

Greenville County Schools  
Building a Better  
**GRADUATE**



**Graduation  
Plus** Creating Career and  
College Ready Students



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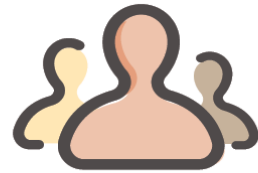
# The Essentials



**78,000**

STUDENTS

**44<sup>th</sup>**  
LARGEST  
DISTRICT  
IN US



**12,000**

EMPLOYEES

**6,000**  
TEACHERS

**GCS Teacher Turnover Rate of 10.4%**  
Compared to **13.1%** statewide in 2022-23  
Down from **12.1%** in 2021-22

**76** Home **Languages Spoken**

**85,000**

Healthy **Meals Served** Each Day

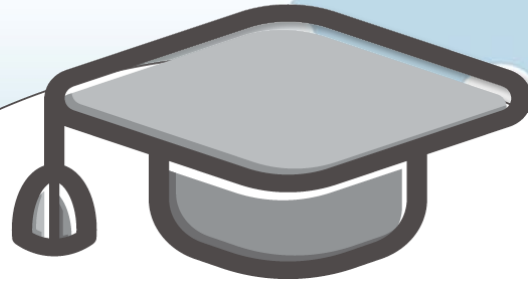
**12** Member Elected  
**School Board**

**15%** Utilize **School Choice**, Including  
Virtual Program

**19,000** **PTA Members**  
Highest in SC

**38,000**  
**Miles Traveled** by buses each day

# Our Students



**PUPILS IN POVERTY\***

**55.7%**

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

**15.8%**

**MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS**

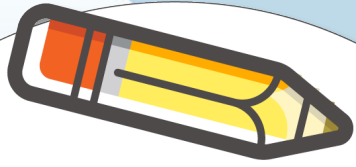
**18.8%**

**HOMELESS STUDENTS**

**2.1%**

*\*PIP Determined by Eligibility for SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid, or Status as Foster, Migrant, or Homeless Student*

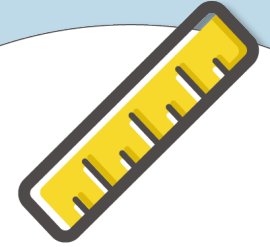
# Financial Basics



**\$57**  
PER DAY  
PER STUDENT



**11th**  
LOWEST  
PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE COST  
IN SOUTH CAROLINA



**LOWEST**  
ADMINISTRATIVE COST  
IN SOUTH CAROLINA

**<1%**

**Financial Reporting Award of Excellence**  
for **36 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

**General Fund FY24 Budget:**  
**= \$864 million**



# The Scope



**106**

**ACTIVE FACILITIES**

**83**

**NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OR  
RENOVATED SINCE 2003**

**FOUNTAIN INN HS  
RMSC ENVIRONMENTAL  
SCIENCE BUILDING**

Opened 2021

DISTRICT SPANS

**800**

**SQUARE MILES**

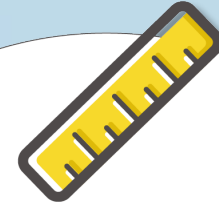
**12.8 MILLION**

SQ. FT. OF OCCUPIED BUILDING SPACE

**3,000 ACRES** OF GROUNDS

**CTE INNOVATION CENTER  
AT ROPER MOUNTAIN**

Opened 2023



**ADDITIONS**

OPENING IN AUGUST 2024

**ELLEN WOODSIDE ES  
FORK SHOALS ES  
MOUNTAIN VIEW ES  
SIMPSONVILLE ES  
SUE CLEVELAND ES**

**NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AT OLD J.L. MANN SITE**

Opens  
August 2025

# Graduation Plus: Our Signature Initiative



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HIGH SCHOOL  
DIPLOMA

COLLEGE  
CREDIT

INDUSTRY  
CERTIFICATION

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# Graduation Plus: College Credits Earned\*

3,543

Dual Credit

+ 12,543

Advanced Placement

16,086

Total Potential College Credits 2016-17

11,104

Dual Credit

+ 17,583

Advanced Placement

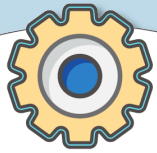
28,687

Total Potential College Credits 2022-23

*\*International Baccalaureate exams not included*

# GRADUATION PLUS

## Increase in Industry Certifications



**4,978**  
STUDENTS EARNED  
**10,442**  
INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

2022-23



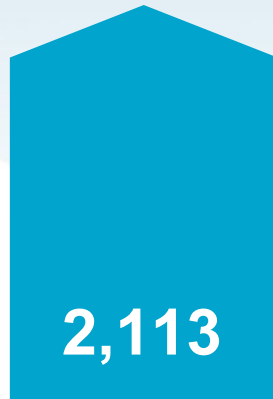
601

2016-17



1,642

2017-18



2,113

2018-19



3,607

2019-20



6,219

2020-21



8,745

2021-22



10,442

2022-23

**GRADUATION PLUS**  
*Graduates Achieving  
Graduation Plus*



**75%**

**OF GCS CLASS OF 2023  
ACHIEVED GRADUATION PLUS**

**5,019**  
**STUDENTS**

**3,783**  
**ACHIEVED G+**

61% CLASS OF 2022  
58% CLASS OF 2021  
52% CLASS OF 2020



# GRADUATION PLUS: COLLEGE CREDIT

## 32 Advanced Placement (AP) Course Offerings

- 2D Art and Design
- 3D Art and Design
- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Drawing
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science
- European History
- French Language and Culture
- Human Geography
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Music Theory
- Physics 1
- Physics 2
- Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- Physics C: Mechanics
- Psychology
- Research
- Seminar
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Spanish Literature and Culture
- Statistics
- United States Government and Politics
- United States History
- World History: Modern



