

FY 2017 –18

Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program

Update Report



**SC EDUCATION
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program: Education Oversight Committee's Responsibilities and Results Fiscal Year 2017-18

Statutory Authority

Proviso 109.11. of the 2017-18 General Appropriation Act authorized the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (Appendix A). The ECENC Program was first established by proviso in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 General Appropriation Act.

The ECENC program provides grants and parental tax credit to eligible students attending approved schools. First, the Exceptional SC 501(c)(3) scholarship fund (also known as the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children) awards grants to students. The fund includes tax-deductible donations that serve as scholarships for the private school tuition of exceptional needs students in South Carolina who attend eligible schools. The Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund is separate and distinct from the State general fund. The fund is organized by the Department of Revenue as a public charity. Monies contributed to the fund provide scholarships for exceptional needs children attending eligible schools. Grants may be awarded in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 to a qualifying student attending an eligible school. A board of five directors, appointed by the Governor and members of the General Assembly based upon the recommendations of the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools, the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina Independent Schools Association and the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools, award grants from the fund. The directors of the fund also designate an executive director. The proviso expressly prohibits the appropriation of public funds to the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund. For Fiscal year 2017-18, contributions to the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund are eligible for tax credits that statewide may only total \$11 million. Second, there is a Parental Tax Credit whereby taxpayers, on a first come, first served basis, may claim out-of-pocket spending on tuition, up to \$11,000, for an eligible child to attend an approved school. The cap for this tax credit is \$2 million. The public may access information about the ECNEC program at <https://www.exceptionalsc.org/>.

Proviso 109.11. expressly charges the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) with determining if an independent school meets the eligibility requirements for participation in the ECENC program. Only eligible students attending approved schools are eligible for a grant from the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program and their parents, eligible for the Parental Tax Credit.

The proviso defines an eligible school as an independent school that:

- (a) offers a general education to primary or secondary school students;
- (b) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin;
- (c) is located in this State;
- (d) has an educational curriculum that includes courses set forth in the state's diploma requirements, graduation certificate requirements (for special needs children), and where the students attending are administered national achievement or state standardized tests, or both, at progressive grade levels to determine student progress;
- (e) has school facilities that are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws;
- (f) is a member in good standing of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools, the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, or Palmetto Association of Independent Schools; and
- (g) provides a specially designed program or learning resource center to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students or provides onsite educational services or supports to meet the needs of exceptional needs students, or is a school specifically existing to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities.

For Fiscal Year 2017-18, the law requires:

1. By August 1, schools that participated in the ECENC program in the prior school year must apply to the EOC to participate in the program in 2017-18. Schools that desire to participate for the first time in 2017-18 may apply at any time in the school year.
2. The EOC developed two applications for schools this year: (a) an application for schools that participated in the program in the prior school year and were still in compliance with all program requirements; and (2) an application for schools choosing to participate in the program for the first time in 2017-18.
3. Per Proviso 109.11, all schools participating in the program must provide the following information to the EOC:
 - o the number and total amount of grants received in the preceding fiscal year;
 - o student test scores, by category, on national achievement or state standardized tests, or both, for all grades tested and administered by the school receiving or entitled to receive scholarship grants pursuant to this chapter in the previous fiscal year;

- o a copy of a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the organization's financial statements, conducted by a certified public accounting firm if the school received grants from the program in the prior school year or if the school receives grants in the current year; and
- o a certification by the independent school that it meets the definition of an eligible school as that term is defined in subsection (A)(1) and that the report is true, accurate, and complete under penalty of perjury in accordance with Section 16-9-10.

4. Proviso 109.11 extends the timeline by which schools provide student test data to the EOC to December 31. The proviso requires the EOC to remove from the program any school that does not provide student test data by December 31.

5. By September 1, the EOC must publish on its website a comprehensive list of independent schools certified as eligible institutions.

6. The EOC must also work with the nine-member advisory committee to make recommendations on the program's implementation.

Results

Beginning July 1, 2017, the EOC began publishing weekly the list of schools approved to participate in the ECENC program. By August 29, 2017 the total number of approved schools totaled 114 (Table 1). Appendix B is a list of the approved schools. To date, no school has been denied application.

Table 1
Schools Approved to Participate in ECENC Program

Fiscal Year	Number of Schools
2017-18	114
2016-17	109
2015-16	117
2014-15	89
2013-14	73

Note: In 2015-16 101 schools were approved on September 1, 2015 and another 16 approved pursuant to Joint Resolution H.4633 (R.139) of 2016.

Of the 114 schools that have been approved to date, 106 reported receiving tuition grants from Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund in the prior fiscal year (Table 2). These schools received \$10.1 million in tuition grants for 1,972 students. The

average amount of grant statewide was \$5,136 but the average amount of grants received at each school ranged from \$461 to \$9,770. Appendix C is a list of grants received by eligible school. It should be noted that five schools that participated in the program in Fiscal Year 2016-17 and that were in good standing with the EOC did not continue participation in the program in 2017-18; therefore, the number of grants received by those five schools is not reflected in Table 2.

**Table 2
Grants Received in FY2016-17**

Number of Schools Receiving Grants	106
Number of Grants	1,972
Total Amount of Grants Received by Schools	\$10,129,124.19
Average Amount of Grant, Statewide	\$5,136
Range of Mean Grant at School Level (Minimum to Maximum)	\$461 to \$9,770

Source: School applications for 2017-18 participation in the program.

