Where Tradition Meets Excellence

LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
Batesburg-Leesville Schools
“Preparing Students for the Future...Now!”
Our direction

The direction of Lexington County School District 3 is to develop learners with a world-class education to prepare them to become future leaders and contributors in a global community.

From the classroom to the boardroom, our beliefs drive our decision-making and planning:

- All individuals are unique, have value, and can learn.
- Quality instruction nurtures creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and innovation for all students.
- Teachers who possess world-class knowledge and skills are essential in establishing academic excellence.
- Our supportive community is essential to our continued growth and success.
- A positive, caring school culture supports the appreciation of all students and their ability to learn.
- A 21st-century learning environment that embraces world-class knowledge and skills, as well as life and career characteristics, will ensure that our graduates will be ready for life beyond Lexington County School District 3.
Welcome to Batesburg-Leesville, home of the South Carolina Poultry Festival, Shealy’s Bar-B-Que and so much more. We are the Batesburg-Leesville Panthers, and purple and gold pride runs deep in our community. Lexington County School District 3 has a strong tradition of award-winning academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Geographically, the district is located 30 miles west of downtown Columbia.

Batesburg-Leesville schools celebrate innovation and excellence in our mission to “prepare students for the future...now!” The district serves students in four schools, in addition to providing adult education and continuing education at the Lifelong Learning Center. Lexington County School District 3 builds a foundation of comprehensive learning experiences in PK-12 using the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.

PROFILE OF THE
South Carolina Graduate

WORLD-CLASS KNOWLEDGE

Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness

Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences

WORLD-CLASS SKILLS

Creativity and innovation
Critical thinking and problem solving
Collaboration and teamwork
Communication, information, media and technology
Knowing how to learn

LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Integrity • Self-direction • Global perspective • Perseverance • Work ethic • Interpersonal skills

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Who we are

Lexington County School District 3 serves approximately 2,100 students in the Batesburg-Leesville community, including both Lexington and Saluda counties. Students are served by over 300 caring and dedicated staff at four schools and the Lifelong Learning Center.

**BATESBURG-LEESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Child Development through Grade 2  
800 Summerland Avenue  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006  
(803) 532-4452

**BATESBURG-LEESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Grades 3 through 5  
403 South Lee Street  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070  
(803) 532-1155

**BATESBURG-LEESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Grades 6 through 8  
425 Shealy Road  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006  
(803) 532-3831

**BATESBURG-LEESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**
Grades 9 through 12  
600 Summerland Avenue  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006  
(803) 532-9251

**LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER**  
Adult Education  
101 West Columbia Avenue  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006  
(803) 532-2141

**FINE ARTS CENTER**  
Serves all schools and the community on the campus of Batesburg-Leesville High School

**DISTRICT OFFICES**  
338 West Columbia Avenue  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006  
(803) 532-4423
Our commitment to quality

Lexington County School District 3 is accredited districtwide by AdvancED, a designation which provides every school in the district with a globally recognized distinction of quality. It also demonstrates our commitment to continuous improvement and provides the district with tools and support to become the best it can be for our students and families.

This guide is just one of many great resources the district offers to keep families informed. School district and individual school websites, as well as social media sites provide important information and highlight the accomplishments of our students and staff. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube!
Our pride in programs

Lexington County School District 3 takes pride in providing instructional and extracurricular programs for students. The district offers an array of programs including Montessori, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Early College, dual enrollment and advanced placement opportunities, as well as 1:1 devices for all students in Grades 1 through 12. Our district also has adult education and continuing education at the Lifelong Learning Center.
Montessori
Montessori classrooms are offered at Batesburg-Leesville Primary School for students in K4 through Grade 2. Classrooms are designed around the Montessori method for instruction to allow students to be guided by the teacher, to learn at his/her own pace, and to initiate their own learning in a supportive and structured environment. Montessori classrooms are multi-age learning environments supported by teachers certified in the Montessori method.

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School offers all students in Grades 3 through 5 a unique opportunity to learn about the field of digital and print media. Students are exposed to a variety of careers in the areas of news, weather, sports, writing, and production.

ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID)
AVID, a college readiness system that creates a college-going culture for students, is offered at Batesburg-Leesville Middle and High Schools for students who have the willingness to work hard and the desire to attend college after graduation. The goals of AVID are to teach academic and social skills, provide intensive instructional support, and establish a sense of hope and achievement through hard work and determination.
e21 EARLY COLLEGE

e21 Early College offers Batesburg-Leesville High School students the opportunity to earn an Associate in Arts degree from Midlands Technical College. The Associate in Arts Degree is for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college including, but not limited to, majors in business, humanities, education, or social sciences. Early College offers students a variety of benefits, including a quality educational experience close to home, savings on room/board and tuition/fees, access to a wider range of course options in high school and advanced coursework.

1:1 STUDENT CHROMEBOOK INITIATIVE

During the 2015-16 school year, Lexington County School District 3 deployed over 1,400 chromebooks to students in Grades 1 through 12. Students and teachers are able to tap into a world of resources and information that allow them to apply the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Additionally, students in 4K and 5K have access to iPads and Chromebooks that are used to provide blended learning experiences for our youngest learners.
BEGINNING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED FOR STUDENT TRANSITION (BOOST)

BOOST is an education outreach conducted in partnership with Lexington County First Steps. Students and families participate in a weekly parent education outreach to “boost” families with 2- and 3-year-olds in a Montessori learning environment for approximately two to four hours per week. The parent outreach sessions are facilitated by a trained parent educator in a setting that utilizes the principles of Montessori education to allow families to experience Montessori in a non-threatening environment.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, AND MATHEMATICS (STEAM) INITIATIVES

As we prepare students for the future now, Lexington County School District 3 recognizes that we must prepare students for jobs that may not even yet exist. Our schools integrate a variety of experiences that allow students to explore interests and careers in STEAM-related fields. Students are engaged in Maker Space areas in our media centers that allow hands-on learning in coding, robotics, Legos, and other science/technology challenges. Students also have opportunities to earn completer certificates in Project Lead the Way, Biomedical Science, Sports Medicine, Mechatronics, Ag Science, Business Education and Welding.
Student life

Lexington County School District 3 offers a variety of athletic and extracurricular opportunities for students. Many have been state and national award winners at Beta Club Conventions, FFA competitions, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, and a variety of local and state writing competitions. Numerous students are All-Region and All-State athletes, All-State and Region Band selectees, members of a JROTC Honor Unit of Distinction, Junior Scholars and National Achievement Scholarship winners.

SPORTS
- Football
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Softball
- Golf
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Cheerleading

AWARD-WINNING PANTHER BAND
- Marching Band
- Winterguard
- Symphonic Band

CLUBS
- Beta Club
- Student Council
- FFA
- Spanish Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- JROTC Rifle Team
- News Production
- Just Say No
- ...and more
Portraits of a Panther graduate

- 89.7% Graduation rate (State = 82.6%)
- 30.2% Eligible for LIFE/Palmetto Fellows Scholarships
- 75% Attend college
- 20% Enter the workforce
- 5% Join the military