# GRADUATION PLUS: DUAL-CREDIT

## 101 Different Dual-Credit Course Offerings

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Aircraft Maintenance
- Astronomy
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Entrepreneurship
- Business Ethics
- Criminal Law
- Diesel Mechanics
- Engineering Design and Modeling
- History, Technology and Society
- Hydraulics and Pneumatics
- Analytical Geometry & Calculus I, II, and III
- Information Systems

Full List Available Here:

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# GRADUATION PLUS: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) OFFERINGS

## 5 Programs at New CTE Innovation Center:

- Aerospace Technologies
- Automation and Robotics
- Clean Energy Technology
- Emerging Automotive Research
- Networking/Cybersecurity



CLASS OF 2023

19,981

CTE CREDITS IN

423

UNIQUE  
COURSES



# GRADUATION PLUS: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) OFFERINGS

## 19 Programs at the Four Regional Career Centers:

- Architectural and Mechanical Drafting Design
- Automotive Collision Repair
- Automotive Technology
- Barbering/Master Haircare
- Building Construction
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Diesel Technology
- Digital Art and Design
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Esthetics
- Firefighting
- Graphic Communications
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Condition (HVAC)
- Law Enforcement
- Machine Tool Technology
- Mechatronics
- Nail Technology
- Welding
- Plus Career Exploratory



# GRADUATION PLUS: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) OFFERINGS

## 28 Programs at the Regular High Schools:

- Accounting
- Agricultural Mechanics and Technology
- Banking Services
- Biomedical Sciences
- Business Finance
- Business Information Management
- Computer Programming
- Digital Art and Design
- Emergency Medical Services
- Environmental and Natural Resource Management
- Family and Consumer Science
- Game and Interactive Media Design
- General Management
- Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Health Science
- Horticulture
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Law Enforcement Services
- Machine Tool Technology
- Marketing Communications
- Mechatronics
- Media Technology
- Operations Management
- Plant and Animal Systems
- Pre-Engineering
- Programming and Software Development
- Sports Medicine
- Web and Digital Communications



# GRADUATION PLUS: 255 CERTIFICATIONS AVAILABLE

## Including:

- Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) Certification
- Microburst Employability Credential – Soft Skills
- Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers
- American Welding Society Certification
- CISCO Certified Network Associate
- South Carolina Nail Technician License
- SCFA Certificate NFPA 1001 Firefighter I-1196
- ASE: Auto Technology-Suspension and Steering
- AutoDesk Auto CAD (Computer Aided Design)
- Snap-On/NC3: Rotor Matching Master Technician Certification
- Emergency Medical Responder
- National Incident Management System Certification

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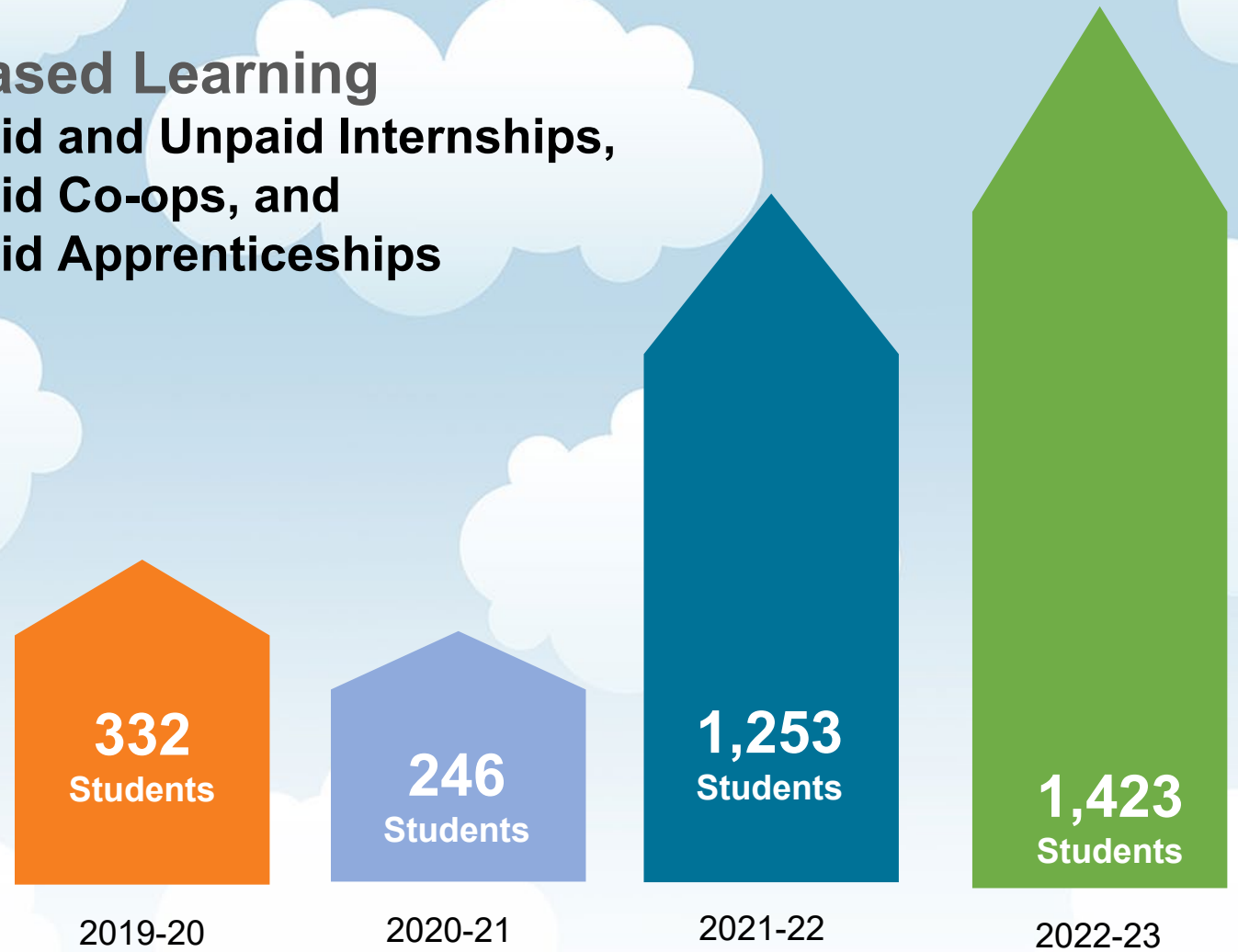
**GRADUATION PLUS** Work-Based Learning  
Paid and Unpaid Internships,  
Paid Co-ops, and  
Paid Apprenticeships



**1,423**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF WORK-BASED LEARNING  
STUDENTS**

**INTERNSHIPS, CO-OPS  
& APPRENTICESHIPS**



**543 Work-Based Learning Partners** in 2022-23:  
Private Businesses, Nonprofit Organizations, and Public Agencies

# GRADUATION PLUS: INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **PRISMA Health Youth Apprenticeship** – Greenville Technical College
- **Expressway to Tiger Town (*future educators*)** – Clemson University, Greenville Technical College
- **Fine Arts Center – Art in Architecture** – Clemson University, College of Charleston
- **Aircraft Maintenance Certification Program** – Greenville Technical College
- **EMT Certification Program** – Greenville Technical College
- **Accelerate Engineering** – Governor’s School for Math and Science, Various State Universities





# Future Teacher Pipeline

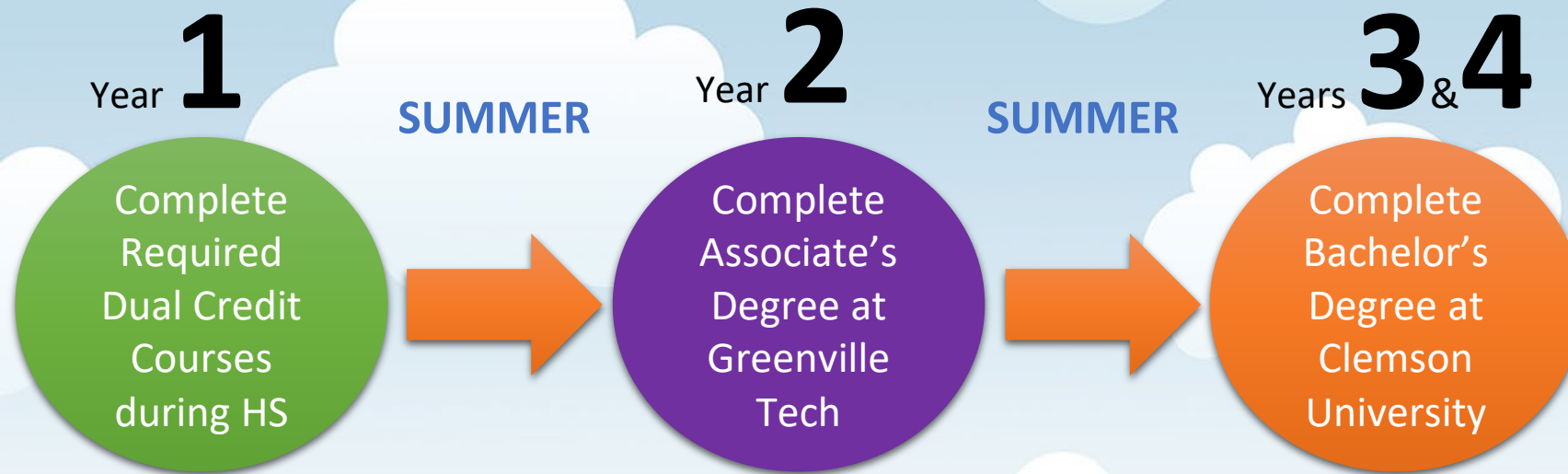


**FUTURE TEACHER ACADEMY**

*Opening a World of Education!*



# Teacher Pipeline Path



# Future Teacher Academy Courses

## Course 1

World of Education

Honors



## Course 2

Experiencing Education

ED1400 (2)  
ED4380 (1)

Dual Credit



## Course 3

Preparing for Education

ED2400 (3)

Dual Credit



**Expressway**  
to Tiger Town!

**Other College  
Education  
Program**

# Expressway to Tiger Town!



Do you dream of attending Clemson?

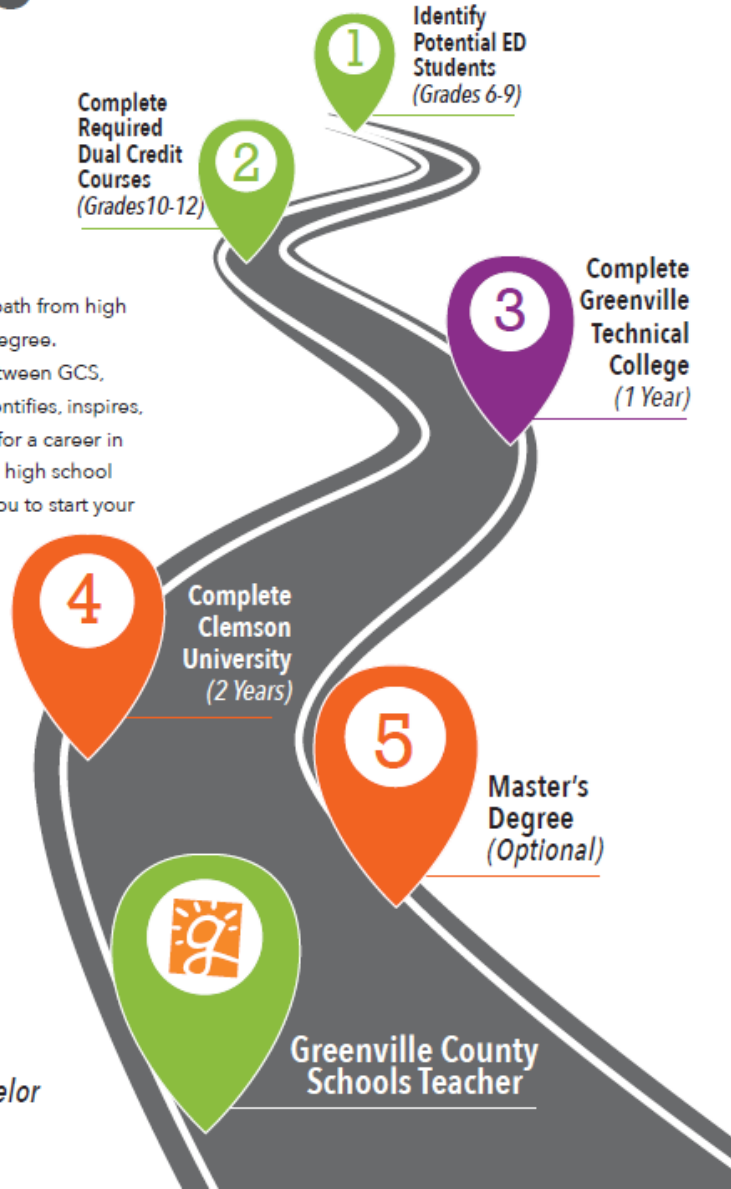
Do you want a career that makes a difference?

### Expressway to Tiger Town

opens an accelerated, seamless path from high school to a Clemson education degree. This collaborative partnership between GCS, Greenville Tech, and Clemson identifies, inspires, supports, and prepares students for a career in education. Dual credit courses in high school provide a head start that allows you to start your teaching career with Greenville County Schools just three years later. Take four and you can add a master's degree, which means higher starting pay!



See Your Guidance Counselor for More Information!



# Expressway to Tiger Town

- High School Dual Enrollment Courses through Greenville Tech Based on Chosen Path (15 Hours)
- Greenville Technical College Summer Session
- Automatic Acceptance to Clemson University
- Program Approvals and Structure Allow Duplication by Any School District, Technical College, and Public Post-Secondary Institution in South Carolina

# Aircraft Maintenance Pipeline

Years **1 & 2**

**High School**

Complete  
Dual Credit  
Courses  
during  
Grades  
11&12



Year **3**

**Post-High School**

Lockheed  
Martin  
Youth  
Apprentice-  
ship  
Program

Complete  
Greenville  
Tech  
Coursework

Technicians at Lockheed Martin start at \$18.75/hour and are paid while they are continuing their education with Greenville Technical College



**LOCKHEED MARTIN** 

  
**Greenville**  
Technical College



# EMT Pathway



# EMT Pathway

## Post-High School

### High School

Complete Coursework, then Test to Attain National and State EMT Certification



Enter Workforce as Fully Qualified EMT

Continue in a Health Career Pathway at Technical College

Complete Bachelor's or Beyond (Medical School, PA School, etc.)

Work as EMT during higher ed helps pay for school and counts toward clinical experience



# Prisma Health Youth Apprenticeship Program

## High School

## Post-High School

27 college credits/  
Equivalent of 3  
semesters earned  
during high school =  
All nursing program  
pre-requisites

Complete  
Dual Credit  
Courses  
during High  
School

Employment  
at Prisma as  
Nursing  
Support  
Assistant

Complete  
Nursing  
Coursework  
at  
Greenville  
Tech

Future  
Employment  
Opportunities  
at Prisma  
Health





# GRADUATION PLUS AND ITS COMPONENTS CAN BE REPLICATED...

...Whether You Have 15 High Schools, 25 High Schools, or 1 High School

## Requirements:

- **FOCUS** – District-wide and by Every Employee
- **Allocation of EXISTING Resources**
- **PARTNERSHIPS**
  - Higher Ed
  - Business and Industry
  - Other Districts if Needed to Scale





