SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Vacant Schools Report

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Executive Summary

In September 2026, the South Carolina Department of Education surveyed 74 school districts to identify district-owned vacant or unused buildings, or portions of buildings, that may be suitable for charter school use. All 74 districts responded. Fifty-two districts reported no vacant or unused buildings, 20 districts reported one or more potentially qualifying facilities, and the two charter school districts reported that they do not own school buildings.

Reporting Requirement

This report satisfies the requirements of Section 59-40-170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, which provides 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

In September 2026, the SCDE surveyed school districts to identify district-owned vacant or unused buildings, or portions of buildings, that may be suitable for charter school use. For purposes of the survey, a vacant building was defined as a district-owned building, or portion of a building, that was no longer being used for its intended purpose and had no occupants, furniture, or fixtures. An unused building was defined as a district-owned building that was not occupied but still contained furniture or fixtures.

The facility information presented in this report was supplied by the responding school districts. The SCDE did not independently verify each property's condition, acreage, occupancy, legal availability, code compliance, or suitability for charter school use. Interested parties should contact the district that owns a listed property to confirm current information and determine whether the property is available for sale or lease.

Summary of Survey Responses

The SCDE surveyed 74 school districts and received responses from all 74 districts, for a 100 percent response rate.

Fifty-two districts reported that they had no vacant or unused buildings or portions of buildings that met the survey definitions:

Abbeville
Aiken
Anderson 1
Anderson 2
Anderson 3
Anderson 4
Bamberg
Barnwell 01
Beaufort
Calhoun
Chester
Chesterfield
Darlington
Dillon 3
Dillon 4
Dorchester 2
Edgefield
Fairfield
Florence 1
Florence 2
Florence 3
Florence 5
Georgetown
Greenwood 51
Greenwood 52
Horry
Jasper
Kershaw
Lancaster
Laurens 56
Lexington 3
Lexington 4
McCormick
Newberry
Oconee
Orangeburg
Pickens
Richland 1
Richland 2
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 two charter school districts reported that they do not own school buildings and therefore had no district-owned facilities to identify through the survey.

Districts with Vacant/Unused Buildings

Twenty districts reported one or more vacant or unused buildings or portions of buildings. The table below identifies the reported facilities and summarizes district-provided information relevant to their potential availability or use by a charter school.

Reader Note: *Inclusion in this table does not mean that a facility is wholly vacant, currently available, code-compliant or approved by the SCDE for charter school occupancy. The Comments column identifies reported leases, shared uses, storage, district operations, negotiations, planned sales, and other conditions that may affect availability. Readers should confirm the current status of a property with the owning district.*

District	Vacant Facility	Vacated	Address	Acreage	Comments
Allendale	The Family Literacy Center	6/30/2021	3896 Bluff Rd, Allendale, SC 29810	8.0	Building closed but we use as a storage.
	Allendale Elementary	6/30/2014	4561 Allendale-Fairfax Hwy. Allendale, SC 29810	18.5	
Anderson 4	Riverside Middle School	8/3/2026	458 Riverside St, Pendelton, SC 29670	28.4	Negotiations ongoing with two outside educational entities to lease/purchase facility.
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, Charleston, SC 29455	10	Property is being considered for bus transportation services.

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	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.
Cherokee	Mary Bramlet Elementary	6/30/2020	301 Spruce St, Gaffney, SC 29341	4.98	School was closed for consolidation purposes. The district is currently under contact with the City of Gaffney for the transfer of the property.

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Clarendon 6	Old Walker Gamble Elementary	8/1/2025	2358 Walker Gamble Rd, New Zion, SC 29111	16	The bus lot is located on the grounds, and gym is used for sports practices and facility rentals.
	Summerton Early Childhood Center	6/30/2023	8 S. Church St, Summerton, SC 29102	6.5	
	St. Paul Elementary	6/30/2010	3074 Liberty Hill Rd, Summerton, SC 29148	11	

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Colleton	Colleton County Jr. High Campus B	8/1/2000	611 Colleton Loop, Walterboro, SC 29488	15.6	
Dorchester 4	St. George Middle School	8/12/2024	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.

District	Vacant Facility	Vacated	Address	Acreage	Comments
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 Stirp 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.
	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.

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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.
	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.
Greenwood 50	Genesis Education Center	10/31/2026	400 Glenwood St, Greenwood, SC 29649	21.9	

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Hampton 3	Estill Elementary	12/20/2024	636 Fourth St, Estill, SC 29918	54880.00	Estill Elementary School was relocated to the old Estill High School after consolidation.
	Old Hampton County High School	8/3/2026	115 Airport Rd, Varnville, SC 29944	83400.00	The Old Hampton County High School was relocated to the New High School on August 3, 2026.
Laurens 55	Pleasant View Elementary School	1/2/2026	340 Mill St, Gray Court, SC 29645	5.0	
Lee	Mt. Pleasant High	1/1/2000	3705 Elliott Hwy, Elliott, SC 29046	12	
	Fleming Intermediate	1/1/2009	65 Montgomery Circle, Lynchburg, SC 29080	7	
	Bishopville Primary School	1/1/2015	603 N. Dennis Ave, Bishopville, SC 29010	15	

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	West Lee Elementary School	6/30/2025	55 West Lee School Rd, Rembert, SC 29128	16	
	Lower Lee Elementary	6/30/2025	5142 St. Charles Rd, Mayesville, SC 29104	8	The location is being considered to be leased or sold.
	Dennis Elementary School	7/30/2025	321 Roland St, Bishopville, SC 29010		
Lexington 1	Old Gilbert Elementary School	8/18/2020	314 Main St, Gilbert, SC 29054	20	The district has entered into a long-term 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	The district is completing our facility study and will be considering counsel for this facility. Also, approximately thirty percent of the campus is in use with the Pelion-area Performing Arts Center, the track/field complex, gym and cafeteria for extracurricular, athletics and fine arts events.

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Lexington 2	Heyward Moore Fine Arts Center	1/1/2005	824 B. Ave, W. Columbia, SC 29169	2.3	Property is under contract sale.
Lexington/Richland 5	Old Academy for Success (Old Chapin High School)	1/1/2010	107 Columbia Ave, Chapin, SC 29036	7	Not sure about the date the school vacated.
Marion 10	Old Brick Building	8/1/2026	600 N. Main St, Mullins, SC 29574	1.1	Facility is vacant. It's on the same lot as one of our active schools.
Marlboro	School of Discovery – Building A	7/1/2019	203 Jefferson St, Clio, SC 29525	6.64	The building is being used for storage and occupants.
	School of Discovery Bridge to EEE-Building B	7/1/2026	201 Jefferson St, Clio, SC 29525	6.64	
	Eastside School-AMI Infinity Kids	7/1/2021	801 Country Club Dr, Bennettsville, SC 29525	50	
Sumter	Mayewood Middle School	8/1/2018	4300 Brewington Rd, Sumter, SC 29153	20.29	

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Union	Lockhart Schools	6/1/2018	212 Lockhart Dr, Lockhart SC 29364	15	
	Sims Jr. High	6/1/2008	200 Sims Dr, Union, SC 29379	20	

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