

Resources for Early Acceleration and Development in Youth (Every Child READY)

FY23 Priorities – Revised November 22, 2022

OVERVIEW

As of FY23, South Carolina First Steps receives \$3 million recurring annually from the General Assembly in General Funds to be distributed to local partnerships through competitive and targeted grants. The purpose of these funds is to prioritize evidence-based programs for children birth through age three, who live in rural communities and in communities where kindergarten readiness scores are consistently below the state rate.

RURAL. For READY priorities, rurality is defined by the South Carolina Office of Rural Health from the 2010 version of the United States Department of Agriculture Rural-Urban Continuum Codes. This document outlines the rural definition at the county (31 counties) and census tract level within 15 counties designated as urban.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS. For READY priorities, kindergarten readiness is defined as the proportion of students scoring “demonstrating readiness” on the South Carolina Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (implemented statewide in Fall 2017). This document outlines kindergarten readiness defined at the county-level below the state rate for five (23 counties), four (8 counties), or three (5 counties) years of administration. Below the county-level, it is defined as elementary schools within 7 counties, where the school scored below the state rate for all five years of administration. There are three counties (Fairfield, Georgetown, and McCormick) where no elementary schools that meet this definition of “consistently low KRA scores” at the school-level.

For Reference. Overall % of incoming kindergartners scoring “demonstrating readiness” on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment by year					
	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
South Carolina	36.0%	37.0%	39.0%	27.0%	36.0%

READY PRIORITIES.

ENTIRE COUNTY IS RURAL = 31 COUNTIES

Abbeville	Chesterfield	Hampton	McCormick
Allendale	Clarendon	Jasper	Newberry
Bamberg	Colleton	Kershaw	Oconee
Barnwell	Dillon	Lancaster	Orangeburg
Beaufort	Edgefield	Laurens	Saluda
Calhoun	Fairfield	Lee	Union
Cherokee	Georgetown	Marion	Williamsburg
Chester	Greenwood	Marlboro	

RURAL CENSUS TRACTS WITHIN URBAN COUNTIES = 15 COUNTIES (142 CENSUS TRACTS)

County	2020 Census Tract	County	2020 Census Tract
Aiken	Census Tract 201	Greenville	Census Tract 31.01
	Census Tract 202		Census Tract 31.03
	Census Tract 203.01		Census Tract 31.04
	Census Tract 209.01		Census Tract 32.02
	Census Tract 217		Census Tract 33.04
	Census Tract 218		Census Tract 40.01
	Census Tract 220.01		Census Tract 41.02
	Census Tract 221		Census Tract 101
	Census Tract 9801		Census Tract 201

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Anderson	Census Tract 108
	Census Tract 109
	Census Tract 114.01
	Census Tract 114.02
	Census Tract 116
	Census Tract 118
	Census Tract 122
Berkeley	Census Tract 201.01
	Census Tract 201.02
	Census Tract 202.01
	Census Tract 202.02
	Census Tract 203.01
	Census Tract 204.01
	Census Tract 204.05
	Census Tract 205.03
	Census Tract 9801
Charleston	Census Tract 21.03
	Census Tract 21.04
	Census Tract 21.05
	Census Tract 22
	Census Tract 23
	Census Tract 9901
Darlington	Census Tract 101
	Census Tract 102
	Census Tract 103
	Census Tract 104
	Census Tract 105
	Census Tract 106
	Census Tract 107
	Census Tract 108
	Census Tract 115
	Census Tract 116
Dorchester	Census Tract 101
	Census Tract 102
	Census Tract 104
Florence	Census Tract 15.06
	Census Tract 16.02
	Census Tract 17
	Census Tract 18
	Census Tract 20
	Census Tract 22.02
	Census Tract 23
	Census Tract 24
	Census Tract 25
Greenville	Census Tract 24.03
	Census Tract 24.04
	Census Tract 28.11
	Census Tract 28.12
	Census Tract 28.13
	Census Tract 28.14
	Census Tract 28.15
	Census Tract 29.01
	Census Tract 29.03
	Census Tract 29.04
	Census Tract 29.05
	Census Tract 30.05
Census Tract 30.08	

Horry	Census Tract 301.02
	Census Tract 401.01
	Census Tract 603.01
	Census Tract 604.04
	Census Tract 701.01
	Census Tract 701.02
	Census Tract 706.01
	Census Tract 706.02
	Census Tract 707.01
	Census Tract 801.01
	Census Tract 801.02
	Census Tract 802
	Census Tract 9901
Lexington	Census Tract 208.01
	Census Tract 208.02
	Census Tract 208.03
	Census Tract 209.04
	Census Tract 209.05
	Census Tract 209.06
	Census Tract 212.05
	Census Tract 212.06
	Census Tract 213.03
	Census Tract 213.05
	Census Tract 213.06
	Census Tract 213.07
	Census Tract 214.02
	Census Tract 214.03
Census Tract 214.04	
Census Tract 9801	
Pickens	Census Tract 101
	Census Tract 104.01
	Census Tract 104.03
	Census Tract 105.01
	Census Tract 106.01
Census Tract 110.03	
Richland	Census Tract 101.04
	Census Tract 102
	Census Tract 119.02
	Census Tract 120
	Census Tract 9801
Spartanburg	Census Tract 223.03
	Census Tract 223.04
	Census Tract 225
	Census Tract 226
	Census Tract 234.05
	Census Tract 235
Census Tract 237	
Sumter	Census Tract 1
	Census Tract 5
	Census Tract 6
	Census Tract 18.01
York	Census Tract 613.02
	Census Tract 614.01
	Census Tract 616.01
	Census Tract 616.02
	Census Tract 617.01
	Census Tract 617.05