HIGH SCHOOL  
DIPLOMA

+



COLLEGE  
CREDIT

+



INDUSTRY  
CERTIFICATION

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**QUESTIONS?**



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GREENVILLE COUNTY  
SCHOOLS

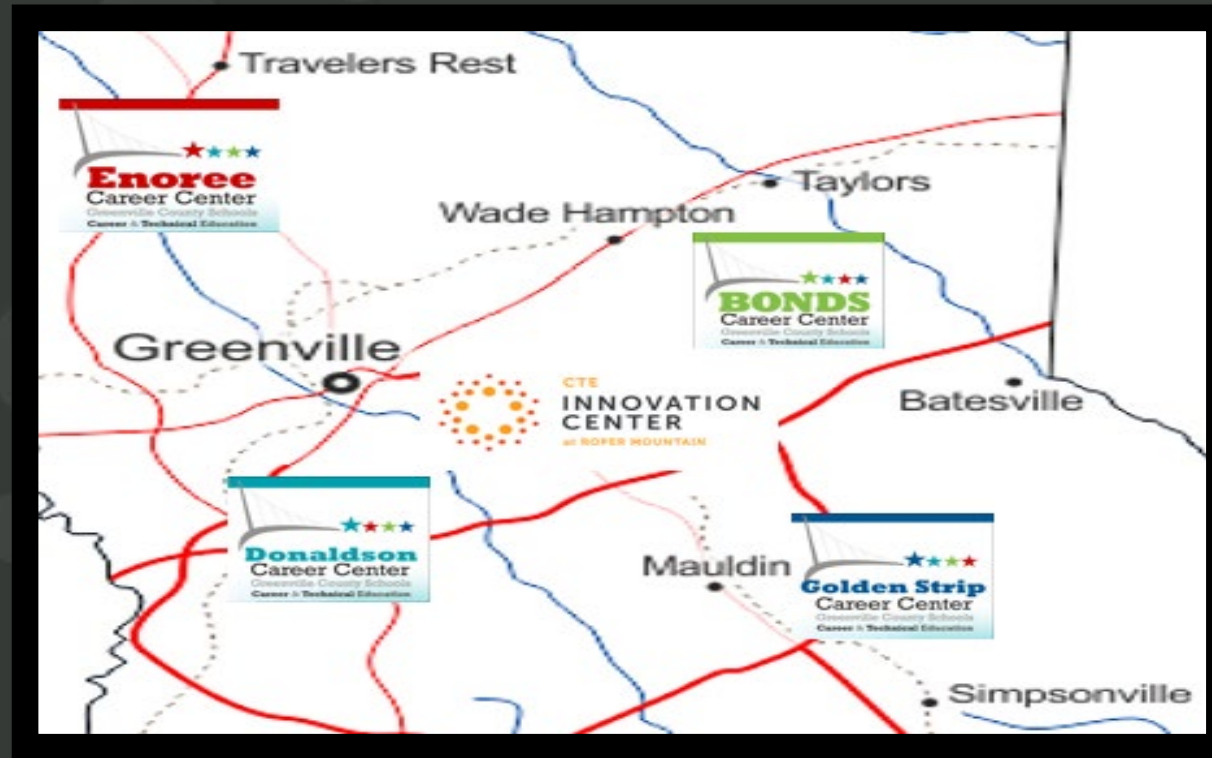
Inspire | Support | Prepare



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## Career Centers

- Auto Tech/Collision
- Diesel
- Culinary
- Firefighting/Law Enforcement
- Graphic Design
- Human Services
- Mechatronics
- Machine Tool
- Welding



## High Schools

- Agricultural Science
- Business Education
- Information Technology
- PLTW (Biomed, Engineering, Comp. Science)
- Health Science
- Family & Consumer Science
- Hospitality
- Logistics

**CTE in Greenville County Schools**





Greenville Area Development Corporation

2019 – 2021  
Focus Group  
Future Programs:  
Biomedical/Virtual Reality/AI

## Target Industries

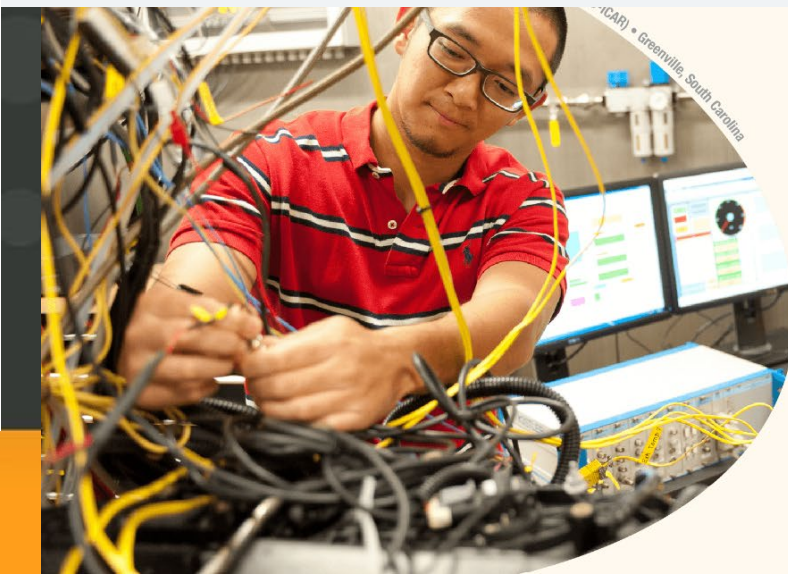
**Advanced Materials**

**Mobility**

**Aviation/Aerospace**

**Life Sciences**

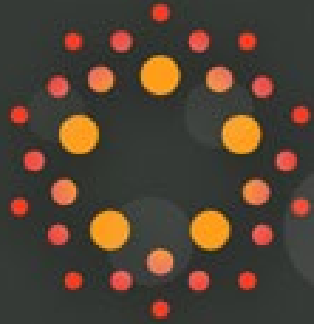
**Professional and  
Tech Services**



### Education

What differentiates Greenville is the community's focus on developing the workforce of the future. With cutting-edge initiatives, particularly around STEM, our community is dedicated to developing the right skills and knowledge to help your business flourish. Our students attend schools that cater to our state's and county's target industries. Additionally, partnership programs between Greenville County Schools, Greenville Technical College, and local employers connect businesses to high school and college-aged students with a range of education and training to ensure they have real-world learning. The Upstate Region has over a dozen higher education institutions for students, including three technical schools, two community colleges, and 12 four-year universities.