As in previous years, the EOC staff encountered problems with data security. Several schools submitted information that included individual student test data while others provided the names of individual students who received scholarship grants in the prior fiscal year. Upon receiving the personally identifiable information, EOC contacted the school and shredded the documents or redacted the names.

Appendix A

109.11. (DOR: Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children)

(A) As used in this proviso:

(1) "Eligible school" means an independent school including those religious in nature, other than a public school, at which the compulsory attendance requirements of Section 59-65-10 may be met, that:

- (a) offers a general education to primary or secondary school students;
- (b) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin;
- (c) is located in this State;
- (d) has an educational curriculum that includes courses set forth in the state's diploma requirements, graduation certificate requirements (for special needs children), and where the students attending are administered national achievement or state standardized tests, or both, at progressive grade levels to determine student progress;
- (e) has school facilities that are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws;
- (f) is a member in good standing of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools, the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, or Palmetto Association of Independent Schools; and
- (g) provides a specially designed program or learning resource center to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students or provides onsite educational services or supports to meet the needs of exceptional needs students, or is a school specifically existing to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities.

(2) "Exceptional needs child" means a child:

- (a) who has been evaluated in accordance with this state's evaluation criteria, as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-243.1, and determined eligible as a child with a disability who needs special education and related services, in accordance with the requirements of Section 300.8 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; or
- (b) who has been diagnosed within the last three years by a licensed speech-language pathologist, psychiatrist, or medical, mental health, psychoeducational, or other comparable licensed health care provider as having a neurodevelopmental disorder, a substantial sensory or physical impairment such as deaf, blind, or orthopedic disability, or some other disability or acute or chronic condition that significantly impedes the student's ability to learn and succeed in school without specialized instructional and associated supports and services tailored to the child's unique needs.

(3) "Independent school" means a school, other than a public school, at which the compulsory attendance requirements of Section 59-65-10 may be met and that does not discriminate based on the grounds of race, color, religion, or national origin.

(4) "Parent" means the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian of a child.

(5) "Qualifying student" means a student who is an exceptional needs child, a South Carolina resident, and who is eligible to be enrolled in a South Carolina secondary or elementary public school at the kindergarten or later year level for the applicable school year.

(6) "Resident public school district" means the public school district in which a student resides, or in the case of dependents of active military personnel, the public school district which the student may attend.

(7) "Transportation" means transportation to and from school only.

(8) "Tuition" means the total amount of money charged for the cost of a qualifying student to attend an independent school including, but not limited to, fees for attending the school, textbook fees, and school-related transportation.

(9) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(B) (1) There is created the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund that is separate and distinct from the State general fund. The fund shall be organized by the department as a public charity as defined by the Internal Revenue Code under sections 509(a)(1) through 509(a)(4) and consist solely of contributions made to the fund. The fund may not receive an appropriation of public funds. The fund shall receive and hold all contributions intended for it as well as all earnings until disbursed as provided in this chapter. Monies received in the fund shall be used to provide scholarships to exceptional needs children attending eligible schools.

(2) The amounts on deposit in the fund do not constitute public funds nor are the deposits property of the State. Amounts on deposit in the fund must not be commingled with public funds and the State shall have no claim to or interest in the amounts on deposit. Agreements or contracts entered into by or on behalf of the fund do not constitute a debt or obligation of the State.

(3) The public charity shall be governed by five directors, two appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, one of which is based upon the recommendation of the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools and one which is based upon the recommendation of the Diocese of Charleston, two appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee based upon the recommendations of the South Carolina Independent Schools Association and one appointed by the Governor based upon the recommendation of the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools. The directors of the public charity, along with the Director of the Department of Revenue, shall designate an executive director of the public charity.

(4) In concert with the public charity directors, the Department of Revenue shall administer the public charity, including, but not limited to, the keeping of records, the management of accounts, and disbursement of the grants awarded pursuant to this proviso. The public charity may expend up to two percent of the fund for administration and related costs. Neither the department or the public charity may expend public funds to administer the program.

(5) By June thirtieth of the current fiscal year, the Department of Revenue must report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Governor:

(a) the number and total amount of grants issued to eligible schools in the fiscal year;

(b) for each grant issued to an eligible school in the fiscal year, the identity of the school and the amount of the grant;

(c) an itemization and detailed explanation of any fees or other revenues obtained from or on behalf of any eligible schools;

(d) a copy of a compilation, review, or audit of the fund's financial statements, conducted by a certified public accounting firm and;

