

2026 –27

BACK TO SCHOOL REPORT

First Week of School • Board of Trustees

A visual snapshot of our students, staff and operations as the new school year begins.



OPENING WEEK SNAPSHOT

The first week, at a glance



11,147

students enrolled

2026-27 school year

195

new employees

2026-27 school year

6,200

students riding a bus

2026-27 school year

96,000+

meals served

2026-27 school year



OPENING DAY

Welcome back District Five!



A STRONG START

Our schools opened with energy, preparation, and a clear focus on students.

STUDENTS

Enrollment



11,147
TOTAL STUDENTS

-59

students from the prior year

0.5 % decrease

Based on the 10 day count, we've seen a slight decrease in students, primarily at the elementary school level.

STUDENTS

Who we are serving



- Elementary 5,254
- Middle 2,656
- High School 3,237

1,206 students brand new to District Five

43 languages other than English spoken by student families

**2026-27 numbers, according to Day 10 count*

EMPLOYEES

The people behind a smooth opening



1,775

total staff members

2026-27 school year

195

new employees

2026-27 school year

55

induction teachers

2026-27 school year



District Five was fortunate to begin the year 99% fully staffed, with all classroom positions covered. Due to a strong hiring season, the district added tremendous value to our D5 family, while also positioning our schools to do very well in the future.

TRANSPORTATION

Moving thousands of students safely each day



6,200

students ride the bus at some
point during the day

≈ 61% of students

2026-27 school year

TRANSPORTATION

Behind the routes



59

buses in service

55

licensed drivers

285

runs each day

19,600+

miles each week



FOOD SERVICE

Serving students from the first bell



96,428

TOTAL MEALS SERVED

27,984
BREAKFAST

68,444
LUNCH

FREE MEALS FOR ALL D5 STUDENTS

OPENING WEEK OVERALL



What went well —and what required attention

SUCCESSES

- Positive early feedback from students and staff
- Strong staffing contributed to a smooth opening
- Traffic and arrival/dismissal congestion seemed to be minimal
- Byrnes High School construction complete, and students and staff adjusted well to a brand new wing of campus

CHALLENGES

- Front entrance of Byrnes required additional signage to aid in traffic flow



A STRONG START TO A NEW YEAR

Thank you to our students, families, staff and community partners for helping District Five begin the year well.

SPARTANBURG
DISTRICT **Five**
EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY.