

Board members are elected in 76 of the 83 districts. Seven districts have members appointed by a County Board. Sixty-six elections take place in November. Special elections and appointments occur in other months in the remaining districts.

Forty districts choose board members from single-member districts, 27 retain at-large representation and 16 districts use a combination.

Although most school board members are elected in non-partisan elections, some are appointed, and some run in partisan elections. In three districts, candidates run in partisan elections – Chester, Lee and Horry counties.

In two counties, Horry and Marlboro, the board chairman is elected by the public.

## Citizen involvement

In Aiken, Charleston and Chesterfield, appointed or elected citizens also hold some governance responsibilities.

Aiken is divided into five administrative areas, each with a seven-member area advisory council appointed by the district school board. Councils serve as disciplinary hearing panels, and they may set policies for their local areas as long as policies are consistent with district policies.

Eight elected constituent boards in Charleston, created under a countywide consolidation act in 1967, serve distinct geographic areas with authority to hire school-based personnel, act on student discipline cases and set attendance lines for schools within the constituent districts. The district board may hear appeals.

In six geographic areas in Chesterfield County, appointed advisory councils hear discipline cases that may be appealed to the district board.

## County boards

In addition to the 83 local school boards statewide, four county boards have varying degrees of responsibility. In June 2005, the Orangeburg County Board of Education was replaced with a three-member fiscal commission whose primary role is to equalize funding among the three school districts. The four counties with county boards and their primary roles are as follows:

- **Anderson** – members of this county board are elected and exercise fiscal authority over the five local school district boards.
- **Clarendon** – members of this county board are appointed by the local legislative delegation and appoint all members of the Clarendon Two board and four of the nine members of the Clarendon One board. Clarendon Three board members are elected.
- **Dillon** – members of this county board are appointed by the local legislative delegation and appoint the members of the three local school district boards.
- **Marion** – members of this county board are elected, exercise fiscal authority over the three local school district boards, and appoint the members of the three local school district boards.

# Board member elections and meetings

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|                 | <i>Mbrs</i> | <i>S-M</i> | <i>A-L</i> | <i>Appt</i> |                        |                |                 |                       |                   |                       |                   |
| Abbeville       | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 4th Tuesday       |
| Aiken           | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Dec                   | 2nd-4th Tues      |
| Allendale       | 5           | 5          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 4th Monday        |
| Anderson 1      | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | Last Tuesday      |
| Anderson 2      | 7           | 6          | 1          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Dec                   | 2nd Monday        |
| Anderson 3      | 5           | 4          | 1          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Dec                   | 2nd Monday        |
| Anderson 4      | 5           | 5          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 2nd Monday        |
| Anderson 5      | 9           | 7          | 2          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 3rd Tuesday       |
| Bamberg 1       | 5           | 5          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Odd years             | April             | Jan                   | 4th Monday        |
| Bamberg 2       | 5           | 5          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Odd years             | April             | April                 | 2nd Monday        |
| Barnwell 19     | 5           | 0          | 5          | 0           | 3 yrs                  | No             | No              | Annually              | April             | May                   | 2nd Monday        |
| Williston 29    | 5           | 0          | 5          | 0           | 3 yrs                  | No             | No              | Annually              | April             | April                 | 3rd Tuesday       |
| Barnwell 45     | 5           | 0          | 5          | 0           | 3 yrs                  | No             | No              | Annually              | April             | April                 | 4th Thursday      |
| Beaufort        | 11          | 11         | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 1st-3rd Tues      |
| Berkeley        | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd-4th Tues      |
| Calhoun         | 5           | 5          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Dec                   | 3rd Monday        |
| Charleston      | 9           | 0          | 9          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd-4th Mon       |
| Cherokee        | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Aug               | Aug                   | 2nd-4th Tues      |
| Chester         | 7           | 6          | 1          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | Yes            | No              | Odd years             | Nov               | Jan                   | 3rd Monday        |
| Chesterfield    | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | June              | Dec                   | 2nd Monday        |
| Clarendon 1     | 9           | 0          | 5          | 4           | 4yrs A-L<br>2 yrs appt | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 3rd Monday        |
| Clarendon 2     | 9           | 0          | 0          | 9           | 3 yrs                  | No             | No              | Annually              | June              | July                  | 3rd Tuesday       |
| Clarendon 3     | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 3 yrs                  | No             | No              | Annually              | March             | April                 | 3rd Thursday      |
| Colleton        | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 2nd-3rd Tues      |
| Darlington      | 8           | 8          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 2nd Monday        |
| Dillon 3        | 7           | 0          | 0          | 7           | 3 yrs                  | No             | No              | Appt. Annually        | Feb               | March                 | 2nd Tuesday       |
| Dillon 4        | 7           | 0          | 0          | 7           | 3 yrs                  | No             | No              | Appt. Annually        | Feb               |                       | 3rd Monday        |
| Dorchester 2    | 7           | 0          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 2nd-4th Mon       |
| Dorchester 4    | 5           | 5          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 3rd Tuesday       |
| Edgefield       | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd-4th Tues      |
| Fairfield       | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Dec                   | 3rd Tuesday       |
| Florence 1      | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs                  | No             | No              | Annually              | Nov               | Jan                   | 2nd Thursday      |
| Florence 2      | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 3 yrs                  | No             | No              | Annually              | March             | April                 | 4th Monday        |
| Florence 3      | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 3 yrs                  | No             | No              | Annually              | May               | June                  | 3rd Thursday      |