- (e) the criteria and eligibility requirements for scholarship awards.
- (C) (1) Grants may be awarded in an amount not exceeding eleven thousand dollars or the total annual cost of tuition, whichever is less, to a qualifying student at an eligible school.
- (2) Before awarding any grant, the public charity must receive written documentation from the qualifying student's parent or guardian documenting that the qualifying student is an exceptional needs child. Upon approving the application, the public charity must issue a check to the eligible school in the name of the qualifying student within either thirty days upon approval of the application or thirty days of the start of the school's semester.
- (3) In the event that the qualifying student leaves or withdraws from the school for any reason before the end of the semester or school year and does not reenroll within thirty days, then the eligible school must return a prorated amount of the grant to the public charity based on the number of days the qualifying student was enrolled in the school during the semester or school year within sixty days of the qualifying student's departure.
- (4) The public charity may not award grants solely for the benefit of one school.
- (5) The department or the public charity may not release any personally identifiable information pertaining to students or donors or use information collected about donors, students, or schools for financial gain.
- (6) The public charity shall develop a process to prioritize the awarding of grants to eligible incumbent grant recipients at eligible schools.
- (D) (1) (a) Tax credits authorized by subsection (H)(1) and subsection (I) of this proviso annually may not exceed cumulatively a total of eleven million dollars for contributions to the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund.
- (b) Tax credits authorized pursuant to subsection (H)(2) of this proviso annually may not exceed cumulatively a total of two million dollars for tuition payments made on behalf of qualifying students.
- (c) If the department determines that the total of the credits claimed by all taxpayers exceeds either limit amount as contained in items (a) or (b), it shall allow credits only up to those amounts on a first come, first served basis.
- (2) (a) The department shall establish an application process to determine the amount of credit available to be claimed. The receipt of the application by the department shall determine priority for the credit. Subject to the provisions of subitem (e), contributions must be made annually on or before June thirtieth, in order to claim the credit. The credit must be claimed on the return for the tax year that the contribution is made.
- (b) A taxpayer may not claim more than sixty percent of his total tax liability for the year in contribution toward the tax credit authorized by subsection (H)(1) or subsection (I). This credit is not refundable.
- (c) If a taxpayer deducts the amount of the contribution on his federal return and claims the credit allowed by subsection (H)(1) or subsection (I), then he must add back the amount of the deduction for purposes of South Carolina income taxes.
- (d) The department shall prescribe the form and manner of proof required to obtain the credit authorized by subsection (H)(1) or subsection (I). The department shall also develop a method of informing taxpayers if the credit limit is met at any time during the fiscal year.
- (e) A taxpayer only may claim a credit pursuant to subsection (H)(1) and subsection (I) for contributions made during the fiscal year. (3) A corporation or entity entitled to a credit under subsection (H)(1) and subsection (I) may not convey, assign, or transfer the

credit authorized by this proviso to another entity unless all of the assets of the entity are conveyed, assigned, or transferred in the same transaction.

(E) (1) On or before August first, of the current fiscal year an independent school who participated in the program in the prior fiscal year and who desires to participate in the program in the current fiscal year must reapply to the Education Oversight Committee. The independent school must certify to the Education Oversight Committee that it continues to meet all program requirements and must provide to the committee student test score data from the prior school year by December thirty-first. If student test score data are not submitted by December thirty-first, then the Education Oversight Committee must remove the school from the program. The Education Oversight Committee must consult with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools, the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, Palmetto Association of Independent Schools, or the Diocese of Charleston to verify that the school is still a member in good standing and that the school continues to serve exceptional needs children. An independent school who did not participate in the program in the prior fiscal year but desires to participate in the program in the current fiscal year must apply to the Education Oversight Committee. The Education Oversight Committee shall develop an application to be completed by the independent schools which must contain at least:

- (a) the number and total amount of grants received in the preceding fiscal year;
- (b) student test scores, by category, on national achievement or state standardized tests, or both, for all grades tested and administered by the school receiving or entitled to receive scholarship grants pursuant to this chapter in the previous fiscal year;
- (c) a copy of a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the organization's financial statements as relating to the grants received, conducted by a certified public accounting firm; and
- (d) a certification by the independent school that it meets the definition of an eligible school as that term is defined in subsection (A)(1) and that the report is true, accurate, and complete under penalty of perjury in accordance with Section 16-9-10.

(2) (a) The Education Oversight Committee may waive the August first deadline contained in subsection (E) upon good cause shown by an independent school.

(b) The Education Oversight Committee may waive some or all of the curriculum requirements contained in subsection (A)(1)(d) following consultation with the advisory committee.

(3) (a) By September 1, 2016 the Education Oversight Committee shall publish on its website a comprehensive list of independent schools certified as eligible institutions. The list shall include for each eligible institution:

- (i) the institution's name, addresses, telephone numbers, and, if available, website addresses; and
- (ii) the score reports and compliance audits received by the committee pursuant to subsection (E)(1)(b) and (c).

(b) The Education Oversight Committee shall summarize or redact the score reports identified in item (3)(a)(ii) if necessary to prevent the disclosure of personally identifiable information.

(4) An independent school that does not apply for certification pursuant to this subsection must not be included on the list of eligible schools and contributions to that school shall not

be allowed for purposes of the tax credits permitted by this proviso. (5) An independent school that is denied certification pursuant to this section may seek review by filing a request for a contested case hearing with the Administrative Law Court in accordance with the court's rules of procedure.

(F) (1) The Education Oversight Committee shall establish an advisory committee made up of not more than nine members, including parents, and representatives of independent schools and independent school associations.

(2) The advisory committee shall:

(a) consult with the Education Oversight Committee concerning requests for exemptions from curriculum requirements; and

(b) provide recommendations on other matters requested by the Education Oversight Committee.

(G) Except as otherwise provided, the Department of Education, the Education Oversight Committee, and the Department of Revenue, nor any other state agency may regulate the educational program of an independent school that accepts students receiving scholarship grants pursuant to this chapter."

