

All South Lightning Protection Completes Systems at Nine Florida Schools Ahead of Opening Day

Crews worked through the summer to meet a deadline that cannot move: the first day of class, as Florida's school year opens at the peak of thunderstorm season

TAMPA, FL, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- All South Lightning Protection, Inc. completed [lightning protection systems at nine Florida school campuses](#) this summer, finishing each installation before students returned to class. The schools

span five counties, from Homosassa on the Nature Coast to Port Charlotte.

Most construction schedules have some give in them. School schedules do not. Every system had to be installed, inspected and finished around one fixed date, which required sequencing the work alongside general contractors, roofers, electricians, inspectors and district facilities staff.

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All South Lightning Protection For Schools

The campuses completed this summer:

Rye Ranch Elementary School — Parrish, Manatee County
Artisan Lakes Elementary School — Palmetto, Manatee County
B.D. Gullett Elementary School — Bradenton, Manatee County
Gilbert W. McNeal Elementary School — Lakewood Ranch, Manatee County
Homosassa Elementary School — Homosassa, Citrus County
Crystal River Primary School — Crystal River, Citrus County
Carwise Middle School — Palm Harbor, Pinellas County
West Zephyrhills Elementary School — Zephyrhills, Pasco County
Charlotte Technical College — Port Charlotte, Charlotte County

All systems were installed to NFPA 780 and UL 96A, the national standards governing [commercial lightning protection](#) in the United States. The systems are engineered to intercept a strike and

carry its energy safely into the ground, away from the structure and the people inside it.

The schools were not the company's only work this summer. All South ran the school schedule while managing hospitals, high-rise buildings, residential communities, warehouses, industrial sites and commercial construction projects across Florida. The company is also providing lightning protection for Rangeland High School in Lakewood Ranch, the School District of Manatee County's new \$144 million campus scheduled to open in 2027.

Florida records more cloud-to-ground lightning than any other state. In most of the country, students return to class as summer storms taper off. In Florida, the school year opens while lightning activity is at or near its annual peak.

Campus design compounds the exposure. Many Florida schools are not single buildings. They are clusters of classroom buildings joined by covered walkways and open-air corridors, and students and teachers move outdoors between classes throughout the day, as do families arriving for football games, graduations and evening events.

"Helping protect the places where children and young adults learn is a responsibility we never take lightly," said Ron Poirier, president of All South Lightning Protection. "Every summer brings the challenge of multiple schools reaching completion at the same time while our teams continue serving hospitals, businesses, homeowners and commercial customers across the state. It takes planning, communication, and an incredible team effort."

"What people don't always see is the work that happens behind the scenes," Poirier said. "When students walk between classrooms or families attend school events, we want them to enjoy those moments without ever having to think about the systems protecting them. If no one notices our work, that usually means we've done it right."

About All South Lightning Protection

All South Lightning Protection, Inc. is a Tampa-based contractor specializing in the design, installation, inspection, testing, certification and maintenance of [lightning protection and surge suppression systems](#) for educational, healthcare, commercial, industrial, government and residential properties. The company operates three Florida offices — Tampa, Sunrise and Jacksonville — and serves clients statewide. Learn more at [allsouthlightningprotection.com](https://www.allsouthlightningprotection.com).

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