



Vacant Schools Report

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Reporting Requirement

This report satisfies the requirements of the South Carolina Code of Laws Section 59- 40- 170 as follows:

The Department of Education shall make available, upon request, a list of vacant and unused buildings and vacant and unused portions of buildings that are owned by school districts in this State and that may be suitable for the operation of a charter school. The department shall make the list available to applicants for charter schools and to existing charter schools. The list must include the address of each building, a short description of the building, and the name of the owner of the building. Nothing in this section requires the owner of a building on the list to sell or lease the building or a portion of the building to a charter school or to any other school or to any other prospective buyer or tenant. However, if a school district declares a building surplus and chooses to sell or lease the building, a charter school's board of directors or a charter committee operating or applying within the district must be given the first refusal to purchase or lease the building under the same or better terms and conditions as it would be offered to the public.

Methodology

The SCDE conducted a survey of school districts in August 2025. For purposes of the survey, a vacant/unused building is defined as any building or portion of a building owned by the school district that is no longer being used for the purpose for which it was intended and/or is vacant. A vacant building is one that has no fixtures, furniture, or occupants. An unused building is one that has fixtures and furniture but is not occupied.

Summary of Survey Responses

Seventy-two districts were surveyed. Responses were received from all districts.

The following 51 districts indicated that they did not have any vacant or unused buildings:

- Abbeville
- Aiken
- Allendale
- Anderson 1
- Anderson 2
- Anderson 3
- Anderson 4
- Anderson 5
- Bamberg 3
- Barnwell 01
- Beaufort
- Calhoun
- Chester
- Chesterfield
- Dillon 3
- Dillon 4
- Dorchester 2
- Edgefield
- Fairfield
- Florence 2
- Florence 3
- Florence 5
- Georgetown
- Greenwood 50
- Greenwood 51
- Greenwood 52
- Horry
- Jasper
- Kershaw
- Lancaster
- Laurens 56
- Lexington 3
- Lexington 4
- McCormick
- Newberry
- Oconee
- Pickens
- Richland 1
- Saluda
- Spartanburg 1
- Spartanburg 2
- Spartanburg 3
- Spartanburg 4
- Spartanburg 5
- Spartanburg 6
- Spartanburg 7
- Williamsburg
- York 1
- York 2 (Clover)
- York 3 (Rock Hill)
- York 4 (Fort Mill)

The three charter school districts do not own school buildings.

Districts with Vacant/Unused Buildings

Twenty-one districts indicated they have vacant or unused buildings. The chart below lists these districts and describes the buildings that might be suitable for charter school use.

District	Vacant Facility	Vacated	Address	Acreage	Comments
Berkeley	JK Gourdine Elementary	7/1/2024	1649 Hwy. 45, Pineville, SC 29468	11.9	
Charleston	Mt. Zion Elementary	8/1/2025	3464 River Rd, Johns Island, SC 29455	10	Property is earmarked for Family Engagement Center.
	Schroder Middle School	6/5/2009	7224 Hwy. 162, Hollywood, SC 29449	31.26	The property is a shared campus with CC Blaney Elementary. The school currently houses Charleston County Parks and Recreation. Part of the facility is also used by both fire and police to conduct safety drills.
	CC Blaney Elementary School	6/30/2015	7184 Hwy. 162, Hollywood, SC 29449	31.26	School is located on shared campus with Schroder Middle School. The school currently houses Bus Transportation services, Charleston County Parks and Recreation classrooms, and storage for the district.

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Cherokee	Mary Bramlet Elementary	7/7/2020	301 Spruce St, Gaffney, SC 29341	4.98	Use of this school or site is under review. It may become part of a revised Capital Improvement Plan for the district.
Clarendon 6	Old Walker Gamble Elementary	8/1/2025	2358 Walker Gamble Rd, New Zion, SC 29111	16	This school was replaced by the new Walker Gamble.
	Summerton Early Childhood Center	6/30/2023	8 S. Church St, Summerton, SC 29102	8.33	This property contains an old administrative office and auditorium that is being handled over to the national park services.
	St. Paul Elementary	6/30/2010	Liberty Hill Rd, Summerton, SC 29102	11	
Colleton	Colleton County Jr. High Campus B	8/1/2000	611 Colleton Loop, Walterboro, SC 29488	15.6	
Darlington	Rosenwald Elementary School	7/31/2025	508 Church St, Society Hill, SC 29593	11.5168	In negotiation with CareSouth to take over facility.
	St. Johns Elementary School	7/31/2025	140 Parks St, Darlington, SC 29532	15	Discussions with board with possibly using facility as a district office.

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Dorchester 4	St. George Middle School	8/1/2024	600 Minus St, St. George, SC 29477	12.96	Parts of the building are used for school athletics, adult education, parenting programs, board meetings, professional development, and administrative offices. The town is also using space as their main office during a town hall renovation. Any extra space serves as temporary storage while school furniture and equipment are replaced.
Florence 1	Old Williams Middle School	7/1/2025	1119 N. Irby St. Florence, SC 29501	27.28	Set for demolition in August or September 2025.
Greenville	Bryson Elementary School (Old)	10/21/2005	11002 Howard Dr, Simpsonville, SC 29681	0.1	Building is used in a long-term lease agreement with The Center for Community Services. This building is located on a shared site with Golden Strip Child Development Center Campus.
	Golden Strip Support Office	8/1/2011	440 Boyd Avenue, Simpsonville, SC 29681	0.1	Building is outfitted and utilized as a back-up data and dispatch center. Building is on a shared site with Simpsonville Elementary School Campus.

