

Golden Strip Career Center Report to The Parents 2024-2025

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Golden Strip Career Center assists all students in developing essential skills and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing opportunities that will enable students to reach their highest individual potential and work successfully in a global economy. We foster an appreciation of the dignity of work, worth of the individual, pride of accomplishment, respect for quality workmanship, and the desire for excelling in a chosen career. We prepare graduates with the essential knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to successfully enter and compete in today's job market or to continue their education at the post-secondary level. We offer dual enrollment through Greenville Technical College for several of our courses where students receive college credit along with their high school Carnegie units.

Golden Strip strives to offer courses that are of interest to students and provide ample opportunities for employment. In addition to on-campus classroom and lab experiences, work-based learning enhances the education of many students through cooperative education (co-op), internship, or apprenticeship experiences. These work-based learning experiences are a "win-win" in providing huge benefits to both the participating student and company. Students are able to apply the skills they are learning in class to real world situations. Students participating in these experiences are typically paid competitive entry-level wages.

Golden Strip Career Center earned multiple Greenville County Schools Superintendent's Academic Achievement Awards in 2024-2025. These included Career Center with Highest Number of Completers, Overall Highest Number of Certifications Earned, Highest Number of Work-Based Learning, and Highest Overall Performing Career Center. These awards are a direct result of the high level of dedication and focus on student success.

Students at Golden Strip Career Center may participate in student organizations related to their chosen career field. These organization include National Technical Honor Society, HOSA-Future Health Professionals, and SkillsUSA. Forty-seven students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society during the 2024-2025 school year. Our EMT students traveled to the SC HOSA State Leadership Conference and placed 1st and 3rd in the state in the CPR Competition as well as 3rd and 4th in the EMT competition. In the recent SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Competition, Golden Strip students earned 15 gold medals, 8 silver medals and 4 bronze medals. Fifteen students will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia for the National SkillsUSA Competition in June 2025.

Many of our programs participate in competitions within their career field. Our Culinary Arts Management students have had a very successful year. Two teams competed in the SC ProStart Competition. The Management Team placed 4th in the state. Additionally, two students placed 2nd in the SC Junior Chef Competition. Three students were selected to participate in the Euphoria challenge, where one of them brought home the award-winning dish that is now a featured cafeteria menu item for Greenville County Schools.

The opportunities for Golden Strip Career Center students are abundant. Combined with a growing number of certifications and work-based learning opportunities offered at our center and the large number of winners at various state competitions, this has been a very successful year for our students. We strive to maintain a center of excellence with the continued support of our students, parents, businesses, and the community.