(H) (1) A taxpayer is entitled to a tax credit against income taxes imposed pursuant to Chapter 6, Title 12 for the amount of cash and the monetary value of any publicly traded securities the taxpayer contributes to the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund up to the limits contained in subsection (D)(1)(a) of this proviso if: (a) the contribution is used to provide grants for tuition to exceptional needs children enrolled in eligible schools who qualify for these grants under the provisions of this proviso; and (b) the taxpayer does not designate a specific child or school as the beneficiary of the contribution.

(2) (a) A taxpayer is entitled to a refundable tax credit against income taxes imposed pursuant to Chapter 6, Title 12 for the amount of cash and the monetary value of any publicly traded securities, not exceeding eleven thousand dollars per child, for tuition payments to an eligible school for an exceptional needs child within his custody or care who would be eligible for a grant pursuant to this proviso up to the limits contained in subsection (D)(1)(b) of this proviso.

(b) If a child within the care and custody of taxpayer claiming a tax credit pursuant to this item also receives a grant from the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund, then the taxpayer may only claim a credit equal to the difference of eleven thousand dollars or the cost of tuition, whichever is lower, and the amount of the grant.

(I) A taxpayer is entitled to a tax credit against income taxes imposed pursuant to Chapter 11, Title 12 for the amount of cash and the monetary value of any publicly traded securities the taxpayer contributes to the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund up to the limits contained in subsection (D)(1)(a) of this proviso if:

(1) the contribution is used to provide grants for tuition to exceptional needs children enrolled in eligible schools who qualify for these grants under the provisions of this proviso; and

(2) the taxpayer does not designate a specific child or school as the beneficiary of the contribution.

(J) The department shall conduct a comprehensive study of the Exceptional Needs Tax Credit program. The study shall examine the following:

- (1) whether or not the students participating in the program have experienced measurable improvement as a result of participation;
- (2) the allocation of scholarship funds and tax credits among students, including the effect of funding limitations on the addition of new participants; the demographic and socio-economic data of the participants and their families; and the geographical distribution of the participants;
- (3) the distribution of scholarship funds among all eligible schools;
- (4) identification of the schools in which the most measurable improvement has occurred among students, with an analysis of the types of schools achieving the best results and best practices implemented by those schools; and
- (5) any other aspect of the program that the department determines would be relevant and useful in making future policy decisions in regard to the program and its continued existence or expansion.

The department shall submit a report of its study to the General Assembly no later than January 15, 2018.

Appendix B

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	WEBSITE
Addlestone Hebrew Academy	1639 Wallenberg Boulevard Charleston, SC 29407	843.571.1105	http://addlestone.org/
Anderson Christian School	3902 Liberty Highway Anderson, SC 29621	864.224.7309	http://www.andersonchristian.com/
Ashley Hall	172 Rutledge Avenue Charleston, SC 29403	843.722.4088	http://www.ashleyhall.org/
Beaufort Academy	240 Sams Point Road Beaufort, SC 29907	843-524-3393	http://www.beaufortacademy.org/
Beaufort Christian School	378 Parris Island Gateway Beaufort, SC 29906	843.525.0635	http://www.beaufortchristianschool.org/
Ben Lippen School	7401 Monticello Road Columbia, SC 29203	803.786.7200	http://www.benlippen.com/
Bishop England High School	363 Seven Farms Drive Charleston, SC 29492	843.849.9599	http://www.behs.com/
Blessed Sacrament School	7 Saint Teresa Drive Charleston, SC 29407-7243	843.766.2128	http://www.scbss.org/home
Bob Jones Academy	1700 Wade Hampton Blvd. Greenville, SC 29614	864.770.1395	www.bobjonesacademy.net
Calvary Christian School-Greer	101 Calvary Street Greer, SC 29650	864.877.5555	http://www.calvarychristiangreer.org/
Calvary Christian School-Myrtle Beach	4511 Dick Pond Road Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	843.650.2829	http://www.calvarychristiangreer.org/
Camden Military Academy	520 Highway 1 North Camden, SC 29020	800.948.6291	http://camdenmilitary.com
Camperdown Academy	501 Howell Road Greenville, SC 29615	864.244.8899	http://camperdown.org
Capers Preparatory Christian Academy	1945 Bees Ferry Road Charleston, SC 29414	843.225.2892	http://www.caperspreparatorychristianacademy.com/
Cardinal Newman School	2945 Alpine Road Columbia SC 29223	803.782.2814	www.cnhs.org