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	Northwest Area Office (Old)	8/1/1996	4900 Old Buncombe Rd, Greenville, SC 29617	0.1	Building was vacated by District in 1996 and leased until December 2020. Building is being maintained for use by District Departments. This building is on a shared site with Duncan Chapel Elementary School Campus.
	Northwest Crescent Child Development Center (Old)	8/1/2005	925 N. Franklin Rd, Greenville, SC 29617	0.1	Building is used in a long-term lease agreement with SHARE/HeadStart. Building is located on a shared site with NEW Northwest Crescent Child Development Center Campus.
	Fork Shoals Annex (Old Fork Shoals School)	9/20/2023	916 McKelvey Rd, Pelzer, SC 29669	0.1	4,500 sq. ft. building situated on New Fork Shoals School Campus. Facility is not approved for occupancy and is not up to code.
	Overbrook Child Development Center	6/6/2024	111 Laurens Rd, Greenville, SC 29607	9.26	In the short term, being held as relocation site for District Office renovations.
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Hampton 3	Estill Elementary	12/20/2024	635 Fourth St, Estill, SC 29918	54,880 sq. ft.	Estill Elementary School was relocated to the old Estill High School after consolidation.
Laurens 55	Pleasant View Primary School	7/2/2007	340 Mill St, Gray Court, SC 29645	5.0	One part of the facility is occupied by the SC Empowerment Centre.
Lee	Mt. Pleasant High	1/1/2000	3705 Elliott Hwy, Elliott, SC 29046	12	
	Fleming Elementary	9/12/2000	65 Montgomery Circle, Lynchburg, SC 29080	7	
	Bishopville Primary	1/1/2015	603 N. Dennis Ave, Bishopville, SC 29010	15	
	West Lee Elementary School	8/4/2025	55 West Lee School Rd, Rembert, SC 29010	16	This location is being considered to be leased or sold.
	Lower Lee Elementary	8/4/2025	5142 St. Charles Rd, Mayesville, SC 29104	8	The location is being considered to be leased or sold.
	Dennis Elementary	8/4/2025	321 Roland St, Bishopville, SC 29010	9	This location is being considered to be leased or sold.

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Lexington 1	Old Gilbert Elementary School	8/18/2020	314 Main St, Gilbert, SC 29054	20	The district has entered into a long-term lease agreement with SLED, who now occupies the facility for the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence (SC Code 23-3-1500).
	Old Pelion Middle School	1/4/2021	758 Mulberry St, Pelion, SC 29123	17	As part of our facilities study, the district is considering relocating the 19–21-year-old special education transition programs, LOYAL and LOTS, to this campus. Currently, about thirty percent of the campus is used for the Pelion-area Performing Arts Center, track/field complex, gym, and cafeteria for extracurricular, athletic, and fine arts events.
Lexington 2	Heyward Moore Fine Arts Center	1/1/2005	824 B. Ave, West Columbia, SC 29169	2.3	Property is under contract to sale.
Lexington/Richland 5	Old Academy for Success Old Chapin High School	1/1/2010	107 Columbia Ave, Chapin, SC 29036	7	Not totally sure about the date the school was vacated.

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Marion 10	Old Red Brick Building	8/1/2007	600 N. Main St, Mullins, SC 29574	1.1	Facility is vacant, but it's proximity to Academy of Early Learning. It is essentially on the same lot which is an active school for Marion School District.
	Marion 1 District Office	8/1/2004	616 Northside Ave, Marion, SC 29571	2.1	Currently used for storage for JROTC equipment. Property is on the corner of active school, Easterling Primary School.
Marlboro	School of Discovery	8/20/2018	203 Jefferson St, Clio, SC 29515	2	The building is being used for storage and occupants.
Orangeburg	St. James Gaillard Elementary School	6/20/2025	1555 Gardensgate Rd, Eutawville, SC 29048	6.44	Unused items in storage.
	Vance Providence Elementary School	6/20/2025	633 Camden Rd, Camden, SC 29163	10.38	Unused items in storage.
Richland 2	Old Bethel Hanberry Gym	1/1/2025	125 Boney Rd, Blythewood, SC 29016	0	The Old Bethel Hanberry gym was placed on the Town of Blythewood Historical Register. It is no longer in use by the school as a gym. It sits on the campus of the new Bethel Hanberry Elementary.

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Sumter	Mayewood Middle School	7/1/2018	4300 Brewington Rd, Sumter, SC 29154	17	
Union	Lockhart Schools	6/30/2018	212 Lockhart Dr, Lockhart, SC 29364	15	
	Sims Jr. High	6/30/2018	200 Sims Dr, Union, SC 29379	20	This building was in use until we built a new school called Sims Middle School with the same BEDS code in 2009.

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