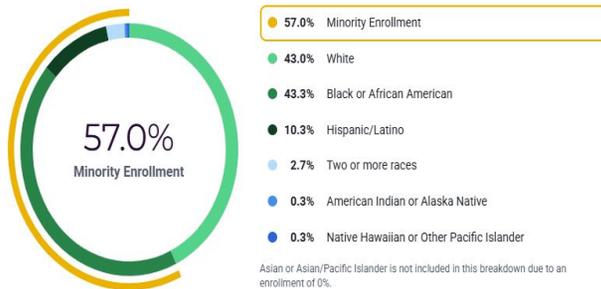


Overview of Bells Elementary

Bells Elementary is a public school located in Ruffin, SC, which is in a distant rural setting. The student population of Bells Elementary is 251 and the school serves PK-5. At Bells Elementary, 22% of students scored at or above the proficient level for math, and 27% scored at or above that level for reading. The school's minority student enrollment is 57%. The student-teacher ratio is 20:1, which is better than that of the district. The student population is made up of 46% female students and 54% male students. The school enrolls 93% economically disadvantaged students. There are 22 equivalent full-time teachers and 1 full-time school counselor.

Student Diversity



Vision Statement:

We will create an environment where teaching and learning are a priority.

Mission Statement BES:

The mission of Bells Elementary School is to be at the heart of a safe, caring, and respectful community, centered on education, and dedicated to students' success.

Beliefs:

- All children can learn and can be motivated to do so.
- Our school should be held accountable for measured student achievement.
- Our school will analyze data to ensure that all students meet or exceed state standards.
- All people are worthy of respect and deserve equitable opportunities for high quality education in a safe learning environment.
- Our school will responsibly manage financial, physical, and human resources.
- Positive home and school relations promote excellence.
- A climate of high expectations must exist in our school.
- All people have the potential and responsibility to be self-disciplined, productive citizens.

Motto:

BES Where Small Paws Make Big Impression



Report to the Parents
2024-2025

Bells Elementary School

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Our Commitment

The administration and faculty of Bells Elementary School believes that every child is capable of learning and deserves the best possible educational opportunity in a positive safe environment.

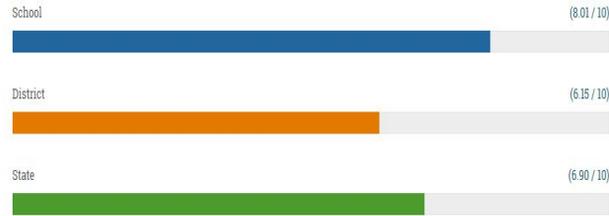
The goal of education is to develop, in every child, the skills necessary to become college and career ready, to engage in a life-long process of learning; achieve adequate material income as an adult; and fulfill a measure of social acceptance, social responsibility, personal satisfaction, and emotional well-being.

The school is charged with providing educational experiences that enable each student to acquire the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual prowess needed to derive meaning from life's experiences. This understanding will also empower students to act in the world, adapt to change, be resourceful, and grow throughout life. The person, who pursues knowledge, seeks solutions to social problems, and works to deal with others and events in a life enriching way are engaging in the educational process. Bells Elementary School seeks to encourage this process with its students.



School Climate

Overall Perceptions of School Climate



Results of Teacher, Student, and Parent Opinion Surveys

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of surveys returned	21	138	65
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100%	93.3%	95.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	94.9%	96.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100%	96.3%	94.6%

Additional Information

	Our School	Change from Last Year
Percent of students served by gifted and talented program	4.2	Up from 4.1
Percent of students retained	0.4	Down from 3.2
Principal's/Superintendent's/Director's years at school/district	3	Up from 2
Chronic Absenteeism Rate (Note: Data are from prior school year)	30.1	Up from 27.1



Good
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Points earned

Good:

School performance exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate [↗](#)