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	WEBSITE
Carolina Christian Academy	1850 Kershaw Camden Highway Lancaster, SC 29720	803.285.5565	http://carolinachristian.org/
Chabad Jewish Academy	2803 North Oak Street Myrtle Beach, SC 29577	843.448.0035	http://www.chabadjewishacademy.org/
Charleston Collegiate School	2024 Academy Drive John's Island, SC 29455	843.559.5506	http://www.charlestoncollegiate.org/index.html
Charleston Day School	15 Archdale Street Charleston, SC 29401	843.377.0315	http://www.charlestondayschool.org
Cherokee Creek Boys School, Inc.	198 Cooper Road Westminster, SC 29693	864.647.1885	http://cherokeecreek.net/
Christ Church Episcopal School	245 Cavalier Drive Greenville, SC 29607	864.331.4225	http://www.cces.org
Christ Our King-Stella Maris Catholic School	1183 Russell Drive Mt Pleasant, SC 29464-4057	843.884.4721	http://www.coksm.org/
Clarendon Hall School	1140 South Duke Street P.O. Box 609 Summerton, SC 29148	803.485.3550	https://clarendonhall.org/
Colleton Preparatory Academy	P.O. Box 1426 165 Academy Road Walterboro, SC 29488	843.538.8989	http://www.colletonprep.org/index.html
Covenant Classical Christian School	3120 Covenant Road Columbia, SC 29204	803.787.0225	http://www.covenantcs.org/
Cross Schools	495 Buckwalter Parkway Bluffton, SC 29910	843.706.2000	https://www.crossschools.org/
Crown Leadership Academy	1455 Wakendaw Road Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	843-425-2414	https://www.crownleadershipacademy.org/
Cutler Jewish Day School	5827 A North Trenholm Road Columbia, SC 29206	803.782.1831	www.cjdssc.com
Divine Redeemer Catholic School	1104 Fort Drive Hanahan, SC 29406	843 553 1521	www.divineredeemerschool.com
Einstein Academy	847 Cleveland Street Greenville, SC 29601	864.269.8999	http://www.einsteinacademysc.org/

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	WEBSITE
First Baptist School of Charleston	48 Meeting Street Charleston, SC 29401	843.722.6646	http://www.fbschool.org/
Five Oaks Academy	1101 Jonesville Road Simpsonville, SC 29681	864-228-1881	http://www.fiveoaksacademy.com/
Glenforest School	1041 Harbor Drive West Columbia, SC 29169	803.796.7622	www.Glenforest.org
Grace Christian School	416 Denham Ave. West Columbia, SC 29169	803-794-8996	http://www.gracelions.com/d/
Greenwood Christian School	2026 Woodlawn Road Greenwood, SC 29649	864.229.2427	http://www.greenwoodchristianschool.org/
Hammond School	854 Galway Lane Columbia, SC 29209	803.776.0295	http://www.hammondschool.org/Home
Hampton Park Christian School	875 State Park Road Greenville, SC 29609	864.233.0556	http://hpcsonline.org/
Harvest Community School	545 Alexander Circle (10 South Dukes Street) Summerton, SC 29148	803.574.1004	http://www.harvestcommunityschool.org/
Hawthorne Christian Academy	PO Box 801 790 Hawthorne Road Chester, SC 29706	803.377.8235	www.hawthornechristian.com
Heathwood Hall Episcopal School	3000 South Beltline Blvd Columbia, SC 29201	803-765-2309	www.heathwood.org
Heritage Academy	11 New Orleans Road Hilton Head, SC 29928	866.925.5528	http://www.heritageghi.com/
Hidden Treasure Christian School	500 West Lee Road Taylors, SC 29687	864.235.6848	www.hiddentreasure.org
Hilton Head Christian Academy	55 Gardner Drive Hilton Head Island, SC 29926	843.681.2878	https://www.hhca.org/page/Home
Hilton Head Preparatory School	8 Fox Grape Road Hilton Head Island, SC 29928	843.671.2286	https://www.hhca.org/page/Home
Holy Trinity Catholic School	1760 Living Stones Lane Longs, SC 29568-7486	843.390.4108	http://www.htcatholicschoolmyrtlebeach.com

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	WEBSITE
HOPE Academy	PMB 358, Suite 2100 2131 Woodruff Road Greenville, SC 29607	864.676.0028	http://www.projecthopesc.org/
Hope Christian Academy	545 Alexander Circle Columbia, SC 29206	803.790.4028	http://www.hcatoday.org/#/index
John Paul II Catholic School	4211 N. Okatie Highway Ridgeland, SC 29936	843.645.3838	www.johnpaul2school.org
Laurence Manning Academy	1154 Academy Drive P.O. Box 278 Manning, SC 29102	803.435.2114	http://www.laurencemanning.com/
Lowcountry Preparatory School	300 Blue Stem Drive Pawleys Island, SC 29585	843.237.4147	http://lowcountryprep.org/#front-page
Mason Preparatory School	56 Halsey Boulevard Charleston, SC 29401	843.723.0664	http://www.masonprep.org/page.aspx?pid=278
Mead Hall Episcopal School	129 Pendleton Street Aiken, SC 29801	803. 644.1122	http://www.mitchellroadchristian.org/
Miracle Academy Preparatory School	1019 Bethel Road Russellville, SC 29476	843.567.4644	http://www.miracleacademy.org/home.html
Mitchell Road Christian Academy	PO Box 21 Greenville, SC 29615	864.268.2210	http://www.mitchellroadchristian.org
Montessori Academy of Spartanburg	384 South Spring Street Spartanburg, SC29306	864-585-3046	www.montessorispartanburg.com
Montessori School of Anderson	280 Sam McGee Road Anderson, SC 29621	864.226.5344	http://msasc.org/
Montessori School of Florence	510 W. Palmetto Street Florence, SC 29501	843.629.2920	www.FlorenceMontessori.com
Montessori School of Mauldin	205b East Butler Rd Mauldin, S.C. 29662	864-288-8613	http://www.mauldinmontessori.com/Welcome.html
Nativity Catholic School	1125 Pittsford Circle Charleston, SC 29412	843.795.3975	http://www.nativity-school.com/
New Covenant School	303 Simpson Road Anderson, SC 29621	864.224.5675	https://newcovschool.net/

