

Greenville Technical Charter High School

“Educating Tomorrow’s Leaders Today”

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Greenville Profile

Community: Greenville, South Carolina is a “rising star” in the south. Greenville is located between Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC in a region of the Southeast representing the fourth largest economy in terms of domestic product. With the graceful Blue Ridge chain of the Appalachians only minutes from the heart of the city, the vitality that a growing number of international businesses bring into the county, and the elegance of stately, historic homes on tree-lined streets, Greenville offers a pleasing combination of gracious past and promising future. In the last 10 years, Greenville County has attracted \$3 billion in business investment. In addition, 3,000 new companies and 30,000 new jobs have been added to the county in that same time frame. In fact, the “Upstate” region has the highest level of capital foreign investment in the nation. Composed of more than 225 international firms from 19 nations, Greenville is home to 105 international headquarters. BMW, Lockheed Martin, 3M, and Michelin are among the most widely recognized companies in the area and are valued business partners with Greenville Technical Charter High School. Downtown Greenville is the pre-eminent business and cultural center for the region, featuring the Peace Center for the Performing Arts, the Greenville County Art Museum and the BI-LO Center arena.

School: Greenville Technical Charter High School (GTCHS), an Early/Middle College Program, is situated on the main campus of Greenville Technical College. The school originated eight years ago through a stakeholder group of business, community and educational leaders. GTCHS offers an academically rigorous four-year program serving a current student enrollment of 400 students in grades 9-12 with a faculty of 28. The teaching/learning paradigm is based on Mastery Learning. Though GTCHS does not offer AP courses, students do have the opportunity to take dual credit classes at Greenville Technical College. Over 70% of the student body is currently enrolled in at least one college class. Students need to achieve success in all parts of the COMPASS examination in order to be eligible for college course offerings. The South Carolina Department of Education accredits GTCHS and the school’s charter is approved by The School District of Greenville County.

GRADUATING CLASS:

Size of Class	94		
		<i>Four-Year Colleges</i>	57%
		<i>Two-Year Colleges</i>	42%
		<i>Military</i>	1%
		<i>TOTAL</i>	100%
		<i>Graduation Rate 2007</i>	98%

SUBJECT AREAS - COLLEGE

Include: English Literature, World Literature, Spanish, French, Speech, Theatre, Art History, Drawing, Photography, Geography, American History, Psychology, Sociology, Religion, Criminal Justice, Law and Ethics, Philosophy, College Algebra, Trigonometry, Analytical Geometry & Calculus, Biology, Nutrition, Technology, Architectural Graphics, Engineering, Automotive and Carpentry

SUBJECT AREAS – HIGH SCHOOL

Include: English Literature and Composition, Journalism, Business Communications, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, PreCalculus, World History, Global Studies, Economics, Government, US History, American Studies, Physical Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Physical Education, Business Computers, Foreign Language

FACULTY

A professional, competent and dedicated staff representing diverse backgrounds and broad educational experiences is the pride of GTCHS. Eighty-five percent of our teachers have a Masters degree or above within specific academic content areas and are qualified to teach at Greenville Technical College.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be graduated from GTCHS, students must earn a total of 24 Carnegie units of credit including courses in the following areas:

English (4 years), **United States History** (1 year), **Economics** (1/2 year), **Government** (1/2 year), **Social Studies Elective** (1 year), **Physics** (1 year), **Chemistry** (1 year), **Biology** (1 year), **Mathematics** (4 years), **Foreign Language** (2 years), **Technology** (1 year), **Physical Education** (1 year), **Electives** (6 credits).

CURRICULUM AND INTERPRETATION OF GRADING SYSTEM

Mastery Learning requires that students achieve at least an 80% or higher in GTCHS courses in order to receive credit for diploma purposes. Most GTCHS students are expected to become eligible for dual credit college courses by their junior year. Students take dual credit classes with other Greenville Technical College students on the college campus. High school credit is granted as a student receives college credit.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

GTCHS is a member of the South Carolina Athletic Association and conducts an equal number of interscholastic sports for male and female students. Students are also involved in such traditional activities as Student Government, National Beta Club, National Honor Society, Drama Club, Yearbook, Newspaper, Chess Club, Junior Achievement and Robotics Club.