaking at the meeting. Each speaker is given three minutes. Speakers receive a written response from the Board.

Board meetings are taped and broadcast on Richland One TV – Time Warner Cable channel 12. Board meeting agendas and the ROTV broadcast schedule are posted at www.richlandone.org.



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Elected At-Large
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School Board Office
Stevenson Administration Building
1616 Richland St.
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Board Meeting Schedule

Date	Location
August 12, 2008	District Office
August 26, 2008	Rhame Elementary
September 9, 2008	District Office
September 23, 2008	Keenan High
October 14, 2008	District Office
October 28, 2008	Sandel Elementary
November 11, 2008	District Office
November 25, 2008	Olympia Learning Center
December 9, 2008	District Office
January 13, 2009	District Office
January 27, 2009	E.E. Taylor Elementary
February 10, 2009	District Office
February 24, 2009	A.C. Moore Elementary
March 10, 2009	District Office
March 24, 2009	Crayton Middle
April 14, 2009	District Office
April 28, 2009	Sanders Middle
May 12, 2009	Lower Richland High
May 26, 2009	District Office
June 9, 2009	District Office
June 23, 2009	District Office

All regularly scheduled meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Message From The Superintendent



Dr. Percy A. Mack began his tenure as Richland One superintendent on July 1, 2008. He came to the district from Dayton, Ohio, where he served as superintendent of the Dayton Public Schools for six years.

As a native of Savannah, I'm happy to be back at home in the South, and I'm especially excited about beginning my first year as superintendent of Richland County School District One.

When I first arrived in Columbia and started meeting people, one of the things that became clear to me right away was the strong level of support for the district from the community. People care about our students and want to see them succeed. Many of them attended Richland One schools and they have children or grandchildren in our schools. Current employees and retirees speak with pride about working in Richland One.

Richland One is a great school district that has a lot to offer its students and staff. If you're new to the area and

don't know much about Richland One, this publication – **Richland One Connects: A Guide to South Carolina's Capital Schools** – will help you get to know us. Even if you've lived here a while, you may not be aware of all the advantages of going to school, working and living in Richland One. We also encourage you to stay informed about the district by visiting our Web site (www.richlandone.org) and watching Richland One TV (Time Warner Cable channel 12).

Our No. 1 priority in Richland One is student achievement. Our goal is to ensure that all of our students, regardless of where they're from or what schools they attend, receive a high-quality education. As a former coach, I know that teamwork is the key to success. In Richland One, we're going to be focused and work together as a team to reach our goals. But the team can't just include students and district employees. We need everyone in the community – elected officials, colleges and universities, businesses, faith-based organizations, neighborhood leaders and others – to join with us. Turn to Page 5 to find out how you can get involved.

We hope you enjoy reading this publication and we hope that the information in it will be useful to you during the school year. If you have questions or need additional information, please call our Office of Communications at (803) 231-7504.

Have a great school year!

Percy A. Mack

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Points of Pride

These are just some of the many reasons to be proud to go to school, work and live in Richland One:

- The Richland One Class of 2008 earned more than \$46.7 million in scholarships and financial assistance, a record-high total for the district.
- In 1996 and 2002, Richland One voters approved bond issues totaling more than \$565 million to build and renovate district schools.
- Richland One has the second-highest bond rating among South Carolina school districts, which reflects strong financial management and enables the district to borrow money at a lower interest rate and pass on those savings to taxpayers.
- Richland One is home to South Carolina's only Challenger Learning Center for space science education.
- Every Richland One school has a school nurse.
- Richland One was one of the first districts in the country to remove unhealthy snacks and beverages from school vending machines accessible to students.
- Richland One schools, students and employees receive numerous honors and awards at the local, state, regional and international levels each year. Awards won during the 2007-08 school year include 14 Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver Awards, which are given by the State Department of Education to recognize schools for making significant student achievement gains.
- Richland One created the Elementary Water Safety and Swim Lessons Program to increase students' safety in and around water, in light of the high rate of drowning deaths among children ages 14 and under in South Carolina and across the nation. Second-graders participate in the program, which is now in its third year.
- Two Richland One high schools (A.C. Flora and Dreher) were ranked in the top 5 percent of public high schools in the United States for 2008 by Newsweek magazine.
- Three Keenan High School students presented their Telepresence Amusement Park Ride invention at the 2008 Intel International Science Fair in Atlanta and won third place, beating out more than 1,200 competitors from 51 countries.
- Richland One athletics teams won three state championships during the 2007-08 school year and 17 state championships total in the past seven years.
- Richland One is only one of a few South Carolina school districts to require students to have at least a "C" average to participate in athletics and other competitive co-curricular activities, a standard higher than the South Carolina High School League's "D" average requirement.

Welcome To Richland One

Ideally located in South Carolina's capital city, Richland One offers our students and employees a variety of advantages you won't find anywhere else – academic programs and an environment that embraces diversity, unique partnerships with businesses, higher education institutions and the faith community, and unlimited cultural opportunities.

In Richland One, we educate more than 23,000 students from urban, suburban and rural communities. We offer our students an exciting variety of educational opportunities to match their interests and challenge their abilities. We believe that exposure to different cultures, programs and opportunities gives our students a distinct advantage as they prepare to take their place in the global economy.

The core foundation of academics – English language arts, math, science and social studies – is emphasized at all grade levels. Beyond the basics is an array of academic and support programs to meet the needs of any student. No one size fits all here. Our diverse menu of programs includes Montessori programs, International Baccalaureate programs, foreign language instruction and a comprehensive arts education program for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Geographically, our district stretches over more than 480 square miles, from the tree-lined city streets of Shandon to suburban Forest Acres to the rich farmland of Lower Richland. But all of our schools benefit from being in South Carolina's capital city.

Richland One By The Numbers*

- **Size in comparison to other SC school districts:**
6th largest (of 85 districts)
- **Number of schools: 50**
Elementary: 28
Middle: 9
High schools: 7
Special/charter schools: 6
- **Number of students (K-12): 23,266**
Elementary school students: 10,730
Middle school students: 5,127
High school students: 6,948
Special/charter school students: 461
- **Student enrollment by ethnicity**
Black: 77%
White: 18%
Other: 5%
- **Percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch: 65%**
- **2008-2009 General Fund Budget: \$247,994,345**
- **Number of employees: 4,424**
- **Number of teachers: 2,151**
- **Number of National Board-certified teachers: 226**

* Based on 2007-2008 data

Since 1881, generations of Columbia families have entrusted the education of their children to the friendly, neighborhood schools of Richland One.

What will our next generation of students achieve? We believe the sky is the limit. Richland One's innovative and challenging educational programs, extracurricular activities and community partnerships give our students a competitive edge. The rest is up to them, their talents and the opportunities that await them.



Mission Statement

The mission of Richland County School District One is to educate every student to become a productive citizen, life-long learner and achieve maximum potential through student-centered personnel, innovative and challenging instructional programs, comprehensive support systems and diverse community.

Richland One Strategic Plan 2005-2010

Objectives

- #1 Every student will demonstrate mastery of academic standards.
- #2 Every student will demonstrate good citizenship within the school and community.
- #3 Every student will graduate prepared to enter higher education and the workforce.

Strategies

- #1 We will ensure meaningful academic engagement through high quality instructional delivery, leadership and support.
- #2 We will provide learning environments where respect for all persons is expected and appropriate behavior is modeled and maintained.
- #3 We will recruit, support and retain highly qualified, dedicated staff.
- #4 We will foster unity of purpose by improving communication and building stronger relationships within the district and with families and the community at large.
- #5 We will develop and upgrade management information systems to make informed decisions.
- #6 We will strategically abandon ineffective and inefficient programs, processes and practices.
- #7 We will develop a system for setting personal, challenging goals for each student, which appropriately involves staff, family, and community.
- #8 We will organize the resources, personnel and time of the school system in order to focus best on achieving our mission and objectives.

Living Life Like It's 'Golden'

Leona Calcutt does. Richland One offers a Golden Activities Pass to persons age 60 and older who are residents of the district. The pass can be used for free admission to all district-sponsored athletics activities, except playoffs, held at a school or athletic field in the district. Pass holders also may eat lunch at any district school for the current adult lunch price. Persons interested in obtaining a pass may call 231-7504 for further information.

Volunteers Can Help Make A Difference

Do you want to make a difference in a child's life? Richland One is home to one of the state's most successful school volunteer programs, with volunteer opportunities designed to fit every individual's interest and availability. With a minimal time commitment, you can make a tremendous impact in the lives of our students.



The purpose of Richland One's volunteer program is to establish nurturing relationships between students and adults in order to enhance students' self-concept, decrease discipline referrals, reduce absenteeism, motivate students to improve their academic performance and build a constituency for public education and child advocacy.

Richland One has more than 2,500 school volunteers, but we need even more caring and committed adults to share their time and talents with our students. Volunteer opportunities include mentors, Lunch Buddies, tutors, partnerships, classroom volunteers and school support volunteers.

To sign up to be a volunteer, contact one of our school volunteer liaisons or call Katy Watkins, Richland One's volunteer and mentoring programs coordinator, at (803) 231-7511.

Together We Can: A Historic Partnership

During the 2007-08 school year, local governments, businesses and nonprofit organizations announced a historic partnership forged to support Richland One schools and students. The new initiative was called "Columbia and Richland One: Together We Can Build A Better Community."

Together We Can partners include the City of Columbia, Richland County, Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the Partners In Education Foundation. Their goal is to support Richland One in its efforts to improve student achievement, encourage the entire community to become more meaningfully involved in Richland One schools and promote the progress being made in the district.

"Having strong schools is a key factor in attracting businesses and industry to Columbia," said Columbia Mayor Bob Coble. "The future of Columbia will depend on having a highly-educated, highly-skilled workforce. Students attending Richland One schools today will make up tomorrow's workforce. An investment in our schools is an investment in the future of our city."

Together We Can leaders will work early in the 2008-09 school year to identify specific projects or focus areas, which may include recruiting more adults in the community to serve as tutors and mentors to students in Richland One; providing housing incentives for Richland One teachers and families; and opening schools after hours to serve students and the community.

