GREEN Upstate High School

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Family Circles

GREEN CHARTER SCHOOLS

What are GREEN Family Circles?

- Facilitated by the GREEN Executive Director.
- In-person, small, collaborative meetings meant to provide two-way communication to help make our schools a better place.
- These meetings are focused on building partnerships and increasing teamwork between schools and the community.

What is the focus for the first installment of GREEN Family Circles

- How are charter schools funded?
- How does funding compare to traditional public schools?
- Why is enrollment critical?
- How do charter schools fill in the gaps in funding?
- How can we increase community partnerships and fundraising to offer more opportunities for students?

To help facilitate two-way communication each parent agrees to

- Agree to read 1-2 articles or resources ahead of time before the meeting.
- Agree to participate as a willing learner and solutions-focused participant.
- Agree that if they sign up for a spot, they show up. If not, let us know ahead of time so we can let someone else have the spot.
- If all spots are full and you would like to participate, email Chase Willingham at cwillingham@scgreencharter.org so we can add additional sessions if needed.

Dates and times

9/21 4:00 PM Elementary/Middle School Session 211 Century Dr.
9/23 4:00 PM High School/Simpsonville Session 356 Bridgeway Dr.
9/28 4:00 PM Spartanburg Session 8150 Warren H. Abernathy Hwy
9/30 8:00 AM High School/Simpsonville 1100 Brookfield Blvd
10/5 4:00 PM Lowcountry Session 8717 Old University Blvd.
10/7 8:00 AM Elementary/Middle School Session 1440 Pelham Rd.

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Family Circles Sign Up

Free and Reduced Lunch

Please note that if your student received free or reduced lunch during the previous school year, their carryover status will

remain in effect through September 30. After September 30, the lunch status will automatically update to full pay if a new application for the 2026–2027 school year has not been completed. **If you would like to continue receiving free or reduced lunch benefits, please be sure to complete a new application before September 30.**

If you believe your household qualifies, please click the link below to complete the Free & Reduced Lunch form. Please note that if you have ghad free or reduced lunch in the previous schoolo year, this application will need to be completed again this year.

Not sure if your household qualifies? Please see the below link to open the PDF explaining free and reduced lunch qualifications and information.
Any other questions, please email Tommy Barnett at tbarnett@scgreencharter.org

Free And Reduced Lunch Application

Income Eligibility Guidelines

26-27 School Fees

Parent Frequently Asked Questions

As we begin invoicing for and collecting student fees, please take a moment to review the most frequently asked questions from our families.

This memo contains important time frames and due dates.

Parent FAQ's

Student Fee Policy & Schedule

This policy & schedule outline details pertaining to the amounts owed per student and how to make those payments.

View Student Fee Policy

Payment Platform for Fees

Families will receive one invoice per student in grades K-2 (student dues) and two invoices per student in grades 3-12 (technology fee and student dues). Invoices will be delivered through MSB. Review the attached information to ensure the account is properly set up for family.

Set Up a MSB Account

Hardship Waiver

The Board does not wish to create a barrier for students to participate in extracurricular activities at GREEN. Families who are experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for a fee waiver and may apply for the waiver through the front office of their school or by filling out this form.

Hardship Waiver

SC Educational Scholarship Trust Funds (ESTF)

Families may utilize state awarded ESTF funds to cover technology and activity fees at GREEN Charter Schools

Learn More About ESTF Funds

Counselors Corner

Have a question? Don't know which Counselor to talk to?

All Students A-K: Mrs. Hittinger
All Students A-K: Mrs. Grinstead

(NOTE: Per state regulations after the 5th day of school we cannot make schedule changes.)
Counselors emails are linked to names

Attention 12th Grade Parents

Please check your emails to sign up for your students IGP to discuss your students graduation progress and post-secondary planning.

FAFSA Information Night

Join us for our upcoming FAFSA nights! On October 13, families can learn more about the FAFSA process, what to expect, and how to prepare.

We will also host a FAFSA Completion Night on October 22nd, where a FAFSA representative will be available to provide hands-on assistance as families complete the form.

See the flyer below for more information!

Paying for College Presentation

Join us to learn How to Pay for College! We will discuss the importance of:

- Completing the FAFSA
- Federal and State Aid
- Scholarships

Understanding Federal and Private Loans.

