

## **South Carolina Critical Need Subject Areas 2025-26**

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has identified the following critical need subject areas and certification fields for purposes of the South Carolina Teacher Loan Program and federal reporting requirements. The data used for determining critical need subject areas were reported by South Carolina school districts through the 2024-25 Annual Supply and Demand Survey administered by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA). Additional teacher certification data have been provided by the SCDE Office of Educator Services.

Determinations were made using the United States Department of Education (USED) formula for designating teacher shortage areas: the percentage of positions in a given subject area (i.e., certification field) that are unfilled, filled by educators in an alternative route program, or filled by educators holding an out-of-field permit.

1. **Middle Level Education** (all certification fields)
  - Middle Level English Language Arts
  - Middle Level Mathematics
  - Middle Level Science
  - Middle Level Social Studies
2. **Special Education** (all certification fields)
  - Special Education: Early Childhood
  - Special Education: Emotional Disabilities
  - Special Education: Intellectual Disabilities
  - Special Education: Learning Disabilities
  - Special Education: Multi-categorical
  - Special Education: Severe Disabilities
  - Special Education: Visual Impairments
  - Special Education: Hearing Impairments
3. **Elementary Education**
4. **Business and Marketing Education**
5. **Computer Science**
6. **Early Childhood Education**
7. **Mathematics**
8. **Science** (all fields)
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Earth and Space Science
  - Physics
  - Science
9. **English**
10. **World Languages** (all certification fields)
  - American Sign Language
  - Chinese
  - French
  - German
  - Greek
  - Italian

Japanese  
Latin  
Portuguese  
Russian  
Spanish

11. **School Librarian**
12. **Art Education**
13. **History**
14. **Social Studies** (all certification fields)
  - Economics
  - Geography
  - Government
  - Psychology
  - Sociology
15. **Speech Language Pathologist**
16. **Literacy**
17. **Physical Education**
18. **Music Education** (all certification fields)
  - Choral
  - Instrumental
  - Piano
  - Strings
  - Voice
  - Music
19. **School Psychologist**
20. **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**
21. **Career & Technical Education (CTE)** (all certification fields)
22. **School Counselor**
23. **Theater**
24. **Gifted and Talented Education**
25. **Dance**
26. **Family and Consumer Science**
27. **Montessori Education** (all certification fields)
28. **Health**
29. **Agriculture Education**
30. **Driver Education**
31. **Industrial Technology Education**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	SCHOOL	SCHOOL TYPE 2022-23 P-Primary E-Elementary M-Middle H-High CTE-Career and Technology Center	Qualifies as Critical Need for SC Teacher Loan Program 2024-25	THREE-YEAR AVERAGE TEACHER TURNOVER RATE (2020-21, 2021-22, 2022- 23)	POVERTY INDEX 2022-23	REPORT CARD RATING 2022-23
Abbeville County School District	Abbeville High School	H	No	6.2	68.7	Average
Abbeville County School District	Dixie High School	H	No	14.1	51.5	Excellent
Abbeville County School District	John C. Calhoun Elementary School	E	Yes	15.4	80.7	Average
Abbeville County School District	J.S. Wright Middle School	M	Yes	26.8	77.1	Below Average
Abbeville County School District	Westwood Elementary School	E	Yes	19.4	78.8	Average
Abbeville County School District	Cherokee Trail Elementary	E	No	18.9	64	Good
Abbeville County School District	Cherokee Trail Elementary	M	No	18.9	64	Excellent
Abbeville County School District	Diamond Hill Elementary School	E	Yes	21	69.8	Good
Abbeville County School District	Diamond Hill Elementary School	M	Yes	21	69.8	Excellent
Abbeville County School District	Long Cane Primary	P	Yes	22.7	85	Not Applicable
Abbeville County School District	Abbeville County Career Center	CTE	Yes	22.2	Not Available	Not Applicable
Anderson County School District 2	Belton-Honea Path High School	H	No	9.7	58.1	Average
Anderson County School District 2	Belton Elementary	E	Yes	11.8	72.8	Excellent
Anderson County School District 2	Belton Middle School	M	No	15.3	63.6	Average
Anderson County School District 2	Marshall Primary School	P	Yes	8.1	73.1	Not Applicable
Anderson County School District 2	Honea Path Elementary	E	Yes	15.7	75.4	Excellent
Anderson County School District 2	Honea Path Middle School	M	No	17.8	62.5	Excellent
Anderson County School District 2	Wright Elementary	E	Yes	27.7	63.7	Good
Anderson County School District 3	Crescent High School	H	Yes	21.9	65.6	Good
Anderson County School District 3	Iva Elementary School	E	Yes	8.4	74.7	Average
Anderson County School District 3	Starr-Iva Middle School	M	Yes	21.1	68.9	Good
Anderson County School District 3	Starr Elementary	E	No	19	62.5	Excellent
Anderson County School District 3	Flat Rock Elementary School	E	Yes	8.6	82.1	Good
Greenwood County School District 50	Emerald High School	H	Yes	17.6	71.6	Below Average
Greenwood County School District 50	Greenwood High School	H	No	19.1	67.2	Average
Greenwood County School District 50	Northside Middle School	M	Yes	19	79	Below Average
Greenwood County School District 50	Eleanor S. Rice Elementary School	E	Yes	25.2	90	Average
Greenwood County School District 50	Lakeview Elementary	E	Yes	27.8	78.7	Average
Greenwood County School District 50	Mathews Elementary School	E	Yes	19.1	90.1	Excellent
Greenwood County School District 50	Merrywood Elementary School	E	Yes	9	76.8	Excellent
Greenwood County School District 50	Pinecrest Elementary School	E	Yes	11.1	85.8	Average
Greenwood County School District 50	Hodges Elementary School	E	No	13.7	57.3	Excellent
Greenwood County School District 50	Brewer Middle School	M	Yes	17	79.8	Average
Greenwood County School District 50	Woodfields Elementary School	E	Yes	18.9	82.7	Average
Greenwood County School District 50	Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Elementary	E	Yes	18.4	71.4	Good
Greenwood County School District 50	Westview Middle School	M	Yes	20.4	70.3	Good
Greenwood County School District 51	Ware Shoals High School	H	Yes	16.2	70.3	Average
Greenwood County School District 51	Ware Shoals Primary	E	Yes	16.8	78.7	Average
Greenwood County School District 51	Ware Shoals Elementary Middle	M	Yes	21.1	80.2	Average
Laurens County School District 55	Laurens High School	H	Yes	20.7	71.3	Below Average
Laurens County School District 55	Laurens Middle School	M	Yes	22.1	78.5	Average
Laurens County School District 55	Ford Elementary School	E	Yes	24.7	90.1	Below Average
Laurens County School District 55	E.B. Morse Elementary School	E	Yes	19.1	85.2	Average
Laurens County School District 55	Laurens Elementary School	E	Yes	21.2	73.2	Unsatisfactory
Laurens County School District 55	Sanders Middle	M	Yes	36.3	85	Average
Laurens County School District 55	Waterloo Elementary School	E	Yes	29.3	86.6	Excellent
Laurens County School District 55	Gray Court-Owings School	E	Yes	21.7	78.6	Below Average
Laurens County School District 55	Gray Court-Owings School	M	Yes	21.7	78.6	Good
Laurens County School District 55	Hickory Tavern Elementary/Middle Sc	E	Yes	21.4	69.9	Good
Laurens County School District 55	Hickory Tavern Elementary/Middle Sc	M	Yes	21.4	69.9	Average
Charter Institute At Erskine	Belton Preparatory Academy	E	No	4.8	41.1	Good