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DIRECTORY OF SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS

Elementary Schools

Arden Elementary School
1300 Ashley Street
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 735-3400
Principal: Dr. Peggie Grant
Enrollment: 350
Mascot: Beagle
Grades: CD-5

Bradley Elementary School
3032 Pine Belt Rd.
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 738-7200
Principal: Dr. Erica Fields
Enrollment: 403
Mascot: Bee
Grades: CD-5

Brennen Elementary School
4438 Devereaux Road
Columbia, SC 29205
Telephone: 738-7204
Principal: Dr. Marian Crum-Mack
Enrollment: 705
Mascot: Bulldog
Grades: CD-5

Brockman Elementary School
2245 Montclair Drive
Columbia, SC 29206
Telephone: 790-6743
Principal: Dr. Lynn Robertson
Enrollment: 270
Mascot: Bear
Grades: Pre K-Grade 5

Burnside Elementary School
7300 Patterson Road
Columbia, SC 29209
Telephone: 783-5530
Principal: Dr. Felicia Butler
Enrollment: 256
Mascot: Bees
Grades: CD-5

Burton-Pack Elementary School
111 Garden Drive
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 691-5550
Principal: Dr. Denise Collier
Enrollment: 525
Mascot: Bulldog
Grades: CD-5

Carver-Lyon Elementary School
2100 Waverly Street
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 343-2900
Principal: Dr. Dorothy Gallman
Enrollment: 450
Mascot: Lion
Grades: CD-5

Caughman Road Elementary School
7725 Caughman Road
Columbia, SC 29209
Telephone: 783-5534
Principal: Jane Wyatt
Enrollment: 607
Mascot: Comets
Grades: CD-5

Forest Heights Elementary School
2500 Blue Ridge Terrace
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 691-3780
Principal: Dr. Frank Robinson
Enrollment: 465
Mascot: Eagles
Grades: CD-5

Gadsden Elementary School
1660 South Goodwin Circle
Gadsden, SC 29052
Telephone: 353-2231
Principal: Dr. Charles DeLaughter
Enrollment: 187
Mascot: Bluejay
Grades: CD-5

Hopkins Elementary School
6120 Cabin Creek Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
Telephone: 783-5541
Principal: Angela Brown
Enrollment: 408
Mascot: Hippo
Grades: CD-5

Horrell Hill Elementary School
517 Horrell Hill Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
Telephone: 783-5545
Principal: Parthenia Satterwhite
Enrollment: 722
Mascot: Eagle
Grades: CD-5

Hyatt Park Elementary School
4200 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 735-3421
Principal: Elizabeth Eason
Enrollment: 647
Mascot: Cougar
Grades: CD-5

Lewis Greenview Elementary School
726 Easter Street
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 735-3417
Principal: Delores Gilliard
Enrollment: 531
Mascot: Jaguar
Grades: CD-5

Logan Elementary School
815 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
Telephone: 343-2915
Principal: Dr. Richard Moore
Enrollment: 206
Mascot: Leopard
Grades: CD-5

Meadowfield Elementary School
525 Galway Lane
Columbia, SC 29209
Telephone: 783-5549
Principal: Paula Stephens
Enrollment: 625
Mascot: Mustang
Grades: CD-5

Mill Creek Elementary School
925 Universal Drive
Columbia, SC 29209
Telephone: 783-5553
Principal: Steven E. Cannon
Enrollment: 320
Mascot: Croaker
Grades: CD-5

A.C. Moore Elementary School
333 Etiwan Ave.
Columbia, SC 29205
Telephone: 343-2910
Principal: Dr. Chantelle Baker-Parnell
Enrollment: 310
Mascot: Bobcat
Grades: CD-5

Pine Grove Elementary School
111 Huffstetter Drive
Columbia, SC 29210
Telephone: 214-2380
Principal: Inger Ferguson
Enrollment: 430
Mascot: Panda
Grades: CD-5

H.B. Rhame Elementary School
1300 Arrowwood Road
Columbia, SC 29210
Telephone: 731-8900
Principal: Mikell Owens
Enrollment: 415
Mascot: Saint
Grades: K-5

Rosewood Elementary School
3300 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC 29205
Telephone: 343-2930
Principal: Dr. Ted Wachter
Enrollment: 400
Mascot: Eagle
Grades: K-5

Sandel Elementary School
2700 Seminole Road
Columbia, SC 29210
Telephone: 731-8906
Principal: Fae Young
Enrollment: 492
Mascot: Eagle
Grades: CD-5

Satchel Ford Elementary School
5901 Satchel Ford Road
Columbia, SC 29206
Telephone: 738-7209
Principal: Connie Alley
Enrollment: 650
Mascot: Braves
Grades: K-5

South Kilbourne Elementary School
1400 South Kilbourne Road
Columbia, SC 29205
Telephone: 738-7215
Principal: Sarah Smith
Enrollment: 322
Mascot: Kangaroo
Grades: CD-5

E.E. Taylor Elementary School
200 McRae Street
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 343-2924
Principal: Debbie R. Hunter
Enrollment: 252
Mascot: Raider
Grades: CD-5

J.P. Thomas Elementary School
6001 Weston Avenue
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 735-3430
Principal: Evelyn Moore
Enrollment: 497
Mascot: Tiger
Grades: CD-5

Watkins-Nance Elementary School
2525 Barhamville Road
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 733-4321
Principal: Dr. Evelyn Cohens
Enrollment: 475
Mascot: Rocket
Grades: CD-5

NEW TO RICHLAND ONE?
Find the schools in your
attendance zone
by clicking on the
SCHOOL ZONE LOCATOR
at www.richlandone.org

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS

Webber Elementary School

140 Webber School Road
Eastover, SC 29044
Telephone: 353-8771
Principal: Dorothy Ham
Enrollment: 450
Mascot: Eagles
Grades: CD-5

Middle Schools

Alcorn Middle School

5125 Fairfield Road
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 735-3439
Principal: Baron Davis
Enrollment: 510
Mascot: Knight
Grades: 6-8

Crayton Middle School

5000 Clemson Avenue
Columbia, SC 29206
Telephone: 738-7224
Principal: Susan Childs
Enrollment: 1,087
Mascot: Cavaliers
Grades: 6-8

Gibbes Middle School

500 Summerlea Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 343-2942
Principal: Rick Coleman
Enrollment: 536
Mascot: Eagle
Grades: 6-8

Hand Middle School

2600 Wheat Street
Columbia, SC 29205
Telephone: 343-2947
Principal: Marisa Vickers
Enrollment: 946
Mascot: Hornet
Grades: 6-8

Hopkins Middle School

1601 Clarkson Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
Telephone: 695-3331
Principal: Goler Collins
Enrollment: 575
Mascot: Eagles
Grades: 6-8

W.A. Perry Middle School

2600 Barhamville Road
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 256-6347
Principal: Demetria Clemons
Enrollment: 496
Mascot: Eagle
Grades: 6-8

St. Andrews Middle School

1231 Bluefield Road
Columbia, SC 29210
Telephone: 731-8910
Principal: Kenneth Richardson
Enrollment: 761
Mascot: Saints
Grades: 6-8

W.G. Sanders Middle School

136 Alida Street
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 735-3445
Principal: Andrenna Smith
Enrollment: 560
Mascot: Golden Tiger
Grades: 6-8

Southeast Middle School

731 Horrell Hill Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
Telephone: 695-5700
Principal: Jeannetta Scott
Enrollment: 750
Mascot: Scorpion
Grades: 6-8

High Schools

Columbia High School

1701 Westchester Drive
Columbia, SC 29210
Telephone: 731-8950
Principal: Dr. Sean Alford
Enrollment: 879
Mascot: Capitals
Grades: 9-12

Dreher High School

3319 Millwood Avenue
Columbia, SC 29205
Telephone: 253-7000
Principal: Jeanne Stiglbauer
Enrollment: 1,302
Mascot: Blue Devil
Grades: 9-12

Eau Claire High School

4800 Monticello Road
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 735-7600
Principal: Rodney Zimmerman
Enrollment: 1,005
Mascot: Shamrock
Grades: 9-12

A.C. Flora High School

One Falcon Drive
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 738-7300
Principal: Richard McClure
Enrollment: 1,350
Mascot: Falcon
Grades: 9-12

C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy

2219 Barhamville Road
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 253-7092
Principal: Kathie Greer
Enrollment: 631
Mascot: Green Hornet
Grades: 9-12

W.J. Keenan High School

361 Pisgah Church Road
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 714-2500
Principal: Dr. Steve Wilson
Enrollment: 939
Mascot: Raider
Grades: 9-12

Lower Richland High School

2615 Lower Richland Boulevard
Hopkins, SC 29061
Telephone: 695-3000
Principal: Marvin Byers
Enrollment: 1,729
Mascot: Diamond Hornets
Grades: 9-12

Special Schools and Programs

Adult Education

2612 Covenant Road
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 343-2935
Director: Ericka Hursey

Challenger Learning Center

2600A Barhamville Rd.
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 343-2935
Director: Thelma Clavon

Evening High School

3560 Lynhaven Drive
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 231-6749
Coordinator: Kerry Abel

Heyward Career & Technology Center

3560 Lynhaven Drive
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: 735-3343
Principal: Sherry Rivers
Enrollment: 1,000
Grades: 9-12

Olympia Learning Center

621 Bluff Road
Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: 400-1650
Principal: Nathan White
Grades: 9-12

Pendergrass Fairwold School

5935 Token Street
Columbia, SC 29203
Telephone: 735-3435
Principal: Patricia Brown
Grades: n/a

Richland One Middle College

316 S. Beltline Blvd.
Columbia, SC 29205
Phone: 738-7114
Dean: Audrey Breland
Grades: 11-12

Administrative Buildings

Stevenson Administration Building

1616 Richland Street
Columbia, SC 29201
Telephone: 231-7000

Central Services Facility

201 Park Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Lyon Street Student Services Center

1310 Lyon Street
Columbia, SC 29204

Waverley Administration Center

1225 Oak Street
Columbia, SC 29204



2008-2009 RICHLAND ONE DISTRICT CALENDAR

July 2008

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2008-2009 District Calendar

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| July 4 Holiday
Teacher workday
District professional development
School professional development
Teacher workday
First day of school
Labor Day
Early dismissal for elementary and middle schools
Interim reports; delayed start for high schools
Early dismissal for elementary and middle schools
District professional development; holiday for students
Delayed start for high schools
End of first grading period (45 days)
Report cards issued
Parent/teacher conferences (half day for students)
Teacher workday; holiday for students
Election Day; all schools and offices closed
Early dismissal for elementary and middle schools
Delayed start for high schools
Interim reports
Thanksgiving Break
Winter Break
End of second grading period (90 days)
Early dismissal for elementary and middle schools
Martin Luther King Day
Report cards issued
Delayed start for high schools
Interim reports; early dismissal for elem./middle schools
District professional development; holiday for students
Delayed start for high schools
Early dismissal for elementary and middle schools
Delayed start for high schools
End of third grading period (135 days)
Report cards issued
Parent/teacher conferences (half day for students)
Spring Break
Teacher workday; holiday for students
Interim reports
Last day of school (180 days); elementary report cards issued
Teacher workday**
Middle/high school report cards issued | July 4
August 11
August 12
August 13 & 14
August 15
August 18
September 1
September 10
September 17
October 8
October 13
October 16
October 21
October 29
October 30
November 3
November 4
November 12
November 19
November 25
November 26-28
December 22-January 2
January 13
January 14
January 19
January 21
January 28
February 11
February 16
February 25
March 11
March 18
March 19
April 1
April 2
April 6-10
April 13
April 15
May 29
May 30
June 5 |
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*Student make-up days are February 16, April 13 and May 30.
 **Saturday, May 30 is a scheduled workday for 190-day employees only.*

- First/last day of school for students
- Student holiday/professional development
- Holiday
- ◇ Teacher Workday

Richland One Employee Work Schedule

	First workday	Last workday
180-day employees:	8/18/08	5/29/09
184-day employees:	8/14/08	5/29/09
190-day employees:	8/11/08	5/30/09
200-day employees:	8/4/08	6/8/09
220-day employees:	7/21/08	6/22/09
240-day employees:	7/1/08	6/30/09

184-day employees will be off on Nov. 3, Feb. 16, and April 13.

