

DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Our Mission

The mission of Deerfield Elementary School is to create a caring community that develops life-long, successful leaders and learners.



2025-2026: A Year of Success at Deerfield Elementary

Deerfield Elementary continues to lead by example, maintaining a **Good** rating on our Overall School Report Card. We are seeing steady gains in math, staying consistent with science achievement, and holding a consistent standard of excellence in ELA. Our mission remains clear: creating a supportive environment where every student can become a lifelong, successful leader and learner.

Highlights from the Year:

- **Excellence in Teaching:** Congratulations to Ms. Hope Hartley, Teacher of the Year!
- **Inclusive Community:** Proud to be a Project UNIFIED school with active participation in the Special Olympics and Polar Plunge.
- **Giving Back:** Successful fundraisers for Relay for Life and two active Run Hard teams.
- **Family Fun:** From STEM, Math, and Literacy Nights to our 6-7 Family Dance, and Tiny Trailblazers program for our 3 and 4 year olds, we love engaging with our DES families! We also recently hosted our very own 5K!



Students at DES are assessed through formative and summative assessments, running records, and iReady to guide our instruction.

Empowering Global Leaders through Language

Deerfield Elementary is proud to foster a community of global citizens through our Dual Language Immersion programs. Our students demonstrate incredible academic agility as they learn mathematics and science entirely in German or Spanish. This unique "content-first" approach ensures that while our 5K–5th grade students master core state standards, they are also becoming proficient in a second language, preparing them for success in an interconnected world. (K-2 is Spanish and 3-5 is German.)

School Profile

Student Enrollment: 880
Administrators: 3
Certified Staff: 67
Support Staff: 36



Our Deerfield Family continues to grow in efforts to be a place that everyone wants to be.

Developing Student Leaders

At Deerfield Elementary, we align daily activities with the Lexington One Graduate Profile to build knowledge, resilience, and collaboration.

- **TRACK Stars:** Our weekly Team Huddles celebrate students who embody our core competencies, fostering a culture of leadership and positive character. We integrate Graduate Profile Competencies into morning meetings and daily instruction to ensure students practice leadership mindsets throughout the day.
- **Action-Based Leadership:** Students develop communication and responsibility through hands-on roles, including:
 - **Safety Patrol (Grades 3-5):** Ensuring a secure environment for peers.
 - **DES Live News (Grade 5):** Managing school-wide digital communications.
 - **Performing Arts:** Building confidence through Chorus and the 2nd Grade Musical.



