

Innovative Programs

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

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

Members

Chairperson

Natashia Berry—Elected Teacher

Elected

Loukevia Duncan-Long—Parent

Rachel Beckwith—Parent

Christopher Morgan—Teacher

Appointed

Tariq Caudle—Community Member

Amanda Zibell—Community Member

Ex-Oficio

Justin Funderburk—Principal

R.P. Dawkins Middle School



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

- 2019 School Report Card: “Good” Rating (2020 not rated due to Covid-19 School Closures)
- 2020-2021 Vocabulary.com Vocab Bowl State Champions
- 27 Junior Scholars—Most in District 6

ARTS

- DMS Students’ artwork was chosen as Spartanburg County School District 6’s annual Christmas Card.
- 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 Runners-Up
- 7th Grade Student Qualified for SCHSL State Golf Championships
- 8th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Teams Regular Season & Tournament Conference Champions

Goals & Objectives

• **Improve Communication with Parents**

Dawkins has begun using the School Messenger app more to reach parents through phone, email, and app notifications to better inform them of things happening in the school.

• **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

2019 SCPASS ELA

(% Met or Exceeding)

- **6th Grade:** 47
- **7th Grade:** 45
- **8th Grade:** 44

2019 SCPASS Math

(% Met or Exceeding)

- **6th Grade:** 44
- **7th Grade:** 42
- **8th Grade:** 41