WHAT IS TRANSFORMSC?

TransformSC is a collaboration of business leaders, educators, students, parents and policymakers working to transform the public education system in South Carolina so that every student graduates prepared for careers, college and citizenship. There are currently 55 schools and five districts that have been accepted to the TransformSC network.

WHAT DOES TRANSFORMSC DO?

- Assist and guide schools through implementing their innovation plans;
- Provide access to national experts and opportunities for mentorship between schools that are implementing innovative practices;
- Coordinate action teams addressing emerging issues in education innovation;
- Communicate with stakeholders, including parents, educators, community members, businesses, policymakers and media;
- Support educators and business leaders advocating for education innovation;
- Compile results of network schools and measure the impact of innovation on student success; and
- Promote innovative practices that can be replicated around the state.
WHAT ARE INNOVATIVE PRACTICES?

TransformSC has identified four innovative practices that help every student and every teacher fulfill the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate in every classroom every day. Each school in TransformSC network creates a culture of innovation and implements some combination of innovative practices:

- **Project-based learning.** Project-based learning integrates traditional subjects (math, English/language arts, science, social studies, etc.) in the form of real-world problems for students to solve. Students are engaged in content relevant to them while also learning skills and characteristics like problem solving, critical thinking and teamwork.

- **Blended learning.** Blended learning, a hybrid of face-to-face and digital instruction, gives teachers the capability to instruct students anytime, anywhere. Digital content adapts to students. It allows teachers the flexibility to design instruction for each student and to give more individual attention.

- **Continuous Assessments.** With full integration of technology in the classroom, teachers, parents and students have the ability to continuously assess student progress. Parents no longer have to wait on report cards or parent-teacher conferences to understand how their children are progressing and teachers can use frequent feedback to continually monitor and adapt instruction.

- **Competency-based progression.** The combination of real-time information and the flexibility of digital content means that students can advance when ready. If students struggle, they are given more time and support. If students learn quickly, they are allowed to advance. Students in the same classroom may move at different paces based on their level of learning.

RECENT NEWS & PROGRESS

- TransformSC is expanding and has **five new schools and two new districts:** Monarch Elementary School (Greenville County School District), Swansea High School Freshman Academy (Lexington 4), Bates Middle School (Sumter County School District), Hartsville High School (Darlington County School District), R.B. Stall High School (Charleston County School District), Lexington County School District Four and Cherokee County School District.

- TransformSC has convened a **higher education action team** to address the impact transformation in K-12 education will have on the higher education system. The group includes representatives from several colleges and universities, including Francis Marion University, Converse College, Erskine College, Clemson University, Southern Wesleyan University, Columbia College, Winthrop University, Benedict College and the University of South Carolina. The team also includes representatives from other affiliated groups including the Commission on Higher Education, SC Technical College System, SC Independent Colleges and Universities, and the Education Oversight Committee.
TransformSC schools and districts are designing, launching, promoting and proving transformative practices in the classroom. There are currently 55 schools from 23 districts, as well as 5 entire districts in the TransformSC network. New schools and districts are accepted to the network on a quarterly basis. For more information on TransformSC, or to submit your innovation plan, please contact transformscc@sccompetes.org.

**Entire Districts**

- Cherokee County School District
- Greenville County Schools
- Lexington School District Four
- Saluda County Schools

**Participating Schools**

**Berkeley County Schools**
- Goose Creek High School
- Timberland High School

**SC Public Charter School**
- Midlands Middle College
- NEXT High School
- Royal Live Oaks Academy

**Clarendon District One**
- Scott’s Branch High School

**Charleston County School District**
- R.B. Stall High School

**Colleton County Schools**
- Colleton County High School

**Darlington County Schools**
- Darlington High School
- Hartsville High School

**Dorchester District Two**
- Dorchester 2 Early College

**Florence District One**
- Child Development Center at Alfred Rush Academy
- R.N. Beck Child Development Center

**Greenville County School District**
- Monarch Elementary School

**Greenwood District 50**
- Emerald High School
- Springfield Elementary School
- Westview Middle School

**Horry County Schools**
- Whittemore Park Middle School

**Lexington District One**
- Deerfield Elementary School
- Lexington Middle School
- Meadow Glen Middle School
- Pelion High School
- Red Bank Elementary School
- River Bluff High School

**Lexington District Two**
- Brookland-Cayce High School

**Lexington District Four**
- Early Childhood Center
- Frances Mack Intermediate
- Sandhills Elementary School
- Sandhills Middle School
- Sandhills Primary School
- Swansea High School
- Swansea High School Freshman Academy
Participating Schools (continued)

Lexington District Five
  Irmo Middle School
  Spring Hill High School

Richland District One
  Lower Richland High School

Richland District Two
  Blythewood High School
  Richland Northeast High School
  Ridge View High School
  Spring Valley High School
  Westwood High School

Spartanburg District One
  Chapman High School
  Landrum High School

Spartanburg District Two
  Boiling Springs Intermediate School
  Carlisle-Foster’s Grove Elementary
  Chesnee High School
  Chesnee Middle School
  Hendrix Elementary School
  Oakland Elementary School
  Rainbow Lake Middle School

Spartanburg District Six
  Dorman High School

Spartanburg District Seven
  Cleveland Academy of Leadership
  Early Learning Center at Park Hills
  Viking Early College

Sumter County School District
  Bates Middle School

York District Three
  Saluda Trail Middle School
How to Join TransformSC’s Network of Schools

TransformSC accepts applications from schools with innovative approaches to achieving the Profile of the SC Graduate for every student, every teacher, every classroom, every day. Whether your school is planning for innovation or has already implemented changes school-wide, we encourage schools at all levels and stages of development to apply.

Follow the Steps Below

1. **Submit a three-year innovation plan and the culture of innovation self-assessment.** The innovation plan must include:
   - At least three specific, measurable goals for innovation at your school over the next three years that ensure more students will graduate college-, career-, and citizenship-ready, as defined by the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate;
   - A brief description of any innovative work currently underway at your school that helps achieve the goals;
   - An outline of the steps your school will undertake in the next three years to implement or increase innovation and meet the goals;
   - An explanation of your school’s ideas about evidence that will be collected to measure the innovation’s impact and goal attainment;
   - A process for regularly engaging and updating supporters, including your legislative delegation, local board of education, parents, students, the business community and appropriate agencies.

2. **If your innovation plan includes the necessary information, we’ll schedule a school visit with our staff.** If not, we’ll work with you to improve the plan!

3. **Depending on your innovation plan, we’ll ask you to complete other self-assessments** (project-based learning, blended learning, continuous assessment and/or competency-based progression) and send us more information about your school, including evidence that your plan is supported by the school community and other stakeholders.

4. **Your school will sign a partnership agreement to join TransformSC.**

Contact us at TransformSC@sccompetes.org to get started!