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Greenville	Census Tract 30.09
	Census Tract 30.10
	Census Tract 30.11
	Census Tract 30.12
	Census Tract 30.13
	Census Tract 30.14

York	Census Tract 617.06
	Census Tract 618.01
	Census Tract 618.02
	Census Tract 619

**ENTIRE COUNTY CONSISTENTLY LOW KRA SCORES = 5/5 YEARS
23 COUNTIES (18 RURAL; 5 URBAN)**

County	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
Aiken	33.4%	35.2%	35.1%	20.0%	33.5%
Allendale	20.9%	27.3%	28.3%	10.0%	26.3%
Barnwell	29.1%	33.1%	28.0%	15.5%	23.6%
Beaufort	33.4%	33.7%	31.6%	21.0%	32.5%
Berkeley	34.0%	33.8%	37.0%	26.0%	34.7%
Cherokee	29.2%	30.3%	30.3%	18.9%	32.0%
Chesterfield	19.6%	27.3%	25.0%	16.1%	28.1%
Colleton	30.6%	28.0%	37.5%	16.9%	27.8%
Darlington	28.9%	28.8%	24.2%	11.0%	23.5%
Dillon	27.8%	25.8%	29.9%	15.5%	22.4%
Florence	22.6%	24.5%	30.4%	25.7%	30.2%
Greenwood	30.0%	29.3%	30.3%	16.8%	26.8%
Jasper	10.2%	14.0%	27.7%	4.2%	10.1%
Kershaw	27.1%	27.6%	31.8%	16.0%	33.5%
Laurens	27.7%	35.1%	37.3%	19.5%	28.9%
Marion	19.9%	23.2%	24.8%	15.9%	17.9%
Marlboro	28.8%	27.3%	16.5%	14.9%	20.5%
Newberry	29.9%	32.5%	32.7%	24.0%	25.4%
Oconee	26.6%	29.9%	35.4%	22.0%	29.0%
Orangeburg	27.7%	30.6%	32.7%	19.0%	25.0%
Saluda	10.8%	12.4%	13.6%	4.1%	8.5%
Sumter	19.5%	26.0%	21.0%	17.0%	24.6%
Union	25.4%	30.6%	38.6%	10.0%	23.4%

**ENTIRE COUNTY CONSISTENTLY LOW KRA SCORES = 4/5 YEARS
8 COUNTIES (7 RURAL; 1 URBAN)**

County	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
Abbeville	30.0%	34.6%	32.3%	25.9%	36.4%
Bamberg	34.3%	25.5%	36.6%	11.6%	36.8%
Calhoun	24.3%	43.2%	27.7%	13.3%	26.0%
Chester	37.3%	35.8%	30.8%	16.8%	27.8%
Clarendon	38.6%	32.7%	34.4%	19.0%	26.9%
Edgefield	42.1%	32.3%	31.4%	16.0%	29.9%
Lancaster	34.4%	37.1%	37.2%	19.0%	33.7%
Pickens	26.8%	33.7%	35.0%	24.0%	37.8%

**ENTIRE COUNTY CONSISTENTLY LOW KRA SCORES = 3/5 YEARS
5 COUNTIES (3 RURAL; 2 URBAN)**

County	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
Hampton	31.3%	34.5%	44.0%	25.8%	37.8%
Lee	26.7%	24.5%	39.7%	36.5%	19.0%
Williamsburg	47.9%	39.6%	34.6%	16.2%	19.5%
Lexington	32.6%	36.1%	37.7%	30.1%	37.2%
Spartanburg	35.1%	39.5%	40.5%	26.3%	33.0%

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ENTIRE COUNTY NOT CONSISTENTLY LOW KRA SCORES 10 COUNTIES (3 RURAL; 7 URBAN)

County	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
Anderson	36.7%	38.5%	43.4%	26.2%	32.2%
Charleston	51.1%	49.3%	55.3%	43.0%	50.9%
Dorchester	41.0%	42.7%	44.8%	24.6%	34.7%
Fairfield	49.1%	49.4%	54.9%	25.7%	37.7%
Georgetown	53.4%	50.0%	52.7%	18.0%	47.2%
Greenville	37.3%	41.2%	44.2%	30.0%	39.5%
Horry	43.3%	41.8%	42.1%	25.0%	34.0%
McCormick	54.8%	46.5%	55.6%	12.2%	65.5%
Richland	39.6%	37.6%	39.1%	32.9%	41.6%
York	41.5%	45.6%	45.6%	37.8%	45.7%