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	WEBSITE
Newberry Academy	2055 Smith Road Newberry, SC 29108	803.276.2760	http://www.newberryacademy.com/
North Walterboro Christian Academy	2177 Jeffries Hwy. Walterboro, SC 29488	843-538-8080	http://northwalterborobc.org/our-school
Northside Christian Academy	4347 Sunset Boulevard Lexington, SC 29072	803.520.5656	http://northsidechristianacademy.org/
Northside Christian School	7800 Northside Drive N. Charleston, SC 29420	843.797.2690	http://www.northsidecharleston.com/
Oakbrook Preparatory School	190 Lincoln School Road Spartanburg, SC 29301	864.587.2060	https://www.oakbrookprep.org/index.php
Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc.	2651 North Road, NW Orangeburg, SC 29118	803.534.7970	http://orangeburgprep.com/index.html
Our Lady of Peace Catholic School	856 Old Edgefield Road N Augusta, SC 29841	803.279.8396	http://www.olpschool.us/
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School	2 James Drive Greenville, SC 29605-2209	864.277.5350	www.olrschool.net
Palmetto Christian Academy	361 Egypt Road Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	843-881-9967	www.palmettochristianacademy.org
Pee Dee Academy	2903 E. Highway 76 E P.O. Box 449 Mullins, SC 29574	843.423.1771	http://www.peedeeacademy.org/
Porter-Gaud School	300 Albemarle Road Charleston, SC 29407	843.556.3620	https://www.portergaud.edu/
Prince of Peace Catholic School	1209 Brushy Creek Road Taylors, SC 29687	864.331.2145	www.popcatholicsschool.org
Ridge Christian Academy	2168 Ridge Church Road Summerville, SC 29483	843.873.9856	http://ridgechristian.info/
Riverpointe Christian Academy	8310 Dorchester Road N. Charleston, SC 29418	843-552-0624	http://riverpointechristian.org/
Sandhills School	1500 Hallbrook Drive Columbia, SC 29209	803.695.1400	http://www.sandhillsschool.org
Shannon Forest Christian School	829 Garlington Road Greenville, SC 29615	864.678.5107	http://www.shannonforest.com/

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	WEBSITE
South Aiken Baptist Christian School	980 Dougherty Road Aiken, SC 29803	803.648.7871	http://www.sabcm.org/
Southside Christian School	2211 Woodruff Road Simpsonville, SC 29681	864.234.7575	http://www.southsidechristian.org
Spartanburg Day School	1701 Skylyn Drive Spartanburg, SC 29307	864.582.7539	http://www.spartanburgdayschool.org/
St. Andrew Catholic School	3601 N Kings Highway Myrtle Beach, SC 29577-2933	843.448.6062	www.standrewschoolmb.com
St. Anne Catholic School-Rock Hill	1698 Bird Street Rock Hill, SC 29730-3800	803.324.4814	http://www.stanneschool.com/wp/
St. Anne-St. Jude Catholic School-Sumter	11 South Magnolia Street Sumter, SC 29150	803.775.3632	www.stannesumter.com
St. Anthony Catholic School-Florence	2536 W. Hoffmeyer Road Florence, SC 29501	843.662.1910	www.saintanthonycatholic.com
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School	311 Gower Street Greenville, SC 29611	864.271.0167	www.stanthonygreenvillesc.org
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School	1300 Carolina Forest Blvd Myrtle Beach, SC 29579	843.903.1400	http://www.setonhighschoolsc.org/
St. Francis by the Sea Catholic School	45 Beach City Road Hilton Head Island, SC 29926	843.681.6501	www.sfcshhi.com
St. Francis Xavier High School	15 School Street Sumter, SC 29150	803.773.0210	http://www.sfxhs.com/index.php
St. Gregory the Great Catholic School	323 Fording Island Road Bluffton, SC 29909-6134	843.815.9988	www.sgg.cc
St. John Catholic School-Charleston	3921 St. John Ave N. Charleston, SC 29405	843.744.3901	http://saintjohncatholicsc.org/schoolsite/index.php
St. John Neumann Catholic School	721 Polo Road Columbia, SC 29223	803.788.1367	http://www.sjncatholic.com
St. John's Christian Academy	204 W. Main Street Moncks Corner, SC 29461	843.761.8539	http://www.sjacavaliers.com/
St. Joseph Catholic School-Anderson	1200 Cornelia Road Anderson, SC 29621-3349	864.760.1619	http://www.stjosephofanderson.com/

