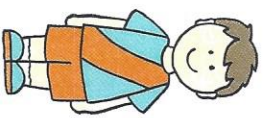


Why School Improvement?

Under the ESEA Federal Accountability System, Brunson-Dargan Elementary School achieved a "C" rating, meaning the school's performance met the state's expectations.



Brunson-Dargan was proud of the academic progress reported on the 2014 state report card. Proudly, our school received an **AVERAGE** rating.

We continue to set goals for high student achievement. For the 2014-school year, we are striving to move from an **AVERAGE** rating to the rating of **GOOD**. We firmly believe our students can accomplish that goal.

Rating Over 5-Year Period

School Year	Absolute Ratings	Growth Ratings
2014	Average	Average
2013	Average	Good
2012	Average	Excellent
2011	Average	Excellent
2010	Below Average	Below Average

School Improvement Council

SIC Members may be contacted through the school office at (843) 398-5080.

Deitra Stewart, Chair	Ada Sindab, Ex-Officio
Jessica Carnell, PTO President	Gwendolyn McEvein, Title I Coordinator
Rita Bollinger, Community Member	Officer Anthony Boan, Community Member
Cynthia Boulware, Teacher	Kinsey Byrd, Teacher
Kate Wright, Teacher of the Year	Linda Flowers, Community Member
Linda McLeod, Community Member	Pamela Swinney-Johnson, Family School Facilitator

Mission Statement

The mission of Brunson-Dargan Elementary School is to provide students with a quality education, so every child's dreams can become a reality.

What is the Report to Parents?

South Carolina statute (ACT 135 of 1993) requires each of the state's School Improvement Council (SIC) to publish and distribute a Report to the Parents by April 30th of each year, highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plan. This report is unique to each school and is developed by the SIC to share the challenges and success of the school, students, parents and teachers for the current school year.

Parental Involvement

Parents are encouraged to be active in their child's education at Brunson-Dargan Elementary School. Some activities include:

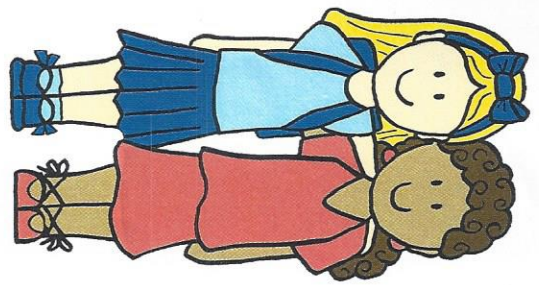
- "I Moms" and "All Pro Dads"
- Parent, Teacher, Community Workshops
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- School Improvement Council/Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
- BDE GIVES Parent Volunteers (Media Assistants, Office Workers, Test Monitors, Field Trips, etc.)
- Title I Planning Committee
- Special Events for Parents and Grandparents
- Fundraisers / Festivals



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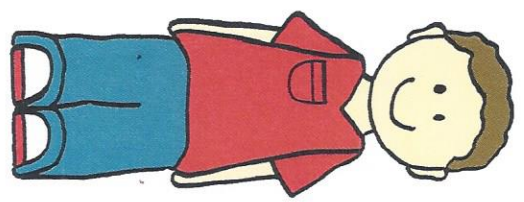


Report to Parents



Brunson-Dargan Elementary School

400 Wells Street
Darlington, SC 29532
Phone (843) 398-5080



Ada O. Sindab,
Principal

School

Demographics

Brunson-Dargan Elementary is a Title I school that serves 242 students in grades 3 – 5 from various socio-economic and ethnic back-



grounds. Sixty-six percent (66%) of our students are African-American, thirty-one percent (31%) are Caucasian, and three percent (3%) are classified as Other. As a result of a our county's poverty rate, all students receive subsidized meals. Nineteen percent (19%) of our student population receives exceptional educational services.

School Renewal Goals

The following steps have been continued for the 2013-2015 school year to improve student achievement:

- Instructional shift to prepare students for college and career readiness
- School-wide departmentalization, resulting in one teacher responsible for no more than two core areas
- Accelerated classroom for students identified as gifted and talented and advanced learners
- Weekly cluster data analysis meetings with teachers to analyze student work samples and learn research-based instructional strategies
- School-wide use of standards-based -like assessments in all core subject areas
- Reading intervention program for targeted students
- SC Chamber of Commerce Homework Center
- After-School Program
- School-wide Accelerated Reading Program
- Professional development sessions for teachers in all subject areas
- Critical Thinking Questions (Hot, Hotter and Hottest)
- School-wide strategy to target constructed response test items
- Computer Assisted Instruction for every student (Fast Forward, Aleks Math or Reflex Math)
- Chillville, Hawk Patrol and Bal-avis-x for select students to target learn self-regulation skills

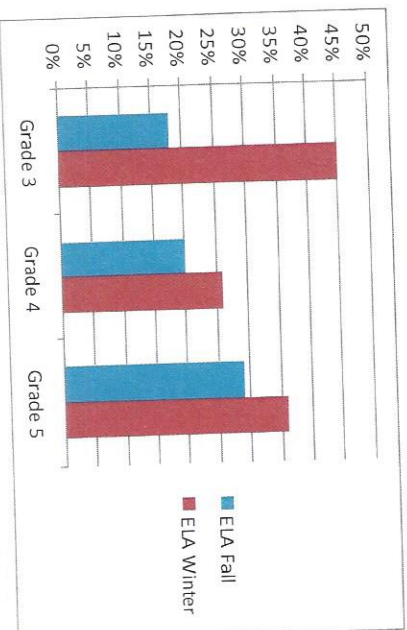
Gains in Student Achievement

Brunson-Dargan Elementary School's achievement goal for the 2014-2015 school year was to improve the percentage levels of all students to at least 85% of the grade level

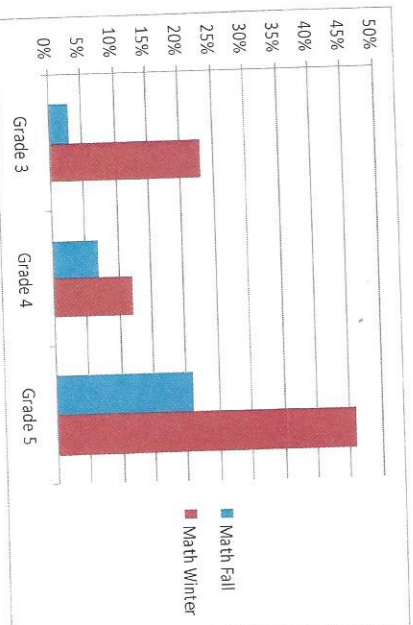


obtaining mastery in reading and math. In order to achieve this goal, many instructional strategies have been implemented. As a result, gains in student achievement have been documented by various data sources. The graphs below show students' progress in reading and math as measured by the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress).

Comparison of Fall to Winter MAP Data in ELA
Percentage of Students Meeting Standard



Comparison of Fall to Winter MAP Data in Math
Percentage of Students Meeting Standard



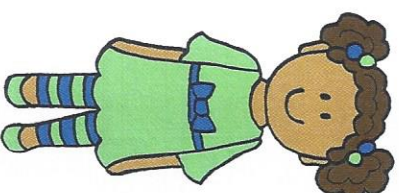
Academic Programs

Brunson-Dargan Elementary is a school that prides itself on the inclusion of academic programs that provide



students an opportunity to experience educational growth and success. Some activities include:

- Teacher Advancement Program (TAP)
- Weekly Teacher