Selecting a school is one of the most important decisions you make for your child. Your child’s school assignment is largely determined by the attendance area (called geocode) in which you live. School assignments are listed by subdivision/multi-family dwelling and home address on the GCS website. You may also request to attend another school through Change in Assignment Choice or apply to attend a Magnet Academy.

Each school has its own unique personality. When you consider schools, it is important to get a feel for the “total” school.

Six Steps in Selecting a School

1. **Know What Questions to Ask**

   Consider the type of school you would like your child to attend. These considerations can be based on past experiences with schools, your goals for your child, and your thoughts on what is important – academic and related arts programs, support services, size of school, location, transportation, extra-curricular activities, community involvement, and geographic area served by the school.

2. **Review Profiles and School Report Cards**

   School Profiles and School Report Cards are available for each school. Information includes student achievement, outstanding features and programs, awards, extra-curricular activities, student and teacher attendance, faculty profile, community involvement, and facility history.
   
   School Profiles and Report Cards are available on our website at www.greenville.k12.sc.us.

3. **Visit the School and Talk with the Principal and School Staff**

   After reviewing the School Profiles and Report Cards, make appointments to visit schools that interest you. During each visit, ask the school principal and staff what makes the school unique.
   
   Ask for a school tour. Walk through the halls of the school and visit classrooms.

4. **Talk With Other Parents**

   Contact the school’s PTA president and chairman of the School Improvement Council to ask how you can get involved.

5. **Contact Community and Business Leaders**

   Contact community and business leaders to get their views of the school and community.

6. **Trust Your Judgment**

   You are the best judge in selecting the right school for your child. Review all the factors and you can be assured of making the right decision for your child and you.

   A complete listing of schools is on the back of this sheet.