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St. Joseph Catholic School-Columbia	3700 Devine Street Columbia, SC 29205-1908	803.254.6736	http://www.stjosdevine.com/
St. Joseph's Catholic School-Greenville	100 St Joseph's Drive Greenville, SC 29607	864.234.9009	www.sjcatholicsschool.org
St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School	118 York Street, SE Aiken, SC 29801	803.649.2071	www.stmarysschoolaiken.com
St. Michael Catholic School	542 Cypress Avenue Murrells Inlet, SC 29576-8739	843.651.6795	http://www.saintmichaelsc.com
St. Peter's Catholic School-Beaufort	70 Lady's Island Drive Beaufort, SC 29907	843.522.2163	http://saintpeterscatholicsschoolbeaufortsc.org/index.jsp
St. Peter's Catholic School-Columbia	1035 Hampton Street Columbia, SC 29201	803.252.8285	http://stpeterscatholicsschool.org/
Step of Faith Christian Academy	9009 Tarboro Rd. Ridgeland, SC 29936	843-726-6100	http://www.sfcaweb.org/
Summerville Catholic School	226 Black Oak Blvd Summerville, SC 29485-5800	843.873.9310	www.summervillecatholic.org
Sumter Christian School	420 S. Pike West Sumter, SC 29150	803.773.1902	http://www.sumterchristian.org/
Tabernacle Christian School	3931 White Horse Road Greenville, SC 29611	864.269.2760	http://tabernaclebaptistschool.org/
The Barclay School	631 Longtown Rd Ridgeway, SC 29130	803.337.0124	http://www.thebarclayschool.org/
The Chandler School	2900 Augusta Street Greenville, SC 29605	864.991.8443	www.thehandlerschool.org
The Charleston Catholic School	888-A King Street Charleston, SC 29403-4181	843.577.4495	www.charlestoncatholic.com
The King's Academy	1015 S Ebenezer Road Florence, SC 29501	843.661.7464	www.tkaflorence.com
The Oaks Christian School	505 Gahagan Road Summerville, SC 29485	843.875.7667	http://oakschristianschool.org/
Thomas Hart Academy	852 Flinns Road Hartsville, SC 29550	843.332.4991	https://thomashart.org/

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Thomas Heyward Academy	1727 Malphrus Road Ridgeland, SC 29936	843.726.3673	http://www.thomasheyward.org/
Thomas Sumter Academy	5625 Camden Highway Rembert, SC 29128	803.499.3378	http://www.thomassumteracademy.org/
Timmerman School	2219 Atascadero Drive Columbia, SC 29206	803.782.2748	https://www.timmermanschool.org/
Trident Academy	1455 Wakendaw Road Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	843.884.7046	http://www.tridentacademy.com/
Walnut Grove Christian School	1036 Maxwell Mill Road Fort Mill, SC 29708	803.835.2000	http://www.walnutgrovechristianschool.com/
Westminster Catawba Christian School	2650 India Hook Road Rock Hill, SC 29732	803.366.4119	http://wccs.org

Appendix C

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School Name	Number Grants Received	Total Amount Grants	Average per Grant
Addleston Hebrew Academy	5	\$34,851.00	\$6,970
Anderson Christian School	37	\$160,075.00	\$4,326
Ashley Hall	6	\$37,583.34	\$6,264
Beaufort Academy	1	\$1,781.25	\$1,781
Beaufort Christian School	0	\$0.00	
Ben Lippen	15	\$51,569.00	\$3,438
Bishop England High School	42	\$217,500.00	\$5,179
Blessed Sacrament Catholic School	17	\$50,002.55	\$2,941
Bob Jones Academy	16	\$15,389.50	\$962
Calvary Christian School (Greer)	16	\$21,718.27	\$1,357
Calvary Christian School (Myrtle Beach)	0	\$0.00	
Camden Military Academy	9	\$46,074.50	\$5,119
Camperdown Academy	121	\$1,182,205.00	\$9,770
Capers Preparatory Christian Academy *	7	\$49,138.50	\$7,020
Cardinal Newman High School	56	\$295,256.35	\$5,272
Carolina Christian Academy	1	\$577.50	\$577.50
Chabad Jewish Academy	5	\$25,400.00	\$5,080.00
Charleston Collegiate School	7	\$40,653.09	\$5,808
Charleston Day School	4	\$9,560.00	\$2,390
Cherokee Creek Boys School	2	\$15,000.00	\$7,500
Christ Church Episcopal School	71	\$289,274.38	\$4,074
Christ Our King-Stella Maris Catholic School	30	\$98,307.50	\$3,277
Clarendon Hall School	2	\$4,175.00	\$2,088
Colleton Preparatory Academy	17	\$62,200.00	\$3,659
Covenant Classical Christian School	8	\$17,395.40	\$2,174
Cross Schools	17	\$37,125.00	\$2,184
Crown Leadership Academy	4	\$7,393.00	\$1,848
Cutler Jewish Day School	11	\$79,671.61	\$7,243

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School Name	Number Grants Received	Total Amount Grants	Average per Grant
Divine Redeemer Catholic School	4	\$13,000.00	\$3,250
Einstein Academy	56	\$297,706.25	\$5,316
First Baptist School of Charleston	2	\$2,753.70	\$1,377
Five Oaks Academy	5	\$14,956.13	\$2,991
Glenforest School	12	\$79,670.37	\$6,639
Grace Christian School	2	\$1,324.50	\$662
Greenwood Christian School	7	\$19,463.58	\$2,781
Hammond School	4	\$22,663.70	\$5,666
Hampton Park Christian School	20	\$20,683.00	\$1,034
Harvest Community School	5	\$3,465.00	\$693
Hawthorne Christian Academy	4	\$6,100.00	\$1,525
Heathwood Hall Episcopal School	7	\$19,914.00	\$2,845
Heritage Academy	2	\$12,242.50	\$6,121
Hidden Treasure Christian School	30	\$183,345.00	\$6,112
Hilton Head Christian Academy	29	\$227,820.50	\$7,856
Hilton Head Preparatory School	16	\$98,779.50	\$6,174
Holy Trinity Catholic School	5	\$14,551.00	\$2,910
HOPE Academy	73	\$666,770.99	\$9,134
Hope Christian Academy	7	\$40,635.63	\$5,805
John Paul II Catholic School	22	\$107,509.11	\$4,887
Laurence Manning Academy	5	\$3,113.25	\$623
Lowcountry Preparatory School	0	\$0.00	
Mason Preparatory School	9	\$50,675.75	\$5,631
Mead Hall	6	\$17,412.00	\$2,902
Miracle Academy Preparatory School	74	\$339,540.00	\$4,588
Mitchell Road Christian Academy *	8	\$36,297.50	\$4,537
Montessori Academy of Spartanburg	13	\$23,975.00	\$1,844

