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.



2024-2025 School Year

Deerfield Elementary's Overall School Report Card Rating went up from Average to Good this year as we continue to lead by example with celebrating student growth in many areas. Our Student achievement levels in math and science are showing a slight increase the past couple of years, and our ELA scores have remained consistent. We embrace the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by staying true to our mission of *creating a caring community that develops lifelong, successful leaders and learners*.

We are proud to share that Deerfield Elementary has continued to be a Project UNIFIED school, and our very own Special Education Teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Ancone, has been named as our District Teacher of the Year! Our school team continues to participate in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, and we had two classes compete in the local Special Olympics this year. In addition, DES raised funds for Relay for Life and hosted two Run Hard teams. Deerfield hosted several family engagement events this year, including: STEM Night, Trick or Treat, BINGO night, family literacy night, math night, and a Sneaker Ball. DES also celebrates our future students through the Tiny Trailblazers program for 3 and 4 year olds.



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

German & Spanish Immersion

Deerfield's German Immersion students have continued to grow and learn mathematics and science in German and ELA and social studies in English. This year our 5K/1st Grade were Spanish Immersion, and 2nd-5th Grade was German Immersion.

School Profile

Student Enrollment: 797 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.

TRACK

Each day, students at DES work to stay on TRACK. Our Deer TRACKS are:

- T Take Responsibility
- R Respect
- A Appreciate
- C Collaborate
- K Knowledge
- S Safety

Grade levels meet weekly for their Team Huddle meetings. Each class celebrates a student "TRACK Star" who has stayed on TRACK for the week and displayed the TRACK characteristic focused on for the week. We utilize our district's Graduate Profile Competencies in our morning meetings (and throughout the day in all aspects of our day).

We also have opportunities for students to participate in chorus (3rd-5th grade), a musical performance (2nd grade), safety patrol (3rd-5th Grade), and our live News Show (5th Grade). We are thankful to be able to provide a variety of opportunities for our students.