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH CONSISTENTLY LOW KRA SCORES FOR 10 COUNTIES WHERE THE ENTIRE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE CONSISTENTLY LOW KRA SCORES 7 COUNTIES (7 URBAN)

County	Elementary School Name	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
Anderson	Centerville Elementary School	21.88	30.51	25.6	14.3	21.6
	Iva Elementary School	35.59	35.38	29.5	15.2	31.5
	Palmetto Elementary	14.29	0	11.5	14.5	9.9
Charleston	A.C. Corcoran Elementary	28.43	26.92	19.5	15.2	19.4
	Ladson Elementary	28.91	34.43	38.8	24.2	28.9
	Matilda Dunston Elementary	32.5	32.84	18.5	4.3	11
	Meeting Street Elementary At Brentwood	30.71	34.6	31.5	18.1	33.8
	Midland Park Primary	19.55	4.14	22.1	15	18.3
	North Charleston Elementary	29.17	23.08	30.6	12.2	18.4
	Pepperhill Elementary	31.51	15.38	32.5	22.9	17.6
	Sanders-Clyde Elementary	35.71	18.75	30.6	20.5	11.9
	W. B. Goodwin Elementary	27.03	22.86	30	0	17.2
Dorchester	Dr. Eugene Sires Elementary School	23.85	32.76	26.6	22.9	25.2
	James H. Spann Elementary School	31.93	25.53	31.5	10.6	31.2
	Williams Memorial Elementary	32.69	24.49	18.3	24.7	24.4
Greenville	Alexander Elementary	6.78	27.69	17.3	2	10.8
	Berea Elementary School	26.47	14.47	15.3	3.5	12.2
	Brook Glenn Elementary School	8.47	16.13	25.4	6.1	19.3
	Chandler Creek Elementary School	22.3	27.16	35.1	19.8	34.9
	Cherrydale Elementary School	18.42	20.21	25.6	7.9	10
	Duncan Chapel Elementary	17.43	26.09	31.6	11.7	17.8
	Grove Elementary	9.41	16	9.2	3.2	10.3
	Hollis Academy	10.87	12.12	21.2	3.3	13
	Lake Forest Elementary School	20.56	34.96	22.7	24.3	33.6
	Monaview Elementary School	21.28	23.6	17.5	13	18.6
	Robert E. Cashion Elementary	15.6	20.75	22.9	13.3	32.1
	Thomas E. Kerns Elementary	27.52	19.05	18.1	7	25
	Welcome Elementary School	29.06	28.21	35.5	4	16.3
Westcliffe Elementary	12.24	17.54	22	3.7	20.4	
Horry	Green Sea Floyds Elementary	23.6	28.57	31.1	12.3	14.3
	Homewood Elementary School	30	36.96	21.1	24.7	15.4
	Lakewood Elementary School	31.88	29.79	33.1	23.5	31.5
	Palmetto Bays Elementary School	31.52	21.74	27.7	16.2	34.6
	Socastee Elementary School	29.84	26.09	21.3	16	19.2
	Waterway Elementary School	17.02	25.58	33.3	21.2	20.2
Richland	Annie Burnside Elementary	15.25	25.93	35.3	14.6	26.5

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Richland	Carolina School For Inquiry	32.14	34.62	34.8	6.3	14.3
	Edward E. Taylor Elementary School	35.9	15.22	27.8	13.3	9.1
	Forest Heights Elementary School	16.25	17.74	21.5	11.5	30.8
	Hyatt Park Elementary	14.63	13.33	13.8	10	6.1
	Jackson Creek Elementary	34.67	33.01	19.6	15.6	32.1
	John P Thomas Elementary School	20.83	20	9.6	20.8	34.8
	Joseph Keels Elementary	32.47	26.98	15.4	20.6	32.8
	L.W. Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet School	27.27	18.29	22.1	18.6	27.1
	Pine Grove Elementary	20.48	15.71	28.6	5.9	23.7
	Polo Road Elementary School	27.27	8.65	18	20.3	18.9
	South Kilbourne Elementary	18.18	26.32	2	7.5	25.5
	Watkins-Nance Elementary School	33.85	29.31	28.3	21.9	25.4
	York	Hickory Grove Sharon Elementary	30.36	36.17	20.6	18.6
Hunter Street Elementary School		33.7	32.65	35.4	23.8	28.6
Larne Elementary School		32.05	27.27	30.4	24.2	31.9
Oakdale Steam Elementary School		18.18	31.25	22.7	25	25.6

NOTES

To understand the location of census tracts in each county, utilize the 'SC B-5 Early Childhood Needs Assessment Data Dashboard' here: <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/chelsea.richard6461/viz/SCB-5EarlyChildhoodNeedsAssessmentData/SCB-5EarlyChildhoodNeedsAssessment>

You can also use this federal site for searching physical addresses:

<https://geomap.ffiec.gov/FFIECGeocMap/GeocodeMap1.aspx> (use year '2020').

Local partnerships should work with their local district and school administrative staff to understand the school catchment areas for elementary schools.

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