January 2009

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June 2009

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Frequently Called Numbers

Richland One Switchboard	231-7000
Adult Education	343-2935
After-School Programs	231-6842
Athletics	231-7496
Attendance Lines	231-6944
Business/Community Partnerships	231-7511
Charter Schools	231-6836
Communications/Public Relations	231-7504
Counselors	231-6752
Curriculum	231-6861
Drop-out Prevention	231-6749
Drug Prevention	231-6906
Early Childhood	231-6709
Employment Opportunities	231-7418
Foreign Language	231-6829
Four-year-old Kindergarten	231-6825
Free or Reduced-Meal Applications	231-6953
Gifted Programs	231-6836
Hearing Office	231-6926
Homebound Instruction	231-6754
Home Schooling	231-7151
Human Resources	231-7418
InfoPhone	231-7512
Insurance/Student	231-7401
International Welcome Center	212-1475
Meals	231-6953
Media Centers	231-6803
Partners In Education Foundation	318-3005
Preschool, for Special Education	691-3993
Registrar's Office	231-6944
Richland One TV	231-6700
Safe Schools	231-6906
School Board Office	231-7556
School Board Policies	231-7404
School Nurses	231-6751
School Psychologists	231-6753
School Social Workers	231-6748
Special Education	231-6778
Student Records	231-6791
Student Transfers	231-6944
Testing/Student	231-7450
Textbooks	231-6861
Title I (No Child Left Behind)	231-6816
Transportation	231-7002
Volunteers and Mentors	231-7511

Back-To-School Questions? Call 231-7645

Richland One's 2008 Back-to-School Help Line (231-7645) will be in operation August 15, 18 and 19. District staff, including representatives from Curriculum, Student Transportation and Nursing Services, will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to answer your back-to-school questions.

New bell schedule gives elementary students more class time

Richland One will ring in the 2008-09 school year with a new bell schedule that will provide additional instructional time for elementary students.

- Elementary schools - 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Middle school - 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
- High school - 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Under the new bell schedule, the elementary school day will be expanded by 20 minutes, which will give elementary, middle and high-school students seven hours of instructional time.

School start and dismissal times for middle schools will be the same as they were during the 2007-08 school year. High schools will begin and end the day 15 minutes later than last year.

Morning bus pickup times will not change because of the new bell schedule, but some pickup times will be affected by routine bus routing changes. See pages 25-34 for bus routes and pick-up times. Bus routes are also posted on the district's Web site at www.richlandone.org.

Testing Schedule for 2008 – 2009

(Dates are subject to change.)

	Testing Program	Students in the Following Grades	Dates	Tests
Fall 2008	HSAP	All students beyond their second year in high school and/or have not passed both parts	Tues., Oct. 21	ELA – Day 1
			Wed., Oct. 22	ELA – Day 2
			Thurs., Oct. 23	Mathematics
			Through Oct. 31	Make-up Testing
	EOCEP	High school and adult education students enrolled in the specified courses	Jan. 7 – 13	Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Part B, English 1, Physical Science, U.S. History and Constitution
			Through Jan. 20	Make-up Testing
Spring 2009	ELDA	All students in grades K – 12 with limited English proficiency	Feb. 23 – Apr. 3	Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking
	SC-Alt	All students who are ages 8-13 or 15 on September 1 and meet the criteria for alternate assessment	Mar. 2 – Apr. 17	ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies
	* TBD	Grades 3 – 8	March (TBD)	Writing Field Test
	HSAP	All students beyond their second year in high school and/or have not passed both parts	Tues., April 21	ELA – Day 1
			Wed., April 22	ELA – Day 2
			Thurs., April 23	Mathematics
			Through May 1	Make-up Testing
	EOCEP	Middle school, high school, and adult education students enrolled in the specified courses	May 11 – 15	Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Part B, English 1, Physical Science, U.S. History and Constitution
			Through May 22	Make-up Testing
	* TBD	Grades 3 – 8	May (TBD)	ELA
			May (TBD)	Mathematics
			May (TBD)	Science
May (TBD)			Social Studies	
May (TBD)			Make-up Testing	

• TBD: To be determined. The name and testing dates for the new assessment in grades 3 through 8 have not been announced.

- HSAP = High School Assessment Program
- EOCEP = End-of-Course Examination Program
- ELDA = English Language Development Assessment
- SC-Alt = South Carolina Alternate Assessment (formerly HSAP-Alt and PACT-Alt)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASICS



Registration

Children must be five years old on or before September 1 to enroll in kindergarten, and six years old on or before September 1 to enroll in first grade. State law requires students to be in school from ages five to 17.

Parents who choose not to send their child to a public or private five-year-old kindergarten must sign a waiver to that effect. Waiver forms are available at all elementary schools.

To register a child for any grade, parents must take the following documents to the school that serves their residence: child's Social Security card (if no card is available the school's computer database will generate a SUNS/State ID Number), birth certificate, SC Immunization Form and two proofs of residence, such as utility bills.

To register a child who is transferring from another school district, parents should take the child's latest report card and the check-out card from the previous school, in addition to the documents required for registration.

The following are recommended for registration, if available: academic record (transcript, report cards, test scores); copy of special education IEP, if applicable; and any other records which will be helpful in placing the student in the appropriate academic program.

Immunizations

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has declared the following schedule of required vaccinations, screenings, and immunizations necessary for a child to be admitted to any public, private, or parochial school, grades five year old kindergarten through twelve (5K-12), or child development program under the control of the State Department of Education for the 2008-2009 school year.

Minimum Requirements

- Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, DTP-Hib, DTaP, Td, Tdap vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday.

This immunization requirement only applies to students entering five-year-old kindergarten, first, second, third, and fourth grades in school year 2008-2009. Students previously enrolled in grades 5 through 12 met the requirement as stated for the school year in which they entered school.

If the fourth dose of DTaP, DTP, or DT is administered before the fourth birthday, a booster dose is required at 4-6 years of age. The fifth dose is not required if the fourth dose was given on or after the fourth birthday. The minimum interval between DTaP dose #3 and #4 or #4 and #5 is six months.

- Three (3) doses of any combination of oral or inactivated Polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday.

If all four IPV doses are administered after 6 weeks of age and are all separated by at least 4 weeks, a fifth dose is not needed, even if the fourth dose was administered before 4 years of age.

- Two (2) doses of Rubeola (Measles) vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least one month.
- One (1) dose of Rubella (German Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday.
- One (1) dose of Mumps vaccine received on or after the first birthday.
- Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.
- One (1) dose of Varicella vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease for all children admitted to kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine, separated by at least one month, are required for unimmunized children 13 years of age and older who have no positive history of disease.

Children less than six years of age who attend a child development program for K4 and younger must present to the school, if the program is in a school setting, a South Carolina Certificate of Immunization (DHEC form 1148), which assures they are "up-to-date" or "catching-up" on the childhood immunizations recommended and



Every Richland One school has a highly-trained school nurse. Pictured is Lewis Greenview school nurse (and Classified Employee of the Year finalist) Anna Taylor and student Ja'Veon Jones.

and routinely provided by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

Minimum Immunization Requirements for the Final Certificate for K4 or Younger Programs in Public Schools for 2008-2009.

- Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, DTP-Hib, or DTaP vaccine.
- Three (3) doses of any combination or oral or inactivated Polio vaccine.
- Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- Current, age-appropriate Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccination according to the currently published immunization schedule.
- One (1) dose of Rubeola (Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday.
- One (1) dose of Rubella (German Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday.
- One (1) dose of Mumps vaccine received on or after the first birthday.
- One (1) dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease.
- Current, age-appropriate Pneumococcal vaccination according to the currently published immunization schedule.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASICS

School Assignment

Students are assigned to schools based upon where their parents or guardians live. If parents are divorced or legally separated, the student is assigned to the school based upon where the custodial parent lives.

If a student's permanent, home address changes after the first grading period, the student is given the option of remaining at the same school for the school year. This request must be made through the Registrar's Office. At the beginning of the next school year, the student must enroll in the zoned school.

Fees

There are no general fees in the district. Textbooks are provided free of charge to all students, as is access to computers. Certain courses require materials fees. There are fees for extracurricular activities, such as athletic events, plays and field trips.

Band and orchestra students must own or rent an instrument. Fees for those may be waived for students who cannot afford them.

Out-of-district tuition fees and the application process are handled through the Registrar's Office.

Fees are charged for transcripts of student records.

All students must pay for lost and damaged books, materials, supplies and equipment.

The student's report card may be held until these charges are paid. A student is not allowed to participate in graduation exercises if any debt is owed to the school.

Code of Conduct

School rules are designed to protect students and to ensure safe, orderly schools.

The district's Discipline Code provides parents and students with the district's expectations for student conduct. These specific student conduct rules are reviewed annually with all students in all grades.

Students may be disciplined by school officials for conduct on school property, while engaged in or attending a school activity or while going to or returning home from school.

Each student receives a copy of the Discipline Code to take home at the beginning of the school year. If the student does not receive a copy, contact the principal. It also is available on the district's Web site, www.richlandone.org. In addition to the Discipline Code, individual schools and teachers have rules that apply to specific situations. Students should know those rules and the consequences for violating them.

Dress Code

Richland One has the right to set limits on the dress of students. All students have the responsibility to comply with (observe) these limits and the basic standards of cleanliness and good grooming. Parents/legal guardians also share the responsibility for assuring that students dress in an appropriate manner.

A student's dress and appearance should not be such that it causes disruption, is immodest, distracts others from the educational process or creates a health or safety problem.

Student Insurance

Parents are encouraged to purchase low-cost, school-time accident insurance that covers students on the way to and from school, while they are at school or whenever they are engaging in school-sponsored activities. Information is sent home to parents at the beginning of the school year.

All students participating in athletics and/or auxiliary sports/support-related activities must purchase accident insurance provided through the district. The insurance covers students participating in middle and high school interscholastic athletics and auxiliary sports/support-related activities, including, but not limited to, marching band, cheerleading (including competitive cheer), team managers and JROTC.

This helps ensure that injured students have access to ambulance service and emergency room admissions while on out-of-town trips, when parents cannot be contacted immediately.

Students will not be denied the opportunity to participate in school-sponsored activities because of inability to pay the premiums.

Student Attendance

The South Carolina Compulsory School Attendance Law requires that children who reach their fifth birthday before September 1 and are under age 17 attend school regularly unless otherwise enrolled in private school or home instruction approved by the South Carolina State Department of Education.

Parents or guardians should be clear that:

- Parent notes are accepted at the discretion of the principal.
- High school students who exceed four absences in a semester course or eight absences in a year-long course may not receive credit for that course. However, students may be eligible for credit recovery for days missed.

- Parent notes must be submitted to school within two days of his/her return to school
- If notes are submitted after two days, the absences may be considered as unlawful.

