

Student Achievement Data

- ♦ 2025 SCReady ELA - 79% of 3rd graders scored approaches or higher. *Up from 63.4 in 2024.
- ♦ 2025 SCReady Math - 44.4% of 3rd graders scored meets or exceeds. *Up from 37.4 in 2024.
- ♦ 2025 iReady Reading Assessments indicate 54% of kindergarten through third graders were reading on level.
- ♦ 2025 iReady Math Assessments indicate 36% of first through third graders were on level for math.

For more information, you may view school data online at www.ed.sc.gov.

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Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Barnwell Primary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents

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Barnwell Primary School is committed to preparing students for lifelong success by providing individualized learning experiences.

School Happenings

> We began the 2025-2026 school year with the theme “Your Story Begins at BPS.” We incorporated ideas and lessons within all classrooms with a focus on the Toy Story movie franchise. This helped emphasize that each child’s educational journey may begin here at BPS, but it can take them anywhere!

> All students were provided school supplies and an opportunity to meet their teacher during a Back-to-School Meet & Greet.

> Classroom student awards programs were held to recognize academic success, academic improvement, perfect attendance, and character education/citizenship of our students. Also, students were recognized on social media, our school website, and our school newsletter.

> Community engagement events such as Family Nights and school programs were held. Grandparents’ Game Night, Literacy Night, and Math Night were all tremendously successful.

> Our school facility received the following upgrades: a brand new ADA accessible playground complete with ADA swings, a sensory board, and a wheelchair swing, new BPS branding decals throughout the school, additions and repairs to our playground areas, and remodeling of some of the rest rooms around the school.

School Partners

> Barnwell Primary School is constantly striving to create a high performing positive school culture for all stakeholders.

> We are in partnership with the Save the Children Foundation to provide reading intervention for 100 students. This program provides daily reading intervention for students in kindergarten through third grade.

> A 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, which is led by the D.I.G. Organization, supports an after-school program at BPS.

> Our school is proud to offer a Montessori program for students. We work with the South Carolina Montessori Alliance to maintain the integrity of our program. Currently we have three classes serving students ages 3-5 years of age. We also have a combination 1st/2nd grade class that serves students.

> The Original Six Foundation partnered with Barnwell Primary School to provide our students with an excellent online program known as Kids A-Z (RAZ-Kids). This program provides each classroom with hundreds of e-books and quizzes that each student may read or listen to for pleasure or assigned reading at school or home. Also, the foundation sponsors My First Library, which provides books to each kindergarten student for their home library.

> Our school garden continues to grow thanks to the many grants written by Mrs. Coble and generous donations from our local community. Thanks to DonorsChoose, the SC Children’s Fund, Old Barnwell, Humble Acres Organics, Green Tech Green Houses, Tractor Supply, Barnwell Walmart, Veggie Cupboard Community Garden and The Barnwell County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee for supporting this endeavor.

SIC Annual Goals

- By the end of the 2029-2030 school year, the percentage of our students, parents, and teachers satisfied with the learning environment, social/physical environment, and home-school relations will increase annually (each surveyed area is averaged, then student, parent, and teacher averages are combined).
- By the end of the 2029-2030 school year, the school will demonstrate an annual increase in the percentage of students performing at or above state averages as defined by the following data points: SC Ready ELA and Math (3rd Grade only) and iReady Diagnostic Assessment results (5K-3rd Grade).
- By the end of the 2029-2030 academic school year, the retention rate and professional growth of both certified and classified staff will increase annually according to the following data points: Percentage of classrooms led by certified teachers, teacher effectiveness rate, teacher retention rate, staff retention rate, and staff satisfaction percentage.