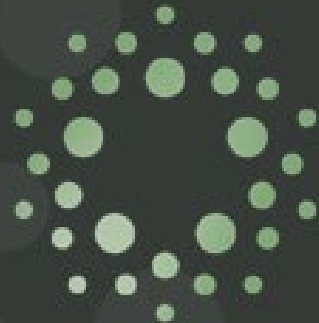
Contact our Marketing and Research Manager or visit our Key Data tool for more information about [Greenville County's Education System](#).



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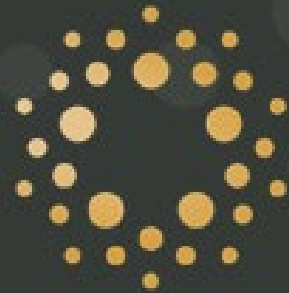
**aerospace  
technologies**  
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**clean energy  
technology**  
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**automation  
and robotics**  
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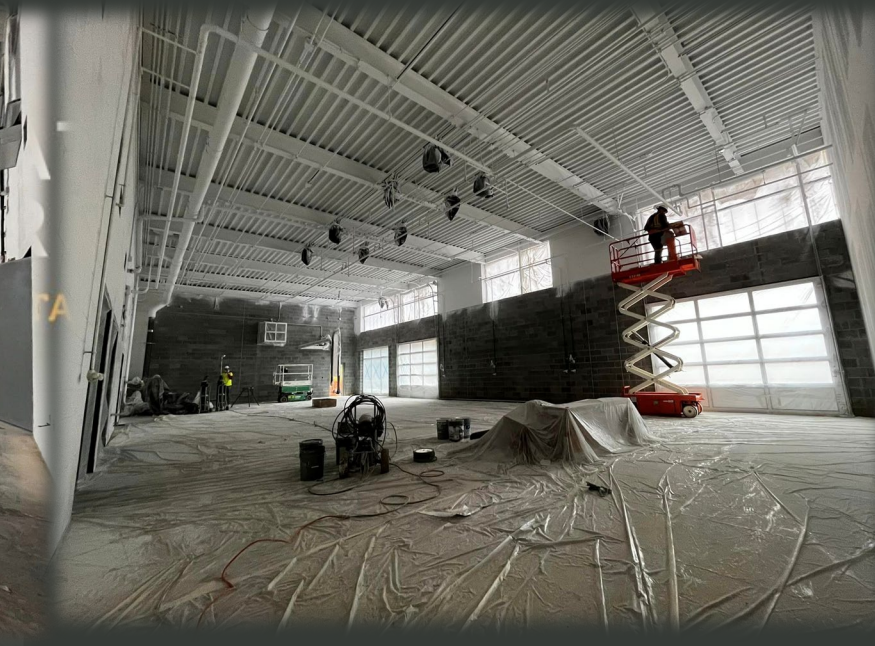
**networking/  
cybersecurity**  
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**emerging  
automotive research**  
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- 29,145 sq ft center
- Flexibility in Design
- Ability to bring in new programs without major renovations
- Conduit, air compressors, bay doors, wash stations





# aerospace technologies

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*Aerospace 1*  
Fundamentals of  
Aerospace  
Technology

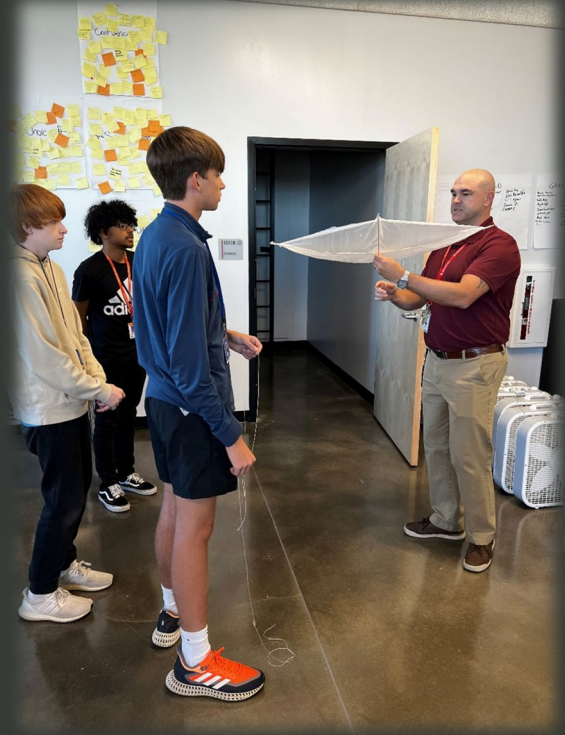
*Aerospace 4*  
Astronautics  
Engineering  
Applications

*Aerospace 2*  
Advanced  
Aerospace  
Technology

*Aerospace 3*  
Aeronautics  
Engineering  
Applications

- Project-Based Learning
- Engineering Design
- Maintenance
- Electrical Systems
- Mechanical Components
- Flight Calculations
- Propulsion
- Material Science







# automation and robotics

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*Course 1*  
**Advanced  
Technology  
for Design &  
Production**

*Course 4*  
**Design for  
Production  
of Advanced  
Products**

*Course 2*  
**Systems of  
Advanced  
Technology**

*Course 3*  
**Mechatronic  
Systems for  
Advanced  
Production**

- Project-Based Learning
- Automated Process
- Robotic Arms
- Programmable Logic Controllers
- Computer-Aided Design (CAD)
- Programming
- Mechatronic Systems
- Drives/Controls