Lawful Absences:

- Student illness if attendance would endanger his health or the health of others. (If your child has an illness that causes an absence to be more than five days, you may make a request for homebound instruction. You must have the proper form submitted from a medical practitioner and approved by the school.)
- Illness or death in the immediate family
- A recognized religious holiday of the students' faith
- Medical or dental appointments; court appearances
- Class suspensions

Unlawful Absences:

An unlawful absence is any absence that is not excused under the conditions mentioned above.

Consequences:

- Students who accumulate three consecutive or five total unlawful absences are considered to be truant by law and must have an Attendance Improvement Plan.
- Parent/ legal guardian will be notified that an Attendance Improvement Plan must be implemented.
- If unlawful absences continue, a referral will be made to the Richland County Family Court.
- Parents convicted for educational neglect may be placed under court order, fined up to \$50.00 a day and /or jailed for up to 30 days for each unexcused absence thereafter.
- Students between the ages of 12 and 17 may be sent to the Department of Juvenile Justice for up to 90 days.
- A court order may remain in effect until a child graduates from high school.

For more information, call 231-6757 or 231-6748.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY
LISTS ARE
AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT
WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG**

Richland One's Student Nutrition Services offers hot, nutritious meals to thousands of students each day

Richland One's Student Nutrition Services (SNS) provides thousands of hearty lunches and breakfasts to our students each school day. These meals meet dietary recommendations so children limit fat, sodium, cholesterol and excess calories in their diet. Studies have shown that children who eat better perform better in school.

Free and Reduced-Price Lunches

All students seeking free and reduced-price meals must complete an application for the 2008-09 school year (even if they received free/reduced lunch in 2007-08). Since income guidelines change from year to year, everyone is encouraged to apply. Any child eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch is also eligible for a free or reduced-price breakfast. Eligibility determinations are made on a household basis (with the exception of certain TANF situations and individual schools programs).

Here's how to apply:

- Go on-line at www.richlandone.org.
- Click on the Departments tab on the home page.
- Then go to Student Nutrition and select the Application link.
- After you print the application, complete it at home and return it to the school.

Meal Prices

Meal Type	Full Price	Reduced
Elementary lunch	\$1.35	40¢
Middle/high school lunch	\$1.50	40¢
Breakfast (all)	75¢	30¢

Richland One Students Eat Healthy

Student Nutrition Services provides healthy breakfasts and lunches, as well as snacks for qualifying after-school programs, under the guidelines of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

School meals are planned to meet the recommended dietary allowances for school-aged children (in accordance with the USDA and Dietary Guidelines for Americans). Our goal is to provide more fiber rich foods, while decreasing the overall fat content, sodium and sugar in the meals we serve. We strive to create a variety of tasty meals that students will enjoy eating. Employees work hard to limit the amount of pork products to meet the religious needs of many of the district students.

Here are some ways SNS offers students healthy appealing foods:

- Pizzas are made with reduced fat cheese and reduced-fat pepperoni
- Reduced-fat beef for spaghetti/chili
- Beef, turkey or chicken used for barbecue
- Chicken and turkey products used in hot dogs, sausage patties and luncheon meats
- Chicken/turkey product and wheat bread used for hot dogs/corn dogs
- Seasoning with low-sodium broth
- Oven-baked, not fried, menu items
- Choice of wheat and/or white breads

Household Size and Income Guidelines for Free Meals or Reduced Price Meals

(1) Income Guidelines for Free Meals – 130%						(2) Income Guidelines for Reduced Price Meals – 185%					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
(1)	13,520	1,127	564	520	260	(1)	19,240	1,604	802	740	370
(2)	18,200	1,517	759	700	350	(2)	25,900	2,159	1,080	997	499
(3)	22,880	1,907	954	880	440	(3)	32,560	2,714	1,357	1,253	627
(4)	27,560	2,297	1,149	1,060	530	(4)	39,220	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
(5)	32,240	2,687	1,344	1,240	620	(5)	45,880	3,824	1,912	1,765	883
(6)	36,920	3,077	1,539	1,420	710	(6)	52,540	4,379	2,190	2,021	1,011
(7)	41,600	3,467	1,734	1,600	800	(7)	59,200	4,934	2,467	2,277	1,139
(8)	46,280	3,857	1,929	1,780	890	(8)	65,860	5,489	2,745	2,534	1,267
For each additional family member	+4,680	+390	+195	+180	+90		+6,660	+555	+278	+257	+129

- 100% real fruit juice
- Fat-free, skim, 1% or 2% milk
- Salads offered daily
- Low-fat mayonnaise and dressings

Breakfast in the Classroom

No time in the mornings to prepare breakfast for the kids? Students can now eat breakfast in their classrooms. Breakfast is sent directly to the classroom where students simply check their names off a class roster if they choose to eat. No money exchanges hands in the classroom and students' income status (free or reduced meal recipients) is not revealed. Breakfast in the Classroom has become so popular that participation has jumped 65% at some schools.

Studies show the children who eat breakfast improve their concentration and standardized test scores and are less likely to be absent or tardy.

myLunchMoney.com

Student Nutrition Services has a convenient and easy way for parents to manage their children's meal accounts. With the MyLunchMoney Web site, giving your kids lunch money is a snap. The free service is easy to use, private and secure. Your personal and payment card information is protected by the most advanced Internet security.

How to use myLunchMoney.com:

- To enroll go to www.myLunchMoney.com
- Deposit funds into your child's lunch account
- Once your account is established, you can check balances and deposit funds into the account from your home computer, phone or fax.

Coming Soon to a School Near You!

In an effort to improve food quality and safety, Richland One will begin Phase I of a revolutionary meal delivery system that will improve the overall quality of food served in schools.

With this new system, the food will be cooked, flash-frozen (cooled in a very short period of time) and transported cold or frozen to each kitchen where it will be re-thermalized (cooked) at the site.

This method will preserve the food's integrity and improve the appearance, taste and texture of the food. The state-of-the-art equipment used in this process uses moist radiant heat to evenly heat the food to proper temperature without compromising the quality of the food. Food cooks evenly and retains proper moisture vs. the old system which used dry heat and produced overcooked or dried-out food items.

The system will be piloted in the Lower Richland cluster schools: Lower Richland High, Burnside Elementary, Caughman Road Elementary, Gadsden Elementary, Hopkins Elementary, Hopkins Middle, Horrell Hill Elementary, Mill Creek Elementary, Southeast Middle and Webber Elementary. Phase I schools will be outfitted with state-of-the-art cooking equipment. Remaining schools will be brought on-line in several phases until completion.

Special Sales Items

All items sold in canteens, vending machines and school stores must meet the district's Healthy and Nutritious School Environment Policy guidelines. These are single-sale items that are sold outside the main meal service lines.

Students With Special Dietary Needs

Disabled students who have special nutritional needs documented by a physician are entitled to meals that are appropriate for them at no additional charge to the parent. This includes, but is not limited to, special diets, texture modifications and food omissions.

SNS also is sensitive to the meal options for students with special dietary needs, such as diabetics and those with food allergies. Once identified, SNS works with school nurses to provide meals that accommodate these specific requests without preparing separate meals from the general population menu.

For more information, contact Student Nutrition Services at 231-6953.



SAFETY FIRST IN RICHLAND ONE

Severe Weather Procedures

In the event of severe weather, Richland One has procedures in place to make decisions about whether school and work schedules will be modified and to notify students, parents, district employees and the community as quickly as possible.

Here's how it works:

- When severe weather is forecast, district officials monitor weather reports, consult with transportation staff and local emergency preparedness agencies, and communicate with neighboring school districts in making a decision.
- The superintendent makes the decision by 5:45 a.m. whether to proceed with normal schedules, delay the opening of school or cancel school for the day. In some instances, the decision can be made the preceding afternoon or evening. One of the key factors is whether our buses will be able to travel safely.
- Once a decision has been made about the school day, district officials will contact parents via the district's automated phone notification system. Announcements of school closings or delays also will be sent to local news media and posted on the district's Web site at www.richlandone.org and on Richland One TV (Time Warner Cable channel 12). Parents, students and employees may call the Richland One InfoPhone at 231-7512 for the most up-to-date information. Parents are urged not to call the schools because doing so could hinder district emergency communications.

Other school emergencies, such as power failures, lack of water or sewage problems, also may result in closings, delays or dismissals. Similar notification procedures would be followed at the district or school level, including whether after-school programs, child-care programs and sports activities will proceed as scheduled.

In the event of a two-hour delay, all school opening schedules will be pushed back two hours and bus pick-up times will be adjusted accordingly. Pre-child development classes are cancelled under a two-hour delayed start schedule.

Parents are urged to make arrangements in advance and establish an emergency plan for their children in the event that schools are closed, start late or are dismissed early.

District's lockdown procedures help to ensure safety in emergency situations

In Richland One, the safety of our students and employees is our No. 1 priority. Some situations may require a school or the district to protect students and employees from possible danger by instituting a lockdown.

Two types of lockdowns:

Complete lockdown: This procedure will be in response to a specific threat to a facility or campus. All entrances will be locked and NO ONE will be permitted to enter or leave the building with the exception of designated district personnel, law enforcement and First Responders. Law enforcement representatives and emergency support personnel also may be on the scene or in the area.

Modified lockdown: This procedure will be in response to a general threat to the facility, campus or surrounding neighborhood. All entrances will be locked and "controlled access" will be permitted when leaving or entering the building. Normal instructional and operational activities (with the exception of outside student activities) will continue.

Designated district staff, law enforcement representatives and emergency support personnel may be on the scene or in the area. If designated district staff members determine that access to the facility is feasible and safe, continued or limited control access may be implemented. Persons entering the building must provide photo identification, a valid reason for entry and abide by all directives from school/dis-

Visitor registration system helps to keep students safe

When you walk into a Richland One school or administrative building, you're sure to be greeted with a smile by the person sitting at the front desk. You'll also be asked for your driver's license.

During the 2007-08 school year, Richland One began using the RAPTOR/V-Soft visitor registration system at all of its schools and administrative buildings as a way to enhance safety.

Upon entering a Richland One building, visitors are asked for their driver's license. The license is run through a scanner and the system reads the license and compares it to a nationwide sex offender database. If a match is found, the system alerts administrators and law enforcement personnel to take the appropriate steps to keep the campus safe. If no match is found, the system prints out a photo ID badge indicating that the visitor has been cleared to be on campus.

Along with serving as an extra safety measure, V-Soft is also used to track the many hours the



Secretary/receptionist Gwen Spann (right) asks a visitor for her photo ID. Richland One uses the RAPTOR/V-Soft visitor registration system at all of its schools and administrative buildings.

district's more than 2,500 school volunteers put in during the year.

For more information about V-Soft, please click on the V-Soft link at www.richlandone.org.

Richland One provides links to sex offender registry

S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-535 requires school districts to provide:

- (1) Names and addresses of every sex offender who resides within 1,000 feet of a school bus stop within the school district to the parents or guardians of a student who boards or disembarks a school bus at a stop or
- (2) The hyperlink to the sex offender registry Web site to make the information accessible to parents and guardians.

