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Six CCSD schools win Recycling Education awards

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Charleston, S.C. - Recycling Education grants were recently awarded to six Charleston County School District (CCSD) schools by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

The [Recycling Education grant program](#) is available to all schools to promote awareness of the need to reduce waste and recycle whenever possible. The grant funds can be used to purchase supplies or for field trips to promote recycling within schools.

Stefanie Vandiver, SC DHEC environmental manager who coordinates the grant program is impressed with the applications they receive from Charleston County schools.

They consistently submit outstanding project ideas over the years to grow their sustainability efforts as well as start new sustainability efforts," said Vandiver. "CCSD schools' hard work is not only inspiring to other schools throughout the state but also boosts our recycling rates in South Carolina."

2021-2022 grant awards

- Cooper River Center for Advanced Studies received \$1500 for recycling containers to be placed in common areas.
- James Island Charter High School received \$1500 to purchase wall shelving, containers, and tables to recycle electronics.
- Lucy Garrett Beckham High School received \$1500 for supplies to create a larger school garden.
- Malcolm C. Hursey Montessori School received \$1496 to purchase supplies for the school garden and composting.
- Military Magnet Academy received \$1500 to purchase supplies for the school's "food forest."
- Wando High School received \$914 for [TerraCycle Zero Waste boxes](#) and a field trip to the Bees Ferry recycling facility.

"James Island Charter High's Career and Technology Education (CTE) classes include coding, engineering, web design, game design, animation, and networking repair," said Dr. Elizabeth Conley, a CTE teacher at the school. "This recycling grant will allow us to dismantle and recover more reusable electronic materials by adding recycling containers in our technology storage room."

"The Sustainability Club at Lucy Beckham strives to make the world a better place one student at a time," said Alex McCarrell, the club's teacher-sponsor. "We hope to grow our small community garden with the grant funds and begin composting as well."

Wando High School students will tour the Bees Ferry recycling facility to learn best practices.

"Using this information, we will apply our knowledge in creating more opportunities for recycling on our school campus, such as adding [TerraCycle Zero Waste boxes](#)," explained Alyse Silvia, Environmental Science and Biology Teacher at Wando.

For more information, contact the Division of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6583.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), music and other creative and performing arts, career and technical preparation programs, and military.