Tuesday
October 13th, 2026
5:30-6:30PM - FAFSA Presentation

Thursday
October 22nd, 2026
5:30-6:30pm - FSA ID/FAFSA Completion Event

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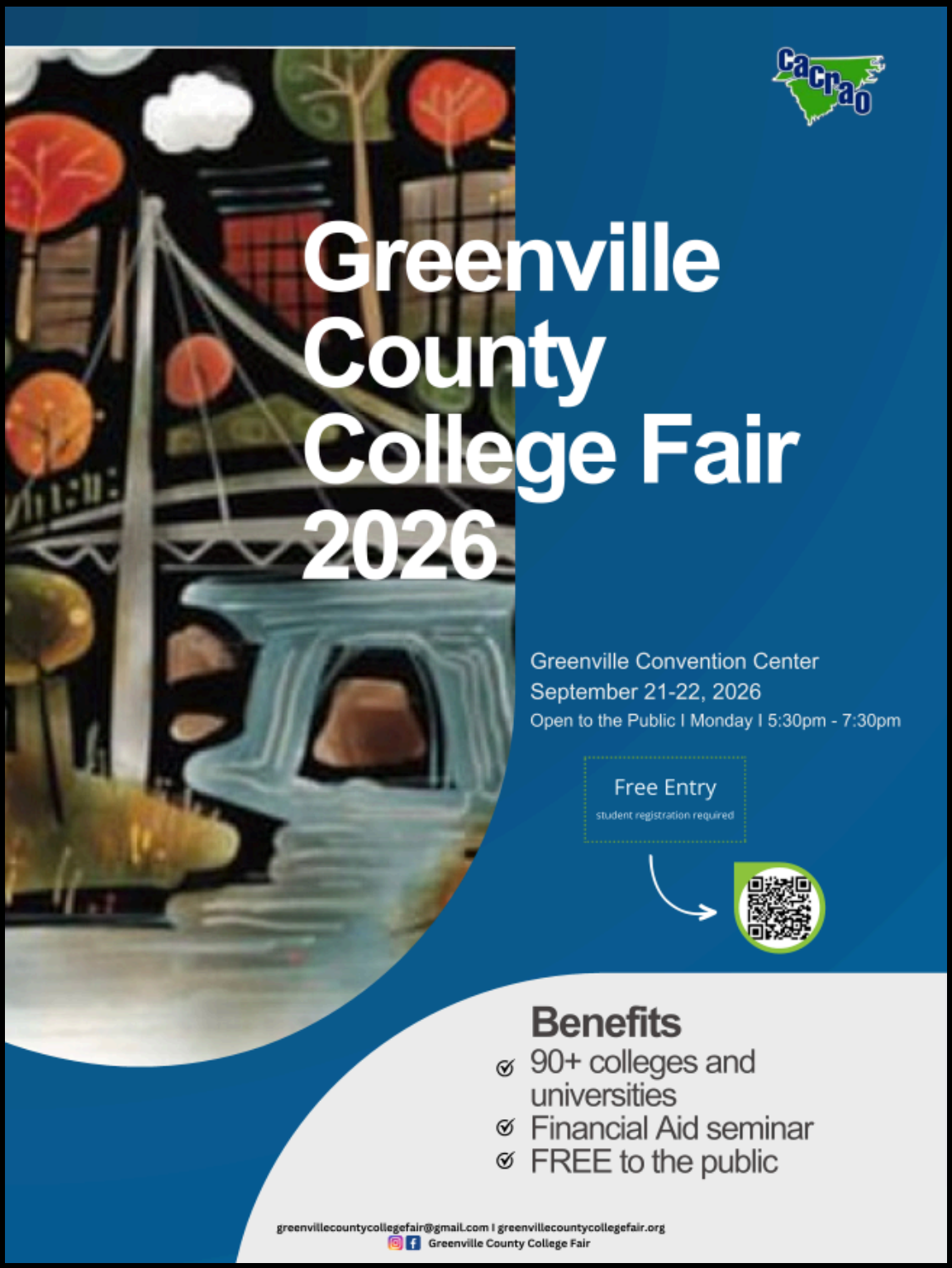
MORE INFO: Scholarships and Loans | South Carolina Student Loan



Attendance

For attendance purposes, please email parent notes and medical notes to hsattendance@scgreencharter.org.

For student drivers who need to leave early for dismissal, a parent/guardian must email permission to the same address before 10:30am.

Please note that early dismissals are not allowed after 3:10pm.

Student Handbook

Please take a few moments to review the 2026–2027 Student Handbook below. It contains important information regarding school policies and expectations, including attendance, seat time requirements, dress code, grading policies, student conduct, technology use, and more. We encourage all students and families to familiarize themselves with these guidelines before the start of the school year.

26-27 Family Handbook

Nurse's Nook

For our school nurse to provide care, **every student** must have a Consent to Treat Form on file at GREEN Upstate High School.

Please complete the form below as soon as possible. Having this form on file ensures we can keep all students safe, healthy, and cared for throughout the school year.