Richland County School District One has opted to provide the Web site at <http://www.rcsd.net/bubs/predators-offenders.pdf> or at www.scattorneygeneral.com.



Schools need to be able to reach parents quickly in the event of an emergency. That can't happen if the schools don't have up-to-date contact information for every student. Parents who haven't provided their children's schools with updated numbers also won't receive emergency announcements and other messages from the district through its automated phone notification system. Richland One urges all parents to start the new school year by making sure their children's schools have updated contact information for them.

trict staff and law enforcement personnel.

During a lockdown, parents/guardians should NOT go to the school to pick up their children because they may place themselves or others in danger.

An "all clear" will be given by authorized district staff with the advice of law enforcement indicating that the lockdown has been lifted and the circumstances that warranted the lockdown no longer exist. All efforts will be made to limit lockdowns to a minimal amount of time and reduce the interruption of normal school operations.

-From the Office of Safety and Emergency Preparedness

SCHOOL AND DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Richland One offers a diverse mix of academic programs for students

In Richland One, we recognize that no one size fits all. From the arts to engineering, our district offers an exciting variety of educational opportunities designed to match our students' interests and challenge their abilities.

Following is a sampling of the diverse mix of academic programs available in Richland One. For information about program offerings at all Richland One schools, go to www.richlandone.org and click on the "Schools" tab for links to the school Web sites, or contact the schools.

Arts-infused curriculum

Several Richland One schools – including Satchel Ford Elementary, A.C. Moore Elementary, Carver-Lyon Elementary, Hand Middle and Eau Claire High – integrate the arts into the core academic curriculum. Students also showcase their talents through performances at school and in the community, and participate in enrichment activities.

International Baccalaureate programs

Two Richland One high schools – A.C. Flora and Lower Richland – offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, a challenging two-year program of study. Students who complete the program can earn a diploma that is recognized by the world's leading universities. Crayton Middle School offers the Middle Years International Baccalaureate Programme.

Middle College

Located on Midlands Technical College's Beltline campus, the Richland One Middle College is a public charter school for 11th- and 12th-grade students. Components of the program include flexible school hours, free laptop computers, paid internships and work study with career mentors.

Montessori programs

Brockman Elementary opened in 2000 as the Midlands' first and only public Montessori school. Since then Richland One has added "school-within-a-school" Montessori programs at Logan Elementary, Caughman Road Elementary and Gadsden Elementary. Brockman continues to operate as a total Montessori school. Students in Montessori classes learn at their own pace and with hands-on materials. The program focuses on educating the "whole child" by fostering an atmosphere of respect, responsibility and a love of learning.

Paideia Academy

Meadowfield Elementary is working toward becoming the first nationally-certified Paideia Academy in South Carolina. The Paideia Philosophy is based on the assumption that all human beings are capable of a fully humanistic life defined by intellectual growth. Paideia schools are judged by how well they prepare

students for a full and active life of the heart and mind. Meadowfield is currently a Paideia Academy-in-training.

Single-gender education

Single-gender education is gaining popularity among public school systems across the country, including in Richland One. South Kilbourne Elementary, Hopkins Elementary, Hyatt Park Elementary, Hand Middle, Sanders Middle, Southeast Middle, C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy and Columbia High are among the Richland One schools that have implemented single-gender programs as one of their strategies to increase student achievement.

Year-round education

Forest Heights Elementary has operated as a year-round school since July 2001. The modified calendar allows for students to receive enrichment beyond the state-mandated 180 days of attendance. Intersessions are held three times a year (generally after each of the first three marking/grading periods). Attendance during the intersessions is optional, but all students are encouraged to attend. During the intersessions, focused instruction is given to enrich student learning.

New Programs

School of Aerospace

The W.A. Perry School of Aerospace is a school-within-a-school program that will feature a scientifically-based aerospace curriculum integrating all core subject areas and the related arts. It is designed to expose students to a rigorous, challenging, innovative and engaging educational experience.

School of Innovative, Design, Aerospace and Communications Technology

C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy will initiate academies focused on science and technology with an emphasis on world languages and international business to prepare students to pursue careers in global markets. The programs also will place an emphasis on providing a successful, accelerated and seamless transition to post-secondary studies through articulation agreements, shadowing, internships, certifications, co-op, service learning and entrepreneurial experiences.

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)

Columbia High School will launch five academies based on its science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and finance theme. Each academy is a four-year program that will provide students with extensive real-world experience through certifications and practical work experience. Students also will have an opportunity to do paid internships during the summer after their junior year.



Would you like to be among the first to know when school news breaks? Then join Richland One's VIP Network and get the latest district news and information.

The VIP (Very Influential Persons) Network is an e-mail network that connects the district with the community. Through the VIP Network, we keep you informed about all the great things happening in our schools.

As a member, you'll be among the first to receive school and district news, critical announcements and emergency messages. In addition, every Monday morning, a copy of our Richland One eWeek electronic newsletter will arrive in your e-mail mailbox.

Your part is simple. Just check your e-mail regularly for VIP Network bulletins and share the information you receive from us with your family, friends, colleagues and neighbors.

To join the Richland One VIP Network, sign up online at www.richlandone.org; click on the VIP Network logo. There is no membership fee. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Richland One Office of Communications at 231-7504.

Don't delay, join today!

Employee Profile

Dywanna Smith District Teacher Of The Year

By Kristin Martin
Communications Intern

As a young girl growing up in the rural town of Kingstree, S.C., Dywanna Smith quickly learned she had a natural desire to teach.

Raised in a household as the youngest of four children of two educators, she often found her spare time being spent helping her parents grade papers and decorating her father's classroom. That early hands-on experience led her into the teaching profession.

Today, with six years of teaching experience, Smith continues to allow her love for children to shine through every day in her classroom. She was recognized for her teaching talent and dedication by being named Richland One's 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year.

When asked her words of wisdom

for teachers new to the profession, she humbly replies, "Let your passion show."

Smith, who teaches seventh-grade English at Hand Middle School, also teaches an elective reading workshop class dedicated to helping those students who struggle with reading. With reading and writing always being a personal outlet over the years, Smith has found books to be a starting point for transformation. With this in mind, she has taken advantage of the opportunity to share her love for literature with her students. Every day she strives to accomplish her goal of helping her students find their voice through literature.

She finds it most interesting and exciting to make English fun and appealing to her students. Although at times she finds it hard to make the subject come to life, she has figured



Dywanna Smith shares her love for literature with her students at Hand Middle School. She is the 2008-2009 Richland One Teacher of the Year.

out that "if I'm enthusiastic, they follow me!" She sees every day as a learning experience and a new adventure.

Smith also makes sure her students know that her care and concern

extend far beyond the classroom. She is able to share a connection with them not only as their teacher but also as a mentor who wants to help guide them towards success.

Technology-savvy students begin with technology-proficient teachers

By Joy Wilkerson
Communications Intern

In today's world, technology skills are becoming increasingly important to the academic and professional aspirations of students. Richland One is providing professional development training for teachers to effectively integrate technology to enrich the content and create technology-savvy, higher-order thinking students who can live productively in an increasingly digital world.

The district offers a wide array of opportunities for teachers to utilize in order to develop their understanding of technology integration and to assist teachers in modeling for students the use of technology. Some of these options include Web 2.0 tools, electronic whiteboard usage and digital storytelling offered through graduate courses, modules, and workshops at the district and school levels.

Another strength that Richland One possesses in regard to professional development training is its use of technology educators. Technology education specialists are certified teachers who assist other educators in understanding how various Web and computer-based programs are

integrated into the curriculum and support these teachers in developing compelling, authentic, real-world assignments for their students.

Ida Thompson, the district's director of Instructional Technology Services, believes that these individuals are imperative to the technological advances of schools. "Technology educators are first and foremost, fantastic teachers, then great technology users," she said. "They are out in the schools everyday, making sure that the district's resources are being fully utilized by teachers." Richland One's technology education program has been recognized at the state and national levels for its design and delivery options.

Richland One thoroughly prepares teachers and students for a world centered on technology through the collaboration of its professionals, said Luke Fox, executive director of Information Technology. "The partnership between Information Technology, Instructional Technology Services and the individual schools allows all of these programs to truly make an impact," he said. "The overall goal of the partnership is to provide 21st Century technology to support instruction."

21st Century Technology Offerings And Programs Available In Richland One Schools:

- Professional development for teachers
- Technology education specialists
- Personal computer replacement program
- 33 on-site technicians throughout the district
- Subscription-based resources for students
- Home access for a wide array of software and electronic resources
- Wireless labs
- Acceptable Internet Use Policy
- Electronic whiteboards
- Personal computer at home program
- Video-conferencing capabilities
- Laptop lending programs
- Technology literacy programs



Information technology specialist Elizabeth Kohut (standing) provides professional development training for teachers to aid them in effectively integrating technology into their classrooms.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: HEYWARD CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

If the vocational school of another era is what comes to mind when someone mentions Heyward Career and Technology Center to you, think again.

Heyward Career and Technology Center offers students job skills, internships and technology classes that prepare them for the job market and/or college. Its real-world approach to learning uses state-of-the-art technology, certified staff and hands-on experience that businesses and colleges demand.

Principal Sherry Rivers believes Heyward shatters the misconceptions some parents have about technical schools.

"Heyward is nothing like the '70s shop class of a generation ago," she said. "Our students have become doctors, entrepreneurs, architects, engineers, chefs and many other professionals."



Heyward's reputation for excellence has impressed businesses and pushed it into the national spotlight, including an article in Time magazine. BMW, Chrysler and Honda have donated cars to the auto technology classes. The auto collision class uses a \$20,000 computerized painting system donated by NAPA.

Rivers says the school gets calls regularly from businesses looking for qualified workers, knowing they can find them at Heyward. "Heyward offers certifications that can take you straight from the classroom into good-paying jobs," she said.

In addition to the regular programs, Heyward is very proud of Richland One Works, commonly referred to as ROW. This school-based enterprise allows special-needs students to learn personal and professional skills that help them make a successful transition from high school. They create items for sale, such as jewelry, picnic tables, bird houses, ceramics and gift



baskets. They also provide services that include detailing cars, changing oil and preparing mailers.

"ROW is awesome," Rivers said. "As students go through the program, you can see a difference in their confidence, improvements in their behavior and realization of a true purpose. Because ROW is run like a business, students learn the importance of work ethics, such as teamwork, punctuality and dependability. Classes are designed to meet the needs and abilities of each student."

About 900 students take courses at Heyward each year. Many more could take advantage of the job experience and opportunities Heyward offers. Rivers advises parents and students to start career planning early. She invites parents of middle and high school students to stop by for a visit and a tour of the facility. What Heyward has to offer is quite impressive.