# clean energy technology

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*Course 1*  
Clean Energy  
Systems

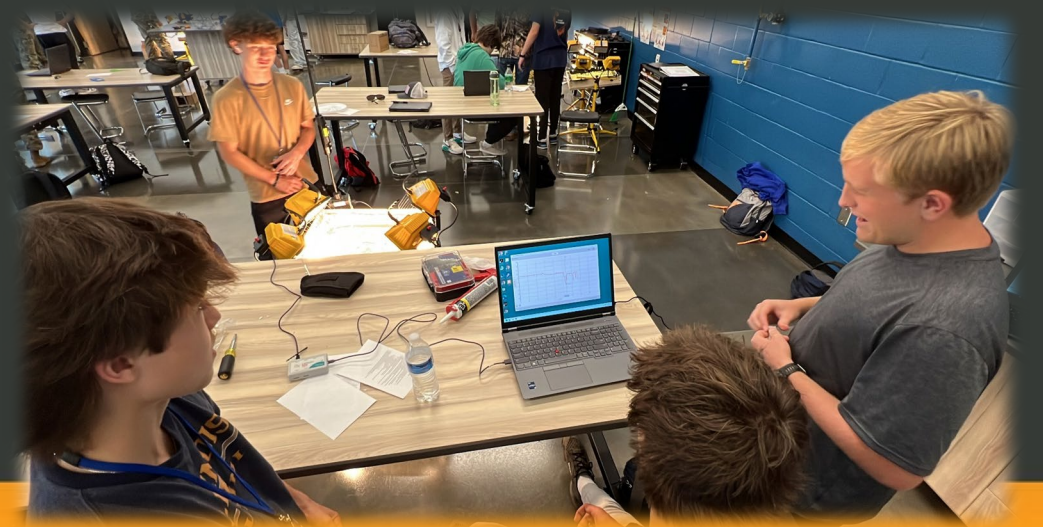
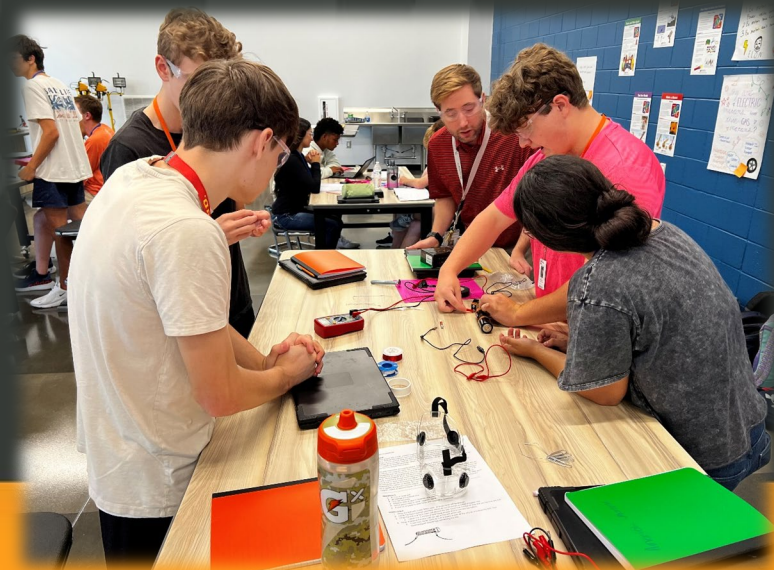
*Course 4*  
Clean  
Energy  
Innovations

*Course 2*  
Clean  
Energy  
Applications

*Course 3*  
Clean  
Energy  
Strategies

- Project-Based Learning
- Renewable Energy
- Wind
- Green Energy
- Sustainability
- Nuclear Power
- Solar Panels
- Fuel Cells





# emerging automotive research

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*Course 1*  
Emerging  
Automotive  
Research 1  
(Honors)

*Course 4*  
Emerging  
Automotive  
Research 4  
(Honors)

*Course 2*  
Emerging  
Automotive  
Research 2  
(Honors)

*Course 3*  
Emerging  
Automotive  
Research 3  
(Honors)

- Project-Based Learning
- Electrical Theory
- Hydraulics
- Braking Systems
- EV Technologies
- Advanced Driver-Assist Systems
- Fuel Injections
- HVAC/Coolants







# networking/ cybersecurity

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**Course 1**  
**Networking**  
**Fundamentals**

**Course 4**  
**Advanced**  
**Cyber**  
**Security**

**Course 2**  
**Advanced**  
**Networking**

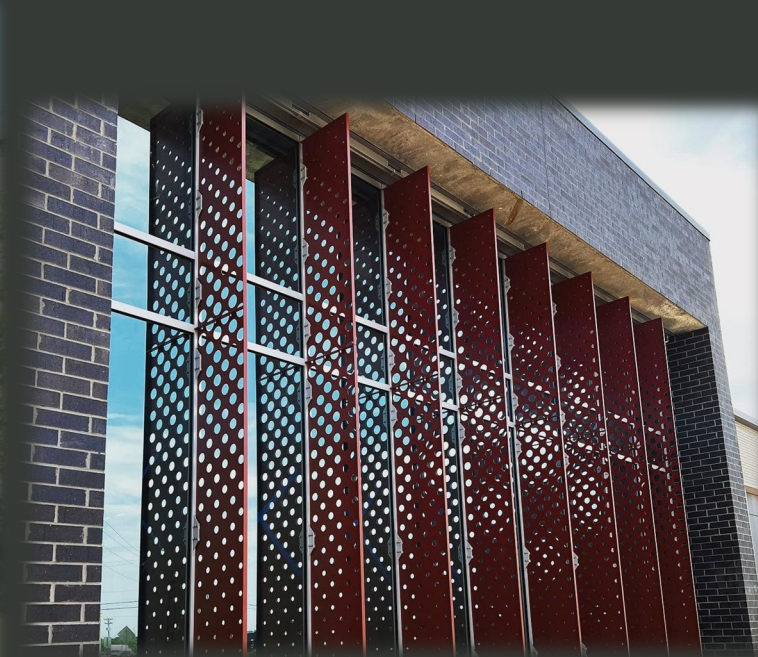
**Course 3**  
**Cyber**  
**Security**  
**Fundamentals**