Consent To Treat Google Form

Medication

All medications must be dropped off to the Nurse between 8:45 am -3:45 pm on school days.
ALL medications must be on file with GREEN.

Please see below for Medication Authoriztion Forms.

Authorization for Non-prescription Medication

Authorization for Prescription Medication

Dress Code

The following Dress Code Guidelines are provided to assist our families and applies to all students at GREEN. Deviation from the Dress Code will result in a call to parents/legal guardians for a change of clothing or in possible disciplinary action for repeated offenses.

All clothing must be neat and clean without rips, tears, holes, or frayed edges. Students should be dressed and groomed in a manner which keeps the focus on learning.

Attire for School Buildings:

Shoes

- Closed toe shoes are required.
- Slippers, flip flops, sandals, shoes with wheels, and open toed shoes are prohibited.
- Tennis shoes are required for PE classes.

Bottoms

- All bottoms must be khaki or navy blue. Shorts must be at least fingertip length when standing with arms at the sides.
- Skirts, skorts, shorts, capri pants, and regular pants are permitted.
- All bottoms must be worn at the waist and undergarments shall not be visible.
- Leggings, athletic wear, sweatpants, and overalls are prohibited.
- Bike shorts or leggings for under skirts or jumpers are recommended.
- Students in **grades K-5** may also wear tan or navy jumpers with the school logo over a polo shirt in navy blue, green, or white.
- Students in **attendance at GREEN Charter Middle School and GREEN Upstate High School** may wear jeans in standard shades of blue denim with no rips, tears, holes, or frayed edges.

Tops

- GREEN Charter School-issued or approved logo shirts are required.
- GREEN Charter School logo outwear is permitted.
- Solid navy-blue vests, cardigans, sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets are permitted.
- Any color long sleeved t-shirt may be worn under a short-sleeved polo shirt during colder months.

Head Coverings and Hair

- Hats are not allowed. Only religious head coverings are permissible.
- Hair color and hair style should not be distracting to the learning environment.

Jewelry and Accessories

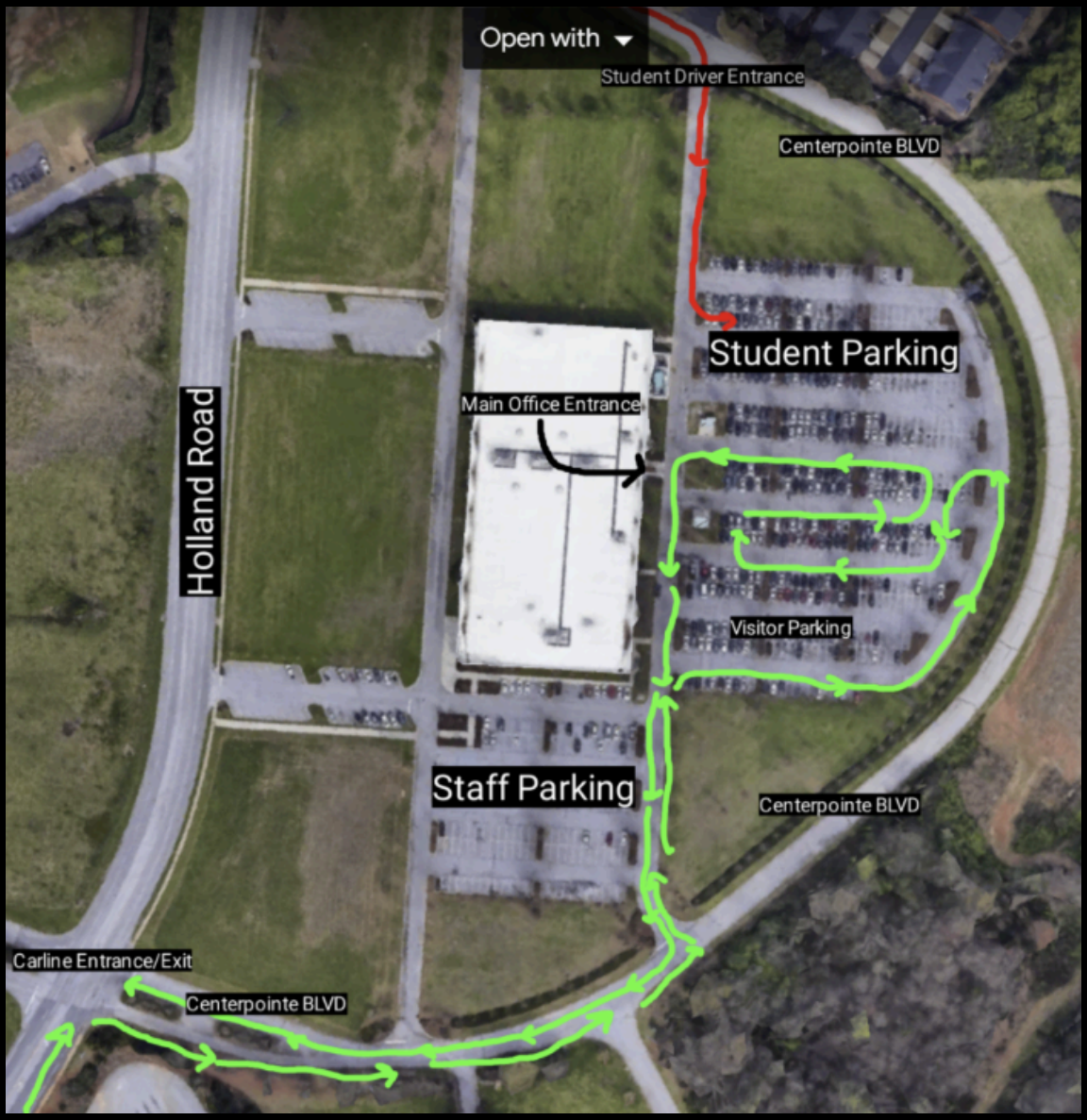
- All jewelry and accessories must be school appropriate. Spiked, oversized, or distracting or dangling items are not allowed.