The following courses provide the opportunity for state and/or national certifications:

- Advanced Health Science - Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Advanced Health Science and Advanced Sports Medicine - Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)
- Advanced Sports Medicine - CPR
- Automotive Technology (National Automotive Technician Education Foundation - NATEF)
- CISCO/Computer technology (Computing Technology Industry Association - CompTIA A+ and Cisco Certified Networking Associate - CCNA)
- Construction: plumbing, carpentry, electricity and masonry (OSHA certification, National Center for Construction Education and Research - NCCER)
- Cosmetology and Nail Technology - State Board of Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts - Pro-Start
- Master Hair Care Barbering - State Board of Barbering
- Welding - American Welding Society (AWS)

Other courses offered:

- Auto collision repair
- Civil engineering and architecture
- Computer Assisted Design (CAD)
- Digital Home Technology Integration (DHTI)
- Graphic communications
- Marketing
- Mobile electronics



Contact Information:

Heyward Career and Technology Center
3560 Lynhaven Drive
Principal: Sherry Rivers
(803) 735-3343 or
srivers@richlandone.org

Did you know that ...

- Heyward Career and Technology Center has 14 programs that prepare students for post-secondary education and/or the work force?
- Heyward offers certification/licensing that can help students get a job right after high school?
- Heyward offers national automotive certification that can help students get a job anywhere in the country?
- After graduation, the majority of students who complete programs at Heyward attend two- or four-year colleges?
- Heyward offers honors classes?
- You can earn credit for Midlands Technical College courses while attending Heyward?

SCHOOL AND DISTRICT PROGRAMS

World language programs serve Richland One's diverse community

Richland One offers a number of programs serving students interested in acquiring one of six world languages, as well as international families and students whose first language is other than English.

Foreign Language Program

All district students have the opportunity to begin foreign language education as early as in the first grade.

- French and Spanish are offered in grades 1-12.
- Chinese, German and Latin are offered in grades 8-12.
- Russian is offered in grades 9-12.

Instruction emphasizes real-life communication and cultural knowledge and understanding. The focus on culture enhances students' awareness of their role as global citizens and helps them gain insight into their own culture and language.

The International Welcome Center

Because the number of culturally and linguistically diverse students in Richland One has increased steadily over the last several years, the district established a center to welcome new international families and ease their transition into the community. Currently, students represent more than 41 countries and languages.

The International Welcome Center



Richland One students represent more than 41 countries and as many languages.

opened in August 2004 and is located at A.C. Moore Elementary School, 333 Etiwan Ave., Columbia, SC 29205. It serves as a one-stop shop for new international families. Students take language proficiency tests at the center while their parents complete enrollment documents and gain information about the district's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program and services available to their

students. At the end of this initial visit, children are referred to the school that best meets their needs.

The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program

The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program serves students in grades K-12 who have limited English proficiency and whose home language is one other than English. Students receive instruction in

English as a second language and are progressively mainstreamed as their language skills improve.

The ESOL program is offered at the following schools: Arden, Brennen, Burnside, A.C. Moore, Sandel, Alcorn, Crayton, Hand, St. Andrews, Columbia, Dreher, Eau Claire and A.C. Flora.

Richland One Student Experience To Africa (ROSETA) Program

The ROSETA Program is a district-sponsored program and is designed to give students an opportunity to participate in an educational tour of one or more African countries. The ROSETA participants are selected by each middle school from the seventh-grade class. These students engage in study prior to the annual trip and commit to sharing the learning acquired with their school communities upon their return from Africa.

Contact information:

Foreign Language and International Programs

1225 Oak Street

Coordinator: Fatiha Bencheikh

(803) 231-6829 or (803) 212-1475

fbencheikh@richlandone.org

Programs serve Richland One's academically gifted students in grades 3-12

Richland One offers many programs in grades 3-12 for academically gifted students. These programs provide rigorous, accelerated and enriched courses for academically talented students who need challenges beyond those found in the regular school program.

Advanced Academic Program (AAP)

Special classes are available in AAP reading and language arts (grades 3-12); AAP mathematics (grades 3-12); and AAP science and social studies (grades 6-12). Students qualify for AAP classes based on achievement, aptitude and performance-based tests, along with other relevant information.

Mathematics Education for Gifted Secondary School Students (MEGSSS)

MEGSSS is a highly accelerated and enriched sequential course of study designed for students identified in grade 5 as superior in mathematical and verbal reasoning. Students qualify with a composite score on a battery of tests. Along with enrichment curricula, students complete the accelerated components of the curriculum in the following sequence: Pre-Algebra AAP (grade 6), Algebra I AAP (grade 7), Geometry AAP (grade 8), Algebra II AAP (grade 9), and Pre-Calculus AAP (grade 10). In grades 11 and 12 students complete Calculus AB-BC, as well as AP Statistics and/or other college-level

math courses.

Advanced Placement (grades 9-12)

AP courses are college-level courses developed by the College Board that provide students with an opportunity to acquire college credit and/or advanced placement at thousands of colleges and universities in the United States.

While the AP offerings vary at each school, all high schools in Richland One offer AP courses. Contact your child's school to determine which courses are offered.

International Baccalaureate (IB) (grades 11-12)

The IB Diploma Program (offered at Lower Richland and A.C. Flora) is a demanding pre-university course of study that leads to international examinations. IB course completion also provides access to college credit and advanced standing at colleges and universities.

The IB program includes the following requirements:

- Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
- Extended Essay
- Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS)
- Higher level courses that require at least 240 hours of instruction

High School Scholars (grades 9-12)

High School Scholars (HSS) is an academic

recognition program that leads to a special high school diploma. The program is available to any 9th- or 10th-grade student who has the ability and desire for excellence in academics and to contribute meaningfully to the school and community.

HSS criteria include successful completion of a prescribed course of study, a 4.0 grade point ratio, no grade below a C in non-Honors or non-AP courses, and extracurricular and community service points.

Middle School Scholars (grades 6-8)

Middle School Scholars (MSS) is a middle school honors recognition program that serves as a "stepping stone" to High School Scholars. Students must complete at least three AAP courses each year, maintain a 3.4 GPA, and complete extra-curricular/community service points.

Jump Start To College (grades 7-8)

Jump Start to College is a two-week summer enrichment camp for rising 7th- and 8th-grade qualifying AAP students. The program is designed to help "jump start" the students' high school and college careers by providing students with experiences in the following areas: SAT/ACT preparation, study skills, college planning, specialized academic programs and writing skills.

SCHOOLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Construction program transforms the district's middle and high schools into modern learning centers

Richland One has beautiful new and renovated state-of-the-art schools that are the envy of many other districts across the country, thanks to the overwhelming support of the community.

In 1996, Richland One voters approved a \$184 million bond issue to build and renovate elementary schools. Six years later, residents went back to the polls and voted in favor of a \$381 million bond issue – the largest ever passed in state history – to transform the district's middle schools and high schools into "Schools for the 21st Century."

At the time, besides being old, most of the buildings were not designed for today's teaching standards and had outdated electrical, plumbing and heating systems. The funds from the bond issue were necessary to provide our students with high-quality learning environments equipped to prepare them to meet the challenges of the 21st century and compete with their peers across the country and around the globe.

A lot has been accomplished since the 2002 bond referendum. To date, the district has completed 12 of its 17 construction and renovation projects, including upgrades to athletics stadiums and fields. Five other projects – Alcorn Middle, Sanders Middle, Columbia High, A.C. Flora High and C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy – are expected to be completed by December 2009. The following is a snapshot of Richland One's "Schools for the 21st Century" projects (as of August 2008):



Gibbes Middle School was named the 2008 Best Middle School in the Southeast in the new construction category by the Council for Educational Facilities Planners International (CEFPI). Photo copyright © Brian Dressler Photography

Completed Projects

- Crayton Middle School
- Gibbes Middle School
- Hand Middle School
- Hopkins Middle School
- W.A. Perry Middle School
- St. Andrews Middle School
- Heyward Career and Technology Center
- Dreher High School
- Eau Claire High School
- W.J. Keenan High School
- Lower Richland High School
- Upgrades to athletics stadiums and fields



Eau Claire High School's beautiful new state-of-the-art theater rivals many professional production facilities in South Carolina. Eau Claire drama students presented Disney's "High School Musical" as the premiere performance in the theater in May of 2008.

SCHOOLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Current Projects

Alcorn Middle School

Projected completion date: December 2009

Work has started on new classroom wings, an auditorium and performing arts wing. Renovations to the fine arts area, media center and cafeteria are expected to begin in 2009. The school's plumbing, heating/air conditioning and electrical systems also will be upgraded.

W.G. Sanders Middle School

Projected completion date: December 2009

Sanders will be relocated to the former Keenan High campus on Pine Belt Road. Renovations will transform the facility into a middle school. New fine arts areas, as well as a new administrative space, will be added. The remainder of the facility, including classrooms, will be renovated.

Columbia High School

Projected completion date: December 2009

Additions to the facility will include new classrooms, practice gyms, two science labs and a performing arts area. Major renovations are planned for the cafeteria and kitchen, as well as the media center, administrative offices and fine arts wing. Site work, concrete, masonry, roofing and interior finishes also are planned. Upgrades will be made to the plumbing, heating/air conditioning and electrical system.

A.C. Flora High School

Projected completion date: December 2009

A.C. Flora has begun the third and final phase of its construction/renovation process. A new gym, auditorium and athletics fields are under construction. Phase I, which was completed in August 2005, included site utilities and demolition of designated buildings. Phase II included construction of a new administration and classroom building, as well as renovations of the existing science building, media center and cafeteria. Phase II was completed in 2007.

C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy

Projected completion date: December 2009

Additions planned for the school include a new auditorium, cafeteria expansion and competition gymnasium. Major renovations and conversions will be made to the existing PE area, fine arts wing and selected classrooms. Upgrades are planned for the plumbing, heating/air conditioning and electrical systems.



New classroom wings, an auditorium and a performing arts wing are being added to Alcorn Middle School. The project is scheduled for completion in December 2009.



Sanders Middle will be relocated to the former Keenan High campus on Pine Belt Road. Additions to the facility will include new classrooms, practice gyms, two science labs and a performing arts area. This project is slated for completion in December 2009.

SCHOOL AND DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Evening High School offers unique opportunity for earning a diploma

Graduation, a day proud parents and excited seniors look forward to every year. For 19-year old Christine Tillman, it was delayed a year because of various distractions during her senior year.

One option for her was Richland One's Evening High School. It offered her smaller classes, more attention, the same high school curriculum, the opportunity to graduate with a high school diploma and most importantly classes at a time better for her family.

"Coming here has been worth it," Christine said. "Everyone has been encouraging. The smaller classes here helped me to learn better. Since I've been here my focus has been totally different. I set my goal and achieved it."

On May 29, 2008, she and 15 of her Evening High School classmates graduated from the program and focused on the next goal for many of them: attending technical college or working.

The Evening High School is not an alternative school. It's a high school with classes held at an alternative time, currently 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays at Heyward Career and Technology Center on Lynhaven Drive.

"This is a high school that operates at night," said program coordinator Kerry Abel. "It offers more assistance,



Pictured are members of the 2008 graduating class of Richland One's Evening High School.

but has the same academic requirements as any of our other high schools."

The Evening High School is not for everyone. The program targets students in danger of dropping out because of life situations or family responsibilities that make attending school during the day more challenging.

Debra Edwards, the principal and lead teacher at the Evening High School, explains the impact of the program this way. "At the Evening High School we are able to give more one-on-one attention and encouragement,"

she said.

