

## Innovative Programs

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### 21st Century Skills

One of our goals has been to improve student achievement by providing all students with authentic and collaborative learning experiences by embedding 21st century skills like collaboration, creativity, communication, and organization. We have utilized technology to support and enhance these experiences in order to make learning more relevant for students, and have added a high school credit Fundamentals of Computing course to better prepare our students for 21st century occupations.

### R.O.A.R. Behavior Initiative

Another goal has been to develop soft skills needed for successful and productive lives beyond our school years. Our behavior and expectation initiative focuses on developing our four key soft skills that translate to all facets of life: Be Respectful to everyone, be Organized in all that we do, Achieve at the highest level in whatever we do, and be Responsible for our behaviors and emotions. Using this common expectation and language has led to a decrease in discipline referrals and major discipline issues.

## SIC Membership

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DMS's School Improvement Council is an action committee consisting of parents, community leaders, and teachers striving to improve our school.

### Members

#### Chairperson

Beth Browning—Elected Teacher

#### Elected

Loukevia Duncan-Long—Parent

Jolitha Richardson—Parent

Christopher Morgan—Teacher

#### Appointed

Tariq Caudle—Community Member

Amanda Zibell—Community Member

#### Ex-Oficio

Justin Funderburk—Principal

## R.P. Dawkins Middle School

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### 2020—2021 Report to Parents & Community

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*The mission of Dawkins Middle School, in alliance with parents and the community, is to prepare students to be productive, responsible members of society by ensuring them a high quality education, high quality staff, and a challenging curriculum in a safe, nurturing, and positive learning environment.*

## Honors & Awards

### ACADEMICS

- 2021 School Report Card: “Good” Rating (2020 not rated due to Covid-19 School Closures)
- 2021-2022 Vocabulary.com Vocab Bowl State Runners Up
- 27 Junior Scholars—Most in District 6

### ARTS

- 2nd Most SC ACDA Honor Choir Members in the state
- Two National Scholastic Art Gold Key Winners
- Orchestra: Superior & Excellent Ratings in annual CPA’s

### ATHLETICS

- Volleyball Team Regular Season & Tournament Conference Runners-Up
- 7th Grade Football Conference Champions
- 8th Grade Football Conference Runners Up
- 8th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Teams Tournament Conference Champions

## Goals & Objectives

### • Close the Covid Achievement Gap

DMS implemented the iReady learning management system to have students work 50 minutes weekly on their own personalized learning pathway to catch up any instructional losses they faced during the pandemic. DMS students not only achieved higher than the rest of the district, but also had the highest increase in

### • Improve technological education

DMS teachers were provided with before the year Google Training for our implementation of the G Suite for Education. All electronic teaching transferred from a variety of learning management systems to strictly Google Classroom to help parents better grasp the new technological aspect of education. Teachers were also granted waivers to become G Suite Certified teachers.

### • Improve pick up, drop off procedures

With the help of the Spartanburg County Sherriff’s Department, DMS hired an additional traffic patrolmen to help with our additional exit in the afternoons. We have also implemented a new check out procedure for car riders where parents display their child’s car ID#, which is then displayed in all classrooms.

## Student Achievement

### 2021 SCPASS ELA

#### (% Met or Exceeding)

- **6th Grade:** 44.1
- **7th Grade:** 43.3
- **8th Grade:** 47.1

### 2021 SCPASS Math

#### (% Met or Exceeding)

- **6th Grade:** 41
- **7th Grade:** 39
- **8th Grade:** 36.8