Attire for Dress Down Days, Field Trips, and Other Events During School Hours

- Clothing worn on these days may not be revealing, expose undergarments, or display suggestive wording or illustrations.
- Leggings are not permitted unless worn under a dress or tunic top of appropriate length.

Parking Map

Please review the carline map. It is imperative that all families enter from the correct direction to help the morning and afternoon pick up run smoothly and efficiently.



Supply List

Please click the button below to view the 26-27 GUHS Supply List

26-27 Supply List

26-27 School Year Calendar

GREEN CHARTER SCHOOLS

GREEN Charter Schools in the Upstate
2026-2027 Academic Calendar
(GVL elem K-5) (GVL middle 6-8) (GUHS 9-12) (SVL K-8) (SPB K-8)

July 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Instructional Days	0
Teacher Workdays	0
School Buildings Closed	1 - 3

August 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Instructional Days	15
Teacher Workdays	21
Preplanning (Home Campus)	3-7, 10
First Day of School	11
Student Orientations will be announced by each campus.	

September 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Instructional Days	21
Teacher Workdays	21
Labor Day - No School	7

October 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Instructional Days	21
Teacher Workdays	22
End of Qtr 1	15
Teacher Workday - No School	16
Q1 Grades Ready	23

November 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Instructional Days	14
Teacher Workdays	15
Teacher Workday - No School	2
Election Day - No School	3
Thanksgiving Break - No School	23 - 27

December 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Instructional Days	14
Teacher Workdays	14
End of Q2 / S1 - Early Release Day	18
Winter Break	21 - 31

January 2027

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Instructional Days	18
Teacher Workdays	19
Winter Break	1
Teacher Workday - No School	4
Q2 / S1 Grades Ready	8
MLK Jr Day - No School	18

February 2027

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

Instructional Days	19
Teacher Workdays	19
Presidents' Day - No School - Makeup Day #1	15

March 2027

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Instructional Days	16
Teacher Workdays	17
End of Qtr 3	11
Teacher Workday - No School - Makeup Day #2	12
Q3 Grades Ready	19
Spring Break - No School	22 - 26
School Closed - Makeup Day #3	29

April 2027

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Instructional Days	22
Teacher Workdays	22

May 2027

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Instructional Days	20
Teacher Workdays	20
Early Release	27
Last Day / Early Release	28
Memorial Day - No School	31

June 2027

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Instructional Days	0
Teacher Workdays	0
Juneteenth	19

Total Instructional Days	180	Campus Closed	Only Staff on Campus	Weather Make-up days	Board Approved
Total Teacher Workdays	190	Term End Dates	Early Release Days	Student Orientation Day	01.08.2026

This is a Year-Round Modified School Calendar in accordance with SC Law Section 59-1-425.

eLearning Days
As an approved eLearning school, up to the first five (5) necessary closures due to an emergency may be made up through eLearning. If eLearning is used, the make-up will occur on the day of closure. These are not planned days on the calendar. (This statement required per State Department of Education interpretaton of SC Statute 59-1-425.)

Religious Observances
School officials cooperate with students and employees when they need to be absent to participate in religious observances and notify the school in writing. Students missing school are given an opportunity to make up work without penalty. Employees may use personal days (or vacation if applicable) to observe religious holidays.

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