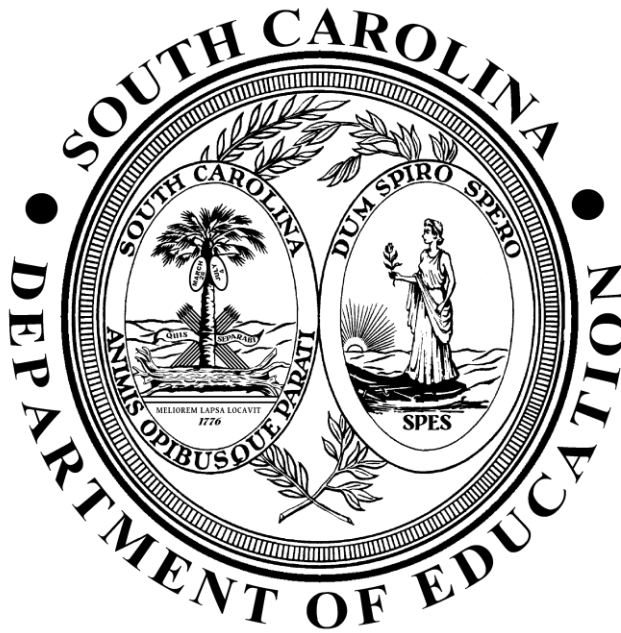


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2017-18 School Crime Report

To the South Carolina General Assembly

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Reporting Requirements

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) submits the following 2017-18 school-related crime information for each school in each district, as required under S.C. Code Ann. § 59-63-330, which states:

On forms prepared and supplied by the State Department of Education, each school district in the State shall report school-related crime quarterly to the State Department of Education. The department shall compile the information received from the districts and annually, not later than January thirty-first of the year following the districts' final quarterly reports of the school year, make a report to the General Assembly on the findings. In addition, the State Department of Education shall, upon receipt, forward all information concerning school-related crime to the Attorney General's Office. This information shall be used by the Attorney General in the supervision of the prosecution of school crime.

Based upon the *Guidelines for the Unsafe School Choice Option* developed under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015), Title IX, Part E, Subpart 2, Section 9532, the SCDE analyzes these reports to determine whether any school is “persistently dangerous” or at risk of being persistently dangerous. The following categories of crimes are reported for this purpose:

- homicide;
- forcible sex offenses;
- kidnapping/abduction;
- aggravated assault;
- drug distribution;
- robbery; and
- weapons offenses.

A South Carolina public school will be designated "persistently dangerous" if its conditions, as defined in III.A.2 of the *Guidelines*, expose students to injury from violent criminal offenses for a period of three consecutive years. A school will be designated “at risk” whenever any of those crimes occurs in any two categories in a single school year. On the 2016–18 Persistently Dangerous Schools Report, linked below, each offense category is listed with the number of incidents and an indicator (yes/no) of whether the offense meets the definition stipulated in the *Guidelines*.

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Based on the 2017–18 school-related crime information received from each district via the Incident Management fields in PowerSchool, the state’s student information system, no school in

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the state is considered persistently dangerous. However, based on the data submitted via PowerSchool, Lake City High School in Florence County School District Three will be classified as “at risk of becoming persistently dangerous” because a forcible sex offense and several weapons offenses were reported. As required by the *Guidelines for the Unsafe School Choice Option*, the district superintendent has been notified and will be required to submit a corrective action plan to the SCDE.

Associated Documents

Documents associated with this report are accessible via the following links:

[2016-18 Persistently Dangerous Schools Report](#)
[2017-18 Suspension and Expulsion Report](#)
[Guidelines for the Unsafe School Choice Option](#)

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