

REGIONAL CAREER SPECIALIST 2025-2026 ROSTER

Role of Regional Career Specialist:

The Regional Career Specialist serves as a liaison between the SC Department of Education, Office of Career Readiness, and the assigned service region's school districts to ensure coordination, accountability and delivery of career guidance and work-based learning initiatives. Each Regional Career Specialist provides leadership and services to districts and schools by supporting grade-level, standards-based curricula through integrating college and career ready initiatives for students in grades K-12. This position supports the "learning to work" state standard of the South Carolina Comprehensive School Counseling and Career Guidance Program Model thus, enhancing the delivery of career development core curriculum activities to prepare SC students to be workforce ready. In addition, these individuals coordinate and provide professional development supporting career readiness qualifiers, effective work-based learning implementation, best practices in business industry connection, and career development for educators, school counseling/career guidance personnel, students, and parents.

Catawba Region {Chester/Lancaster/York counties}

Regional Career Specialist: Beth Bottini

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School districts served: Chester; Lancaster; York 1; York 2; York 3; York 4

Greenville Region {Greenville County}

Regional Career Specialist: Vacant

Address: 301 E. Camperdown Way Greenville, SC 29601

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School districts served: Greenville

Lowcountry Region (Beaufort/Colleton/Hampton/Jasper counties)

Regional Career Specialist: Kathy Bradford

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School districts served: Beaufort; Colleton; Hampton; Jasper

Lower Savannah Region (Aiken/Allendale/Bamberg/Barnwell/Calhoun/Orangeburg)

Regional Career Specialist: Jean Rickenbaker

Address: Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, 3250 St. Matthews Road Orangeburg, SC 29118

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School districts served: Aiken; Allendale; Bamberg I; Bamberg 2; Barnwell 19; Barnwell 29; Barnwell 45; Calhoun; Orangeburg County

Midlands Region (Fairfield/Lexington/Richland counties)

Regional Career Specialist: Lisa Call

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School districts served: Fairfield; Lexington I; Lexington 2; Lexington 3; Lexington 4; Lexington/Richland 5; Richland I; Richland 2; DJJ

Pee Dee Region (Chesterfield/Darlington/Dillon/Florence/Marion/Marlboro counties)

Regional Career Specialist: Shemeki Ketter

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School districts served: Chesterfield County; Darlington County; Dillon 3; Dillon 4; Florence I; Florence 2; Florence 3; Florence 4; Florence 5; Marion County; Marlboro

Pendleton Region (Anderson/Oconee/Pickens counties)

Regional Career Specialist: Marci Skillings

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School districts served: Anderson I; Anderson 2; Anderson 3; Anderson 4; Anderson 5; Oconee; Pickens

Santee Lynches Region (Clarendon/Kershaw/Lee/Sumter counties)

Regional Career Specialist: Vacant

School districts served: Clarendon 2; Clarendon 4; Kershaw; Lee; Sumter

Trident Region (Berkeley Charleston/Dorchester counties)

Regional Career Specialist: Olivia Vernon

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School district served: Berkeley; Charleston; Dorchester 2; Dorchester 4

Upper Savannah Region (Greenwood/Laurens/Edgefield/Abbeville/McCormick/Newberry/Saluda)

Regional Career Specialist: Elaine Rosenbaum

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School districts served: Abbeville; Edgefield; Greenwood 50; Greenwood 51; Greenwood 52; Laurens 55; Laurens 56; McCormick; Newberry; Saluda

Upstate Region (Cherokee/Spartanburg/Union counties)

Regional Career Specialist: Darryl Owings

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Address: Spartanburg Academic Movement, 101 North Pine Street Spartanburg, SC 29301

School districts served: Cherokee County Schools; Spartanburg I; Spartanburg 2; Spartanburg 3; Spartanburg 4; Spartanburg 5; Spartanburg 6; Spartanburg 7; Union County Schools

Waccamaw Region (Georgetown/Horry/Williamsburg counties)

Regional Career Specialist: Jason Coakley

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School districts served: Georgetown; Horry; Williamsburg