

Dear Belle Hall Parents,  
This Annual School Report is prepared for you and our school community. It highlights our most recent SCREADY scores and gives an overview of the initiatives and strategies found in our School Renewal Plan. This report also emphasizes the fact that we continue to place academics and student growth as our top priorities as we prepare for this year's South Carolina SCREADY, iReady and FastBridge assessments. If you have any questions, please contact Principal Kevin Conklin at 849-2841.

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### **2024-2025 Belle Hall School Improvement Council**

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## **Belle Hall Mission Statement**

The mission of Belle Hall Elementary School is to develop skilled, respected, independent seekers of knowledge by providing a rich, diverse and challenging curriculum.

**The SC School Report Card rating incorporates student growth. The lowest performing 20% of student scores factor heavily. This and achievement gaps across student groups are areas of focus for BHES.**

**Belle Hall Elementary has an enrollment of 660 students in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes.**

## **2024 SCREADY & PASS Scores** Percentages "Meets & Exceeds" standard

**ELA 91.9%   Math 91.6%   Sci (na)**

[SC School Report Card 2023-24]



## **Belle Hall Elementary School 2024-2025 Annual School Report To the Community**



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## SC READY State Exams

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### i-Ready Benchmark Assessments

Since Spring 2016, the SCREADY exams have annually measured 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders' knowledge in ELA-English Language Arts [Reading, Writing and English] and Math. The SC READY tests also measure 4<sup>th</sup> graders' knowledge in Science. Each child's test is scored by the academic standards for his or her grade level and subject area. For the ELA, Math and Science exams, students can score at the levels of "Exceeds", "Meets", "Approaches" or "Does Not Meet" Expectations. The top two levels combined are considered the "at or above standard" range. These results reflect a student's level of skills mastery as compared to children across the state. SCREADY does not rank students. These exams are based on South Carolina curriculum standards. The South Carolina State Department of Education rated Belle Hall Elementary as "Excellent" for 2023-24. The details of this rating can be found at <https://ed.sc.gov/>. Kindergarteners' progress is gauged via the FastBridge assessments. Kindergarten through 5th grade students' growth is assessed three times annually using the iReady program.

SC School Report Card 2024 (most recent)

Overall Rating: **EXCELLENT**

Academic Achievement Rating: **EXCELLENT**

Student Progress Rating:  
**GOOD**

### School Renewal Plan Summary

**Performance Goal:** By Spring 2025, 92.3% of students in Grades 3-5 will score "at or above standard" level in English / Language Arts. Action Steps:

- Analyze most recent standardized state test scores & iReady scores and develop plans to address weak areas.
- Emphasize literacy instruction and new ELA curriculum as well as professional development to support students with reading difficulties.
- Conduct small group intervention groups 2 to 4 times per week.
- Use Fall/Winter/Spring iReady testing to benchmark student growth.
- Hold weekly Multi-Tiered System of Support Team and Teacher Curriculum Team meetings employing the Response to Intervention (RtI) model to provide extra support for students.
- Fund additional technological and intervention resources as available.

**Performance Goal:** By Spring 2025, 93.3% of students in Grades 3-5 will score "at or above standard" level in Math. Action Steps:

- Transition to a new math curriculum and utilize supplemental curriculum to emphasize mathematical problem solving in support of all learners.
- Provide math remediation/acceleration groups for targeted students.
- Use Fall/Wtr/Spring iReady testing to benchmark student growth.
- Analyze most recent standardized test scores & iReady scores and develop plans to address weak areas.

**Performance Goal:** By Spring 2025 for students in Grade 4, the percentage scoring "at or above standard" level will be 88.2% when the Science exam returns to SCREADY (Spring 2025).

Action Steps:

- Continue hands-on science activities, experiments, research and project work at all grade levels.
- Continue use of science notebooks & written expression in grades 1-5.
- Augment the new Science curriculum.
- Use adaptive technology resources.
- Emphasize the inquiry method to promote scientific process skills and integrate document based questioning (DBQ) from social studies instruction.

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