"Any parent considering this school for their children should know that this is a can-do program. Our students get the same quality education. All of our teachers are certified."

Contact information:
Office of Dropout Prevention,
Specialized Interventions and
Partnerships
(803) 231-6749
Coordinator: Kerry Abel

About the Evening High School

- Serves students 16-20 years old interested in obtaining a high school diploma, but due to life circumstances have dropped out or are unable to attend school during the day
- Flexible schedule: Year-round, Monday-Thursday, 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. Timeframe allows students to hold a job, meet family obligations and, upon meeting the requirements, to graduate from high school.
- Provides career counseling and preparation for post-secondary education, the job market or the military after graduation
- Curriculum: standard courses required for graduation
- Provides credit recovery for course failures at other district high schools.
- Students will be referred to various approved agencies for employment and community service. Teen parents can attend parenting classes at the Nurturing Center.

Richland One Adult Education: It's never too late to go back to school

It's never too late to go back to school and Richland One's Office of Adult Education has a variety of day and evening programs to meet the community's needs.

GED Preparation Program

- Anyone age 17 or older who is not enrolled in a regular high school
- Orientation and placement testing are required.
- Classes available: Pre-GED, GED, and Fast-Track GED.

High School Diploma

- Orientation and placement testing are required.
- Offered during the day ONLY at the Covenant Road site.
- Students (age 17 or older) are required to have at least twelve (12) credits to enroll.
- Each student must earn the 24 pre-

scribed credits and successfully meet the standards of the South Carolina HSAP Exam.

Test Preparation Classes

- Orientation and placement testing are required.
- Classes for HSAP, Para Pro, and WorkKeys exams:
 - HSAP (High School Assessment Program)
 - ParaPro is a 10-week course to prepare individuals to take the national test to become an instructional assistant at any school in the country.
 - WorkKeys is a national system for measuring workplace skills. It provides applicants with job placement skills specifically requested by local businesses. Trainees who complete the program will be referred to business-

es that use the WorkKeys certification.

Adult Basic Education

- Orientation and placement testing are required.
- Meets the needs of adults with limited reading, writing, spelling and mathematics skills.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

- Adults age 18 and up; to improve their ability to speak English.
- Orientation and placement testing are required.
- Levels available: beginner, intermediate and advanced.
- Day and evening classes are offered at the Covenant Road site.
- On-site classes are available for churches, community organizations, and businesses when funding is available and there are at least 15 participants.

Workplace Education

- Richland One Adult Education works with local businesses, industries, agencies, and institutions of higher education to help prepare employees for the changing work environment.
- Provides on-site workplace skills enhancement classes and computer training at locations throughout the district.

Contact information:
Richland One Adult Education
2612 Covenant Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29204
(803) 343-2935
Ericka R. Hursey, Director

Note: Please call for information on program fees, locations, dates and times. Most courses require students to attend orientation and to take placement tests to determine the class level best for them.

SCHOOL AND DISTRICT PROGRAMS

District offers a tremendous variety of after-school options for students

Richland One's award-winning after-school programs far outshine those of most school districts. We offer a greater variety and number of before- and after-school programs for students, their families and the community. Richland One provides safe, affordable programs that hundreds of busy, working families rely on to provide after-school care, tutoring, homework assistance, test preparation, enrichment, remedial assistance and fun.

After-school childcare

- Programs at all 28 Richland One elementary schools and one middle school (Southeast Middle School). Programs operated by schools and licensed child-care providers approved by the district
- Monday-Friday, from 2:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.
- Fee: \$25-50/week; full and partial scholarships are available.

Athletic Tutorial

- Programs at all Richland One middle and high schools
- Open to all student-athletes. Program mandatory for those in danger of falling below the 2.0 GPA required for athletic participation
- Attendance: A minimum of 2 hours 3 times/week
- Schedules vary among schools
- Cost: No fee

Comprehensive Remediation

- Offered at all Richland One elementary and middle schools
- Operates 3 days/week for 2 hours/day
- Provides individual instruction including computer lab and technol-



Richland One's after-school programs offer a greater variety and number of before- and after-school programs for students, their families and the community. Programs are offered at all 28 Richland One elementary schools and one middle school.

ogy integration to improve student's achievement on district benchmark tests and state assessments.

- Transportation provided
- Cost: No fee

Priorities 21st Century Community Learning Centers

- Program designed to improve academic achievement of students at Greenview Elementary School (other schools may be added this fall)
- Operates Monday through Friday for 3 hours/day and offers students and their parents a variety of services to improve the quality of their lives
- Program also offers artistic/cultural enrichment for students and their families before school, after school, during holidays and/or the summer (i.e. modeling, character training, golfing classes)

Project ACT

- Youth obesity prevention program operated by the USC Department of Psychology and Public Health
- Operates 13 weeks at designated middle schools, Mondays and Thursdays, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Part of a national three-year research project to promote healthy behaviors in sixth-graders

Homework Centers

- Provide homework assistance/tutoring for students in grades 2-5
- This new program will be available at four elementary schools in the fall of 2008 (Carver-Lyon, John P. Thomas, Burton-Pack and Sandel).
- Funded by SCE&G

Summer School Programs, Camps

Summer school in Richland One has something for everyone. Interested in a space, science and engineering

camp at the Challenger Learning Center? Need some pointers on taking the SAT? Maybe your child has an interest in computers. Or perhaps your youngster needs to take more basic courses like English, algebra or biology.

Around the end of the school year, a listing of summer courses, camps and enrichment programs will be available on the district Web site (www.richlandone.org). Students outside of the district can attend many of these programs, although some may be only for Richland One students.

Awards:

- Club EdVenture at the Edventure Children's Museum received the Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Award as one of the nation's top after-school programs
- Richland One's Traci Cooper named National Afterschool Ambassador
- Columbia Mayor Bob Coble, winner of National Afterschool Champion Award for his support of Richland One afterschool programs
- Program hosted by Palmetto Center for Women received national accreditation by the National Afterschool Association

Contact information:

Office of Extended-Day Programs
Waverley Administration Center
1225 Oak Street, Suite 101
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 231-6842

Web site: www.r1extendedday.org

Director: Dr. Traci Young Cooper

Tutoring Services Available

The following information on tutoring services is provided courtesy of Richland One's Title I Programs, school social work staff and the Division of Intervention Services. Please note that this is not an all-inclusive listing of programs available to students.

Tutorial programs listed do not constitute endorsement of services by Richland One. Please contact the specific organization/business to determine if their services are appropriate for your child. Questions or comments can be directed to the Intervention Services office at (803) 231-6757.

Cecil Tillis Center Computer Lab
Hours: Monday-Friday, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Internet access for homework and school projects
(803) 376-6215
Fee: None

Columbia Bethlehem Community Enrichment and Academic After-School Program
Contact person: Mattie Haynes
(803) 931-8023
Fee: Contact directly regarding fees

Empowerment Through Education Afterschool Program
Targeted population: K-8th grades
Contact person: Mrs. L. E. Gunter
(803) 786-1171
Fee: Contact directly regarding fees

First Nazareth Baptist Church
Contact person: Church office staff
Referral Service
(803) 254-6232
Fee: None

Goodwill Baptist Church, Eastover
Contact persons: Pastor Vera Pearson or Keisha Young
(803) 353-2992
Fee: None

Kids Café/Save the Seed Ministries Family Worship Center
Contact person: Ida L. Dixon
(803) 376-1679
Fee: None

Koban Columbia Administrative Site
2111 Lady Street
Columbia, SC 29204
Contact person: Remona Jenkins
(803) 343-8755
Fee: None

Martin Luther King Park Columbia Parks & Recreation Dept.
Contact person: Robert Geter
(803) 733-8452
Fee: None

Red Hill Baptist Church, Gadsden
Contact person: Ernestine Reese
(803) 353-2124
Fee: None

Refuge Temple Family Life Center
Contact person: Victoria Gilbert or Doris Hutchison
(803) 754-9420
Fee: None

Richland One Extended-Day Programs
Students served: K-12
Contact person: Dr. Traci Young-Cooper
(803) 231-6842
Fee: Fee assessed for child-care program (\$25-\$45); other programs free

Save Our Kids After-School Program
Contact person: Lee Carroll
(803) 546-0251
Resource/referral services
Fee: None

Sylvan Learning Center
(803) 741-0999, Columbia
(803) 781-7323, Irmo
Fee: Contact directly regarding fees

Tutor Connection
Contact person: Richard Little
(803) 957-6060
Fee: Contact directly regarding fees
Web: www.1wp.com/go/tutorconnections

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Richland County Library System Has A Branch Near You

Main Library

799-9084
Children's Room: (803) 929-3434
1431 Assembly St.
Columbia, SC 29201
Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The Link, Ballentine

781-5026
1321 Dutch Fork Rd.
Irmo, SC 29063
Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tues., Thurs. Noon - 8 p.m.
Sat. Noon - 6 p.m.

Blythewood Branch

691-9806
218 McNulty Rd.
Blythewood, SC 29016
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri., Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

John Hughes Cooper Branch

787-3462
5317 North Trenholm Rd.
Columbia, SC 29206
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri., Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Eastover Branch

353-8584
608 Main St.
Eastover, SC 29044
Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.,
2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Thurs., Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

North Main Branch

754-7734
5306 North Main St.
Columbia, SC 29203
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri., Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.



The Richland County Public Library has been recognized as one of the best in the country. In addition to the main library on Assembly Street (above) in Columbia, RCPL has several branches throughout the county that are convenient to Richland One students and their families.

Northeast Regional Branch

736-6575
7490 Parklane Rd.
Columbia, SC 29223
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri., Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sandhills Branch

699-9230
1 Summit Parkway at Clemson Rd.
Columbia, SC 29229
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri., Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Southeast Regional Branch

776-0855
7421 Garners Ferry Rd.
Columbia, SC 29209
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri., Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Andrews Regional Branch

772-6675
2916 Broad River Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri., Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Richland One Community Coalition works to teach youth how to make good decisions

Every child deserves to feel safe and protected from substance abuse and violence. The Richland One Community Coalition is an action group working to make that happen for Richland One youth and you can be a part of it.

ROCC (pronounced "rock") is a diverse, interagency, interfaith, education and community coalition that shares a common vision of caring for the well-being of our youth. Formed in 2004, ROCC currently has more than 40 organizations and many individuals who actively participate. These members represent federal, state, city, and community agencies, businesses and individual community members.

ROCC's mission is to mobilize and involve the greater community to encourage youth to make wise decisions regarding substance abuse, violence and other risky behaviors. Members meet every other month and pursue their mission through the work of five committees:

- Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs
- Communication and Information
- Parental Involvement
- Violence Prevention
- Youth and Community Involvement

Some of ROCC's successes and initiatives include:

- Business Covenant: Area businesses pledge to reduce underage access to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- Business Partnership: Local fast food restaurants distribute ROCC's messages (via food tray liners) to customers about preventing youth violence and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.
- Community Awareness Campaign: Alcohol, drug and violence prevention messages and awareness education are provided to the

community, especially during prom and graduation season when teens are more likely to engage in risky behavior.

- Richland One School Survey: Assesses alcohol, tobacco and marijuana use and bullying among middle and high school students in targeted schools.
- Training: Richland One staff, partners, youth and community members are trained on ways to enhance the coalitions and to prevent substance abuse and violence.

For more information on the Richland One Community Coalition or to become a part of this group, contact Felicia Brown at fbrown@richlandone.org or at (803) 231-6909. You can also visit ROCC's Web site at www.richlandonecc.org and check out its online newsletter to get the latest information on upcoming events and meetings.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Drew Wellness Center serves health and fitness needs of community

At the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center, your health is the top priority and excellent service is their goal.

They can assist you in better understanding and managing your health through positive health practices and skills that will benefit you for a lifetime.

The Wellness Center is partnering with Palmetto Health, the University of South Carolina's School of Medicine, and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to provide special exercise and nutrition programs to improve health and wellness. An experienced team of personal trainers is available to guide you in cardiovascular, resistance and free-weight training, special aerobics and other group exercise classes.

Amenities

The \$7.5 million-facility consists of 40,000 square feet which includes

- Indoor competition-size swimming pool: 8 lanes, water depth of 3 to 8 feet, can accommodate 455 bathers
- Gym with two half courts, six basketball goals and one volleyball court
- Cardio/weight area and jogging track
- Cardio-equipment equipped with broadcast vision television for CDs and DVDs
- Four 42-inch plasma screen televisions: (1) lobby and (3) fitness area
- Several pieces of equipment are ADA accessible
- Instructional training kitchen
- 18 interior and 4 exterior closed circuit TV cameras controlled from front desk
- Public Address System in all areas. Patron-initiated call-in switches located in pool, gym and weight/cardio area.
- One exterior biometric palm reader access control system and three interior palm readers. Interior access to pool, gym, and the fitness area.



Hours

Monday - Thursday	5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday	2 p.m.-6 p.m.

Open Gym Hours

Monday, Wednesday	10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday	10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.-10 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sunday	2 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Contact information:

Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way (near the intersections of Harden and Calhoun streets)

Phone: (803) 545-3200

Fax: (803) 212-4708

Web site: www.columbiasc.net

City offers recreation centers as a 'safe place' for youth to participate in fun activities

The Columbia Parks & Recreation Department operates 11 staffed recreation centers. All of these facilities are considered a "safe place" for youth to play, learn and grow.

These recreation centers offer opportunities where youth of our community can be a part of positive activities.

They can discover themselves in a variety of program experiences, and learn from role models that can help to keep them above the influences of gangs, violent lifestyles and teen pregnancy.

Youth Athletics

For more information: Call 545-3088

Instructional Programs

- City Hoops Basketball – ages 4 to 8
- City Sluggers Baseball, T-Ball – ages 4 to 8

Athletic Leagues/Programs

- Baseball/T-Ball – ages 6-17
- Spring & Fall Soccer Leagues – ages 4-15
- Summer Basketball – ages 6-17
- Cheerleading Teams – ages 4-15
- Double Dutch – ages 6-17
- Golf – The First Tee Program (golf & life skills) ages 4-17
- Summer Bowling League – ages 6-17

Swim Teams:

- o Greenview Dolphins
- o Maxcy Gregg Swordfish
- o Drew Sharks

Recreation Programs

For more information: Call 545-3100

After-School Programs

(Beginning August 2008)

- 6 sites for elementary school
 - o Woodland Park (paid)
 - o Heathwood Park (paid)
 - o Lorick Park (non-paid)
 - o M.L. King Park (non-paid)
 - o Melrose Park (non-paid)
 - o Pinehurst Park (non-paid)
- 1 site for middle school
 - o Emily Douglas Park (paid)

Recreation Centers:

- Emily Douglas Park – 733-8531
 - o Teen Club
 - o Reading Club
 - o Movie Night (Fridays)
 - o Video Games Competition (Fridays)
- Greenview Park – 754-5223
 - o Step Team
 - o Cheerleading
- Hampton Park – 776-9082
 - o Step Team
 - o Dance Team

Hyatt Park – 733-8445

- o Aerobics
- o Dance

Lorick Park – 691-9339

- o Chess Club
- o Step Team
- o Cheerleading
- o Teen Club
- o Movie Night (Fridays)
- o Man Talk / Girl Talk

M.L. King Park – 733-8452

- o Cheerleading
- o Step Team
- o Teen Talk
- o Elementary Arts & Crafts
- o Introduction to Computers

Pinehurst Park – 733-8449

- o Step Team
- o Spades Tournaments
- o Metal Detecting Class

St. Anna's Park – 733-8450

- o Praise Dance
- o Youth Bingo
- o Cooking Class
- o Card Tournaments

Sims Park – 733-8451

- o Dance Team

Woodland Park – 776-1096

- o Salsa Lessons
- o Storytelling Time
- o Step Lessons
- o Mr. & Ms. Woodland Park Pageant
- o Track
- o Hip-Hop Dance Class

Special Programs

For more information: Call 343-8750

- Drew Wellness Center's Youth Obesity Program (ongoing)
- Summer Concert Series (June-August)
- Veteran's Day Parade (November)
- WOW '09 (December)
- Dream Keeper Award – Essay Contest (January 2009)
- Black History Celebration (February 2009)
- St. Pat's in Five Points – Kids Corner (March 2009)
- National Youth Violence Prevention Week (March/April 2009)
- Kids Day Columbia (March/April 2009)

COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Child Support Services

Department of Social Services
3150 Harden St., Suite 103
Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 898-9282

Public Childcare/Daycare Services:

GLEAMMS
Benedict Learning Center
2007 Henry Street
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 779-7156

Counseling and Mental Health Services

Three Rivers Behavioral Health System
2900 Sunset Blvd.
West Columbia, SC 29169
(803) 796-9911 or 1-866-796-9911
Accepts Medicaid for adolescents with a certificate of need from DSS; Does not accept Medicaid for adults

Palmetto Baptist Medical Center
Behavioral Health Services
Taylor and Marion streets, 5th Floor
Columbia, SC 29220
(803) 988-8765

Columbia Area Mental Health Center
1618 Sunset Drive
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 898-8888

Crisis/Emergency Services

United Way
HELP LINE (211)

Educational Resources

Acercamiento Hispano/Hispanic Outreach
300 Berkshire Drive, Suite B
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 419-5112
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Fee: Refer to agency
Provides the Hispanic community with a variety of services, including HIV/AIDS prevention education, legal and social services information, immigration and naturalization. Also advocates for sexual assault and domestic violence victims. Service in Spanish is available.

PRO-Parents

652 Bush River Rd., Suite 218
Columbia, SC 29210
(803) 772-5688 or 1-800-759-4776
Assists parents of children with disabilities

Columbia Urban League
1400 Barnwell Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 799-8150

Family Services Center, Inc.
1800 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 733-5450
Serves children ages 6-18 in Newberry, Fairfield, Richland and Lexington counties

Employment Services

Job Service
700 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 737-5627

Vocational Rehabilitation Department
(Lexington and Richland Counties)
Percival Road (803) 782-4239
Farrow Road (803) 786-0495
Confederate Avenue (803) 898-8866
Boston Avenue (Lex.) (803) 896-6333
Resources for the disabled only

Financial, Food, Clothing and Housing

Department of Social Services
3220 Two Notch Road
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 714-7300 Info
(803) 714-7359 Food Stamps
(803) 714-7566 FI/AFDC/FS
(803) 714-7527 Medicaid
(803) 714-7526 Foster Care
(803) 714-7444 Abuse Intake

Wateree Community Action Council
3220 Two Notch Road
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 786-4250
Emergency rent, utilities and food

Harvest Hope Food Bank
2220 Shop Road
Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 254-4432

Family Shelter
2411 Two Notch Road
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 771-7040

Hannah House

1726 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29201-2548
(803) 771-4357
Offers transitional housing for women and their children only, emergency shelter, clothing, food, childcare and case management referrals

Columbia Housing Authority
1917 Harden Street
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 254-3886

Healthcare Services

Richland County Public Health Department
2000 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 576-2900

Richland Community Health Care Richland Primary Care Center
1520 Laurel St.
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 799-8407

Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital Family Practice Center
6 Richland Medical Park Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 434-6113

Vision Screenings/Palmetto Health
(803) 296-CARE (2273)
Palmetto Health's Vision Health initiative offers free vision exams and free eyeglasses to qualifying students ages 5-19 in Richland, Lexington and Fairfield counties. Call to see if your child qualifies for this free program.

Legal Aid Services

Lawyer Referral Services, SC
950 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29202
1-800-868-2284 or (803) 733-7100
www.schar.org/public.asp
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fee: \$25 consultation fee for 30 minutes. Provides referral to a lawyer who will see clients for 30 minutes for a low fee. Further services and fees are subject to discussion and agreement between the attorney and the client.

Transportation

Medicaid Transportation LogistiCare
1-866-445-6860

Non-Medicaid Transportation Title XIX, Council on Aging
(803) 254-1572 or (803) 254-1573

Violence and Neglect-Related Services

Department of Social Services
3220 Two Notch Road
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 735-7000
(803) 714-4444 Abuse hotline

Sistercare
P.O. Box 1029
Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 765-9428 or 1-800-637-7606
Serves battered women 18 or older and their children. Provides a safe house, emergency shelter, support groups, individual counseling and legal advocacy.

Prevent Child Abuse SC
(803) 733-5430
(Formerly Council on Child Abuse and Neglect)

Nurturing Center
1332 Pickens Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 771-4160
Family support and intervention are provided.

Mental Health Resources and Information

Columbia Area Mental Health Center
(803) 898-4800
Offers outpatient mental health services

Palmetto Behavioral Health/Richland Springs (psychiatric hospital)
(803) 434-4800

Three Rivers Center for Behavioral Health (psychiatric hospital)
(803) 796-9911

Lexington/Richland Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC)
(803) 256-3100
Offers drug and alcohol treatment

NOTE: Information may be subject to change.

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION

If you want to keep up with what's happening in Richland One, tune in to Richland One TV! Richland One TV is broadcast on Time Warner Cable channel 12 in the metropolitan Columbia area.



ROTV's award-winning original programs include *Richland One This Week* (weekly news show); *On The Sidelines* (weekly sports show); *Extra Credit* (teen talk show); and *Schools for the 21st Century* (profiles of school construction projects). School board meetings and major district events also can be seen on ROTV.

Between programming, the ROTV Bulletin Board displays rotating announcements from district schools and departments that are of interest to students, parents, employees and the community, including emergency and severe weather information.

During the 2007-08 school year, Richland One and Time Warner Cable launched Richland One TV On Demand, which means that now more than 200,000 Time Warner digital subscribers statewide can see ROTV programs anytime they want. To access Richland One TV On Demand, go to Time Warner digital cable channel 1234 (Carolina On Demand) and select Richland One TV from the main menu.

For more information about Richland One TV, call the ROTV studio at 231-6700 or the Office of Communications at 231-7504. For the ROTV programming schedule, visit the district's Web site at www.richlandone.org and click on the ROTV logo.



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