



SELF-OP DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH SSC AND RESULTS IN CUSTODIAL SERVICE FOR GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS

KEY FACTS

- Location:** Columbia, South Carolina
- Contract Start Date:** 1995
- Enrollment:** 28,565 students
- Grades:** Pre-K through 12 and adult education center
- Site Environment:** 41 schools and centers
- Service Provided:** Custodial

“Our partnership with SSC has provided our students and staff with a clean and well-maintained learning and working environment for well over 20 years. The knowledge, professionalism and thoroughness of the custodial staff and leadership has been superb.” – Wendell Shelton, Contract Administrator

THE CHALLENGE

Richland School District Two, located in Columbia, South Carolina, opened its doors in the 1920s with just one school. In the mid-90s, administrators realized they needed some help as they attempted to accommodate the rapid growth in the region. The district struggled to hire, train and supervise its existing custodial staff. To maintain quality and keep education as their priority, Richland Two partnered with SSC Services for Education for its janitorial needs — but they were initially reluctant to adopt the model districtwide.

THE SOLUTION

SSC Services for Education worked with Richland Two to start the partnership at a pace that matched the district's comfort while ensuring their needs were met along the way. Beginning with two of the newer schools, SSC successfully took on the responsibility of cleaning, allowing the district to refocus that energy back on the students as they tackled their ongoing expansion. As district employees retired or went to work elsewhere, positions were replaced with SSC associates and, over time, more schools were added to SSC's scope of responsibilities. This flexible solution allowed the district to grow and the partnership to expand alongside that growth.

ONGOING SUCCESS

Today, Richland School District Two is one of the largest and fastest-growing public school districts in the Midlands of South Carolina. Currently, the district serves more than **27,000 students in 41 schools and centers.**

Richland Two opened its 20th elementary school in August 2017. Through open lines of communication, flexibility and commitment to value, both SSC and Richland School District Two have worked together to provide the highest level of quality and healthy environments for students and staff. Our partnership has been acknowledged numerous times in the form of National Blue Ribbon awards at several Richland Two schools. These coveted awards celebrate and recognize schools for overall academic excellence and for creating safe and welcoming learning environments.