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School Name	Number Grants Received	Total Amount Grants	Average per Grant
Montessori School of Anderson	13	\$45,479.00	\$3,498
Montessori School of Florence	0	\$0.00	
Montessori School of Mauldin	4	\$4,870.00	\$1,218
Nativity Catholic School	1	\$5,593.60	\$5,594
New Covenant Christian	4	\$5,718.20	\$1,430
Newberry Academy	21	\$32,787.50	\$1,561
North Walterboro Christian Academy	2	\$921.00	\$461
Northside Christian Academy	7	\$20,999.47	\$3,000
Northside Christian School	0	\$0.00	
Oakbrook Preparatory School	0	\$0.00	
Oaks Christian School	13	\$21,395.00	\$1,646
Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc	6	\$17,496.00	\$2,916
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church	33	\$107,940.00	\$3,271
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church	36	\$192,304.50	\$5,342
Palmetto Christian Academy	7	\$21,637.76	\$3,091
Pee Dee Academy	8	\$17,370.00	\$2,171
Porter-Gaud School	3	\$23,369.00	\$7,790
Prince of Peace Catholic School	23	\$63,589.40	\$2,765
Ridge Christian Academy	23	\$118,562.50	\$5,155
Riverpointe Christian Academy	0	\$0.00	
Sandhills School	86	\$809,031.75	\$9,407
Shannon Forest Christian School	26	\$90,040.72	\$3,463
South Aiken Baptist Christian School	2	\$1,801.50	\$901
Southside Christian School	73	\$294,440.98	\$4,033
Spartanburg Day School	17	\$164,727.50	\$9,690
St. Andrew Catholic School	21	\$78,396.00	\$3,733
St. Anne Catholic School	39	\$248,090.00	\$6,361
St. Anne-St. Jude Catholic School	5	\$20,264.00	\$4,053
St. Anthony Catholic School	15	\$36,293.90	\$2,420

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School Name	Number Grants Received	Total Amount Grants	Average per Grant
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School	19	\$67,693.95	\$3,563
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton High School	1	\$6,201.75	\$6,202
St. Francis by the Sea Catholic School	9	\$24,579.00	\$2,731
St. Francis Xavier High School	0	\$0.00	
St. Gregory the Great Catholic School	1	\$4,700.00	\$4,700
St. John Catholic School	37	\$215,140.00	\$5,815
St. John Neumann Catholic School	45	\$194,651.06	\$4,326
St. John's Christian Academy	15	\$33,511.25	\$2,234
St. Joseph Catholic School (Anderson)	10	\$29,220.00	\$2,922
St. Joseph Catholic School (Columbia)	30	\$95,405.00	\$3,180
St. Joseph Catholic School (Greenville)	25	\$126,867.50	\$5,075
St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School	16	\$70,231.93	\$4,389
St. Michael Catholic School	23	\$115,704.00	\$5,031
St. Peter's Catholic School (Beaufort)	11	\$32,290.00	\$2,935
St. Peter's Catholic School (Columbia)	20	\$67,782.76	\$3,389
Step of Faith Christian Academy	1	\$552.00	\$552
Summerville Catholic School	14	\$61,215.00	\$4,373
Sumter Christian School	4	\$7,171.75	\$1,793
Tabernacle Christian School	1	\$2,718.00	\$2,718
The Barclay School	18	\$154,567.00	\$8,587
The Chandler School	55	\$452,263.70	\$8,223
The Charleston Catholic School	30	\$81,659.80	\$2,722
The King's Academy	44	\$184,488.68	\$4,193
Thomas Hart Academy	14	\$25,742.85	\$1,839
Thomas Heyward Academy	14	\$25,655.50	\$1,833
Thomas Sumter Academy	3	\$9,035.00	\$3,012

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School Name	Number Grants Received	Total Amount Grants	Average per Grant
Timmerman School	5	\$4,125.00	\$825
Trident Academy	42	\$311,030.00	\$7,405
Walnut Grove Christian School	4	\$14,742.00	\$3,686
Westminster Catawba Christian School	19	\$92,815.73	\$4,885
TOTAL	1,972	\$10,129,124.19	\$5,136

Source: Information from Document B as submitted to EOC by schools applying for ECENC program in 2017-18.

Reflects any refund of grants for students who withdrew during the school year.

Note: Mitchell Road Christian was removed from the list of approved schools in January of 2017 and failed to provide documentation that they had been reinstated as an eligible school under the SC Association of Christian Schools. On June 21, 2017 EOC received confirmation that the school had been reinstated as a member in good standing with the SC Association of Christian Schools

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