



# SOUTH CAROLINA VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL<sup>SM</sup>



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## 2015-16 SCHOOL PROFILE

### SOUTH CAROLINA VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL

The South Carolina Virtual Charter School (SCVCS) is a virtual, tuition-free public school chartered by the South Carolina Public Charter School District in 2008. SCVCS uses the K12 curriculum and patented online learning program. Together, SCVCS and K12 offer a competitive, individualized kindergarten through twelfth grade school program.

**Accreditation:** AdvancEd  
South Carolina Department of Education

**Memberships:** Alliance of Public Charter Schools, South Carolina Association of School Administrators

**Enrollment:** K-8 1,681; 9-12 1,746

### Why a Virtual School?

Virtual schools exist to serve the students who would better thrive outside the four walls of a traditional classroom. Specific reasons why families choose a K12 education for their child:

- The student is academically advanced and the classroom pace moves too slowly.
- The student is an elite athlete or youth performer with a busy travel schedule.
- The student is homebound, undergoing medical treatment.
- The student can take individual courses not available in his or her own school or home district.

### CLASS OF 2016

- 268 students graduated, SCVCS' largest class to date!
- 5.1 million dollars in Scholarships were generated by the class of 2016; up from \$4.6 million in 2015
- 10 Palmetto Scholarship Nominees; 111 Life Scholarship Nominees; 23 Hope Scholarship Nominees
- 79% will attend post-secondary training, 17% enter workforce and 4% enlist in the military.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

- SCVCS is the largest virtual public charter school in South Carolina with the enrollment of 3,427 students
- SCVCS is in its ninth year of operation. SCVCS's governing board consists of seven board members who meet on a monthly basis to establish policies, procedures, approve school budgets and provide oversight of the school management.
- Seventy-seven percent of SCVCS's students are Caucasian, twenty-three percent of the students are minority. Forty-three percent are male and fifty-seven percent are female.
- SCVCS serves students in every county in South Carolina.
- Seventy-four percent of SCVCS students previously attended a public school. Twelve percent were home schooled, fourteen percent transferred from private or other charter school, sixty-four percent are free and reduced and eleven percent are Special Needs students.

### K<sup>12</sup> CURRICULUM

The established K<sup>12</sup> curriculum clearly outlines learning objectives to be mastered in each lesson, unit, and semester, crafted from educational research, state and national standards, and deep content expertise. After establishing the learning objectives for each course, strategies for best accomplishing the established objectives are used such as online content, engaging demonstrations, offline science labs, offline reading materials or activities, interactive online discussions, and assessments to measure mastery of objectives.

Live class connect classes are available on a daily basis.

## GRADING POLICIES AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### Grading Scale

The SCVCS high school program uses the South Carolina mandated Uniform Grading Scale effective for all students receiving Carnegie units:

<b>A</b>	4.0	<b>A</b>	90-100
<b>B</b>	3.0	<b>B</b>	80-89
<b>C</b>	2.0	<b>C</b>	70-79
<b>D</b>	1.0	<b>D</b>	60-69
<b>F</b>	0.0	<b>F</b>	59 and below

### Dual Credit

Dual Credit is an opportunity offered by SCVCS to give high school students (generally juniors and seniors) the opportunity to take college-level courses at their local technical college or four-year college. Please contact your advisor for more information.

### Advanced Placement Courses

SCVCS offers several Advanced Placement (AP) courses. These courses have the potential for college-level credit depending upon successful completion of the course and a minimum score on the AP exam. Colleges determine whether the student receives credit for the AP course.

### Grades

Each student has an individualized semester GPA, plus a cumulative GPA calculated from the beginning of ninth grade that includes grades from all classes. AP and dual credit courses are weighted to include an additional 1.0 GPA.

### SC Graduation Requirements

To be eligible to receive a South Carolina High School Diploma, students must earn twenty-four Carnegie units, and demonstrate computer literacy. Based on South Carolina Code of Regulations, 43-234(l) (A), requirements to receive a SC high school diploma for students in grades 9-12 are as follows:

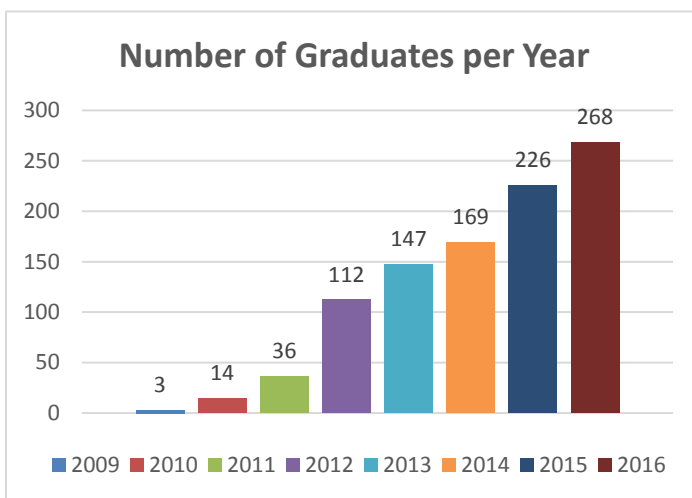
#### Required Courses for High School Diploma

SUBJECT	HS DIPLOMA CREDITS	CHE ENTRANCE CREDITS*
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science (LAB)	2	3
Physical Science	1	1
US History	1	1
Economics	½	½
U.S. Government	½	½
Other Social Studies	1	1
Physical Education or JROTC	1	1
Computer Science (computer literacy)	1	1
World Language or Vocational Elective	1	2 (same field)
Fine Arts		1
Additional Electives	7	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>

\*College entrance requirement

## STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- 2016 Graduation rate up 3% from 2015
- 93% of seventh and eighth graders (147) enrolled in high school classes earned Carnegie credit



- Students also may attain membership in national academic organizations such as the National Honor Society (middle & high), Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, La Societe Honoraire de Francais, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, National Art Honor Society, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. Clubs offered include: Culinary arts, book club, writer's roundtable and high school blog

#### SCVCS Staff

*100 % of SCVCS teachers are highly qualified and fully certified with an average of 9 years of teaching experience.*

*16 SCVCS teachers are National Board Certified.*

*SCVCS Administrators are veteran South Carolina administrators with both private and public school experience and holding advanced degrees.*

*All staff members participate in a robust intensive training to enhance their technology skills.*