- Project-Based Learning
- Network Protection
- Network Design
- Data Protection
- Data Vulnerability
- Ethical Computing
- Software Updates
- Network Protocols

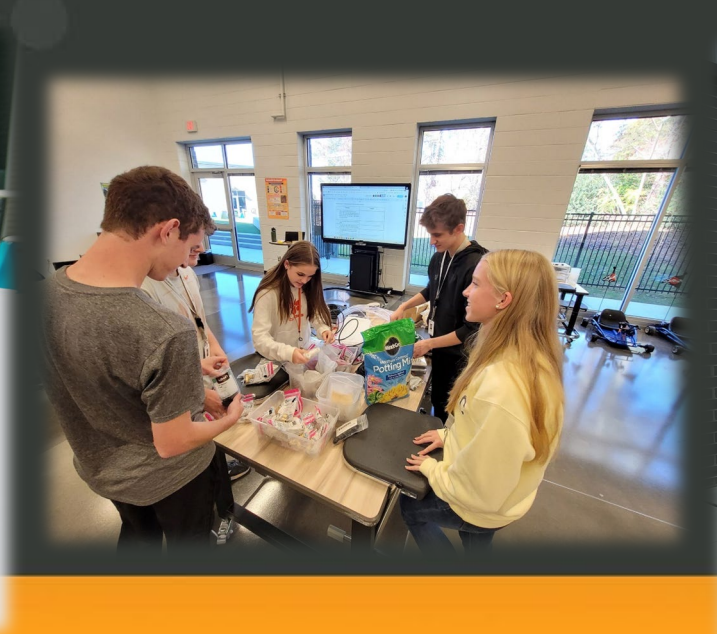
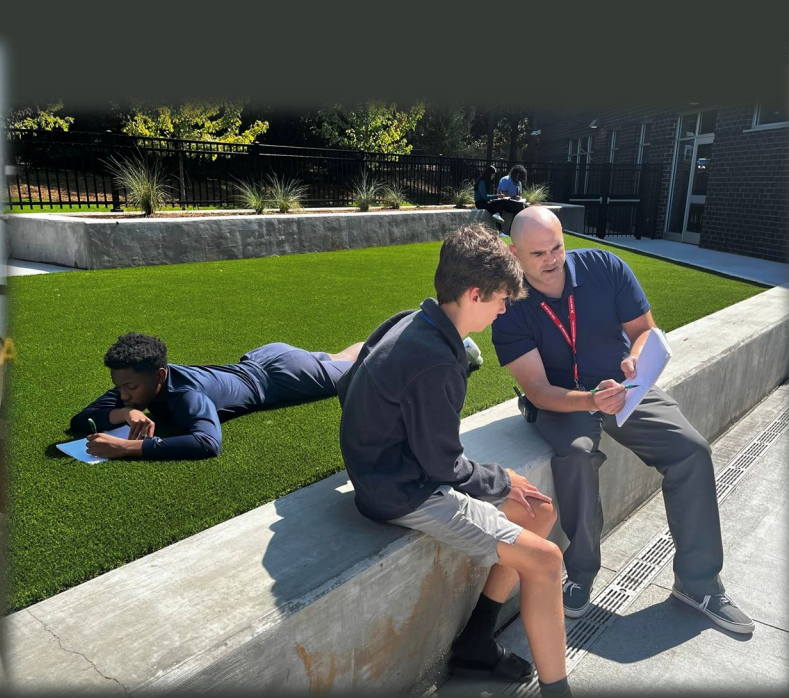








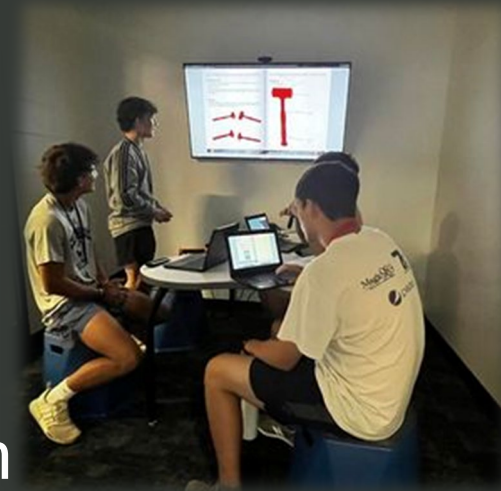








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CENTER**  
at ROPER MOUNTAIN



- High ceilings, ceiling drops, air compressors
- Gather space, Café: Guest speakers/program collaboration
- Courtyard: outdoor classroom
- Natural light, windows
- Breakout Study Rooms
  - Presentations, Dual-Enrollment Lab,
  - small-group meetings
- Flex Classrooms
  - Makerspace, Partition Wall
- One level, furniture on castors

Flexible Learning Spaces









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