

## Priority Area 8: Education

### Intended Result

All people in South Carolina receive fair and supportive education and training through pathways that support their highest potential.

### Why is This Important?

Education plays a vital role in health by improving health literacy, economic stability, and preventive behaviors. Higher education levels are linked to better health outcomes, as they help individuals make informed choices, access care, and maintain healthier lifestyles. Education also supports economic opportunities and contributes to healthier communities and a stronger workforce, ultimately enhancing quality of life and reducing health care costs.

### Headline Indicators

- **Teacher Retention**  
Percentage of teachers returning to work (1- and 3-year).
- **Kindergarten Readiness**  
Percentage of students demonstrating readiness.
- **High School Completion**  
Percentage of students who have graduated from high school (adjusted cohort graduation rate).
- **Post-Secondary Enrollment**  
Percentage of students enrolled in college or graduate school (ages 18-24).

### Strategies & Opportunities for Collaborative Action

- 8.1** Cultivate a culture of appreciation and collective efficacy with improved educator compensation.
- 8.2** Support early childhood education programs and professionals.
- 8.3** Ensure all students have clear and achievable pathways to graduation.
- 8.4** Improve access to post-secondary educational opportunities.



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# SC State Health Improvement Plan: 2025-2030

The **State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)** serves as a statewide strategic roadmap to improve population health and address South Carolina's most pressing health challenges. It reflects intentional and robust collaboration among state agencies, public health entities, health care providers, community-based organizations, and other key partners to develop and implement sustainable, data-driven solutions that achieve collective impact. The SHIP contains nine priority areas that were developed using analytic insights from the comprehensive health data in the State Health Assessment and cross-sector partner input. The SHIP provides a strategic framework for multisector partners to align resources and guide collective action to improve health outcomes across South Carolina.

