



# Parent/Guardian Middle School Choice Guide

Hello 5th Grade Sterling School Program Parents/Guardians! As your child prepares to transition to middle school, we want to ensure you feel equipped and informed to make the best decision for their future. Greenville County offers several options, including Choice Schools, magnet programs, and your home-based assigned middle school. We encourage you to explore these opportunities and participate in the Choice School selection process, which begins **November 21, 2024**, and runs through **December 6, 2024**. Please find information below to get you started. For full details, visit [www.greenville.k12.sc.us](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us).

## School Choice

Greenville County Schools is a "choice" district, offering quality schools at all levels across the school system. Approximately 14% of the school system's 78,000 students attend school on choice.

Students are assigned to a school (home-based) based on the address where their custodial parent/guardian resides. School assignments are listed by subdivision/multi-family dwelling and home address using the "Find Your Schools" link below. Parents may request that their children attend another school through **Change in Assignment Choice (CIA)** and/or applying to the school system's Magnet Academies.

*Find your assigned/zoned middle school!* →

Scan and enter your home address to find your zoned school assignments.



## About Magnet Academies:

The district's eleven magnet academies of accelerated learning offer unique educational choices to the students of Greenville County to meet their individual needs. The academic program of each magnet academy offers a theme or focus that is designed to give students an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift, talent or skill. **Please be sure to confirm your transportation options.**

## Magnet Applications:

The GCS Magnet Academy application window for the 2025-2026 school year will open on **Thursday, November 21, 2024**. Magnet applications will be available in "Parent Backpack." For more information, visit the GCS Magnet Page or scan the QR code to the right for a direct link.



## Magnet Open House Events:

Each magnet academy will conduct an open house event to explain the magnet application process and discuss the unique characteristics of its magnet program. The events will begin promptly at the start time listed below. Please see the schedule below for more information. **Please be aware of transportation options.**

MAGNET ACADEMY NAME	OPEN HOUSE DATE	COORDINATOR
Middle – 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Beck Academy</b> of International Relations and Public Service	October 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m.	<i>Kristin Medlin</i>
<b>Greenville Middle Academy</b> of Global and Traditional Studies	October 24, 5:30- 6:30 p.m.	<i>Teka Bowens</i>
<b>Hughes Academy</b> of Science and Technology	October 21, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	<i>Marsha Patry</i>
<b>League Academy</b> of Communication Arts	October 22, 6:00-7:00 p.m.	<i>Chappell Hughes</i>

## Change in Assignment Lottery Process

**Highlights:** Scan for link to complete information for all grades.

*\*Note, this process **does not** affect Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School, per its Population Plan. In addition, CTC middle school students are solely selected using Gifted and Talented criteria.*



### 1 Choice Lottery Window: Nov 21 - Dec 6, 2024

- Visit your 1st choice school to complete a choice form (not online).
- Submit up to 3 school choices.
- Receive a copy with a number to check lottery results later.

### 2 Lottery Results Posted by Feb 12, 2025

- Check results on the GCS website using your choice form number.
- Results show the **numerical order** of applicants, not assignments.

### 3 Notification by Mar 31, 2025

- Receive a letter with your student's assignment or waitlist number.

### 4 Waiting List

- Students not assigned will be placed on a waitlist.
- Assignments from the waitlist continue until 8 days into the 2025-26 school year.

**Please be sure to confirm your transportation options.** All questions should be directed to Student Assignment Office at 355-7266 or 355-7263 or email [Planning@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:Planning@greenville.k12.sc.us).

**Public School Profiles:** Scan here for GCS Middle School profiles. Please note that most Sterling Program students in our local community are assigned to Beck, Greenville Middle, and Hughes Academies (see the 'About Magnet' section for Open House dates and times), as well as Northwood Middle School. To schedule a tour of Northwood, please contact the school directly.



**Additional Information:** Scan for helpful links to further explore Greenville County Middle School options.

**NICHE.com - School Ranking Website:** This platform is a great resource for comparing the performance of Greenville County private, public, magnet, and charter schools.



**PublicSchoolReview.com - School Ranking Website:** This platform offers a great side-by-side comparison tool for the performance of up to three schools, and can also be used as a cross-reference with other school ranking websites, such as niche.com and greatschools.org.