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| Florence 4               | 7           | 0          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Annually              | Nov               | Dec                   | 2nd-4th Tuesday   |
| Florence 5               | 7           | 4          | 3          | 0           | 3 yrs       | No             | No              | Annually              | Sept              | Sept.                 | 4th Monday        |
| Georgetown               | 9           | 7          | 2          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 1st-3rd Tuesday   |
| Greenville               | 12          | 12         | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Dec                   | 2nd-4th Tuesday   |
| Greenwood 50             | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 3rd Monday        |
| Greenwood 51             | 5           | 0          | 5          | 0           | 3 yrs       | No             | No              | Annually              | May               | July                  | 3rd Monday        |
| Greenwood 52             | 5           | 0          | 5          | 0           | 3 yrs       | No             | No              | Annually              | May               | July                  | 2nd Tuesday       |
| Hampton 1                | 5           | 0          | 5          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 4th Monday        |
| Hampton 2                | 5           | 0          | 5          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 3rd Tuesday       |
| Horry                    | 12          | 11         | 1          | 0           | 4 yrs       | Yes            | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 3rd Monday        |
| Jasper                   | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd-4th Monday    |
| Kershaw                  | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 1st-3rd Tuesday   |
| Lancaster                | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 3rd Tuesday       |
| Laurens 55               | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 4th Monday        |
| Laurens 56               | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Dec                   | 4th Monday        |
| Lee                      | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | Yes            | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 3rd Monday        |
| Lexington 1              | 7           | 0          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 3rd Tuesday       |
| Lexington 2              | 7           | 0          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 3rd Thursday      |
| Lexington 3              | 7           | 0          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Dec                   | 2nd Tuesday       |
| Lexington 4              | 7           | 0          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd Monday        |
| Lexington/<br>Richland 5 | 7           | 0          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd-4th Monday    |
| Marion 1                 | 7           | 0          | 0          | 7           | 2 yrs       | No             | No              | Annually              | June              | July                  | 1st Tue-7pm       |
| Marion 2                 | 7           | 0          | 0          | 7           | 2 yrs       | No             | No              | Annually              | June              | Aug                   | 3rd Tues-5pm      |
| Marion 7                 | 7           | 0          | 0          | 7           | 2 yrs       | No             | No              | Annually              | June              | July                  | 1st Tues-5pm      |
| Marlboro                 | 9           | 8          | 1          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 1st Monday        |
| McCormick                | 7           | 0          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd Monday        |
| Newberry                 | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | Yes             | Annually              | Nov               | Jan                   | 4th Monday        |
| Oconee**                 | 5           | 5          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd-3rd Monday    |
| Orangeburg 3             | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Odd years             | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd Tuesday       |
| Orangeburg 4             | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Odd years             | Nov               | Nov                   | 1st Mon-3rd Tues  |
| Orangeburg 5             | 7           | 4          | 3          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Odd years             | Nov               | Jan                   | 2nd Tuesday       |
| Pickens                  | 9           | 6          | 3          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No             | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 4th Monday        |

Oconee\*\* Additional board meeting info Jan 2nd & 4th Mon.; April 2nd Mon & 4th Tue.; June 2nd Mon; Nov & Dec-2nd Mon.

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| Richland 1      | 7           | 4          | 3          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Dec                   | 2nd & 4th Tuesday  |
| Richland 2      | 7           | 0          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 2nd & 4th Tuesday  |
| Saluda          | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 3rd Monday         |
| Spartanburg 1   | 9           | 0          | 9          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | Yes             | Odd years             | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd Monday         |
| Spartanburg 2   | 10          | 1          | 9          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | Yes             | Odd years             | Nov               | Dec                   | 2nd Tuesday        |
| Spartanburg 3   | 9           | 0          | 9          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | Yes             | Odd years             | Nov               | Dec                   | 3rd Thursday       |
| Spartanburg 4   | 9           | 0          | 9          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | Yes             | Odd years             | Nov               | Dec                   | 1st Monday         |
| Spartanburg 5   | 9           | 2          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | Yes             | Odd years             | Nov               | Dec                   | 4th Monday         |
| Spartanburg 6   | 9           | 0          | 9          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | Yes             | Odd years             | Nov               | Dec                   | 1st Monday         |
| Spartanburg 7   | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | Yes             | Odd years             | Nov               | Dec                   | 1st Tuesday        |
| Sumter          | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd-4th Monday     |
| Union           | 9           | 9          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd & 4th Monday   |
| Williamsburg    | 7           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | Yes             | Even years            | Nov               | Jan                   | 4th Monday         |
| York 1          | 7           | 5          | 2          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Dec                   | 2nd Tuesday        |
| Clover 2        | 7           | 5          | 2          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 3rd Monday         |
| Rock Hill 3     | 7           | 5          | 2          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | No              | Even years            | Nov               | Nov                   | 2nd & 4th Monday   |
| Fort Mill 4     | 7           | 0          | 7          | 0           | 4 yrs       | No            | No              | Annually              | Nov               | Nov                   | 1st & 3rd Monday   |

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