

# SOUTH CAROLINA



OVERALL GRADE:

**B**

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**14<sup>TH</sup>**

## STUDENT-CENTERED FUNDING PROGRAMS

GRADE:

**B***How to Improve:*

- In 2025, South Carolina lawmakers created the Educational Scholarship Trust Fund, an ESA program available to a substantial portion of South Carolina students. Policymakers can make this even stronger by continuing to expand eligibility to all students across the state.



## CHARTER SCHOOLS

GRADE:

**B***How to Improve:*

- Ensure that charter schools receive equitable per-pupil funding for operations and facilities.



## HOMESCHOOLING

GRADE:

**C***How to Improve:*

- Remove requirement that homeschool teachers possess a teaching license. Parents should always be empowered to teach their own children, regardless of whether they possess a valid teaching credential.
- Remove requirement that homeschooling curriculum include the same areas of study in traditional public schools. Empower parents to decide what subjects to focus on and tailor curriculum to their child's needs.



## VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

GRADE:

**C***How to Improve:*

- Allow virtual school students to take their state assessments virtually.



## OPEN ENROLLMENT

GRADE:

**F***How to Improve:*

- Require public school districts to participate in both intradistrict and interdistrict open enrollment, subject to reasonable exceptions like space limitations.
- Provide transparency by requiring public school districts to publish their open enrollment policies, how many seats they have available per grade level, how many students are using open enrollment, how many students were rejected for open enrollment, and the reasons for those rejections.
- Ensure that families are never charged tuition for attending a public school, even when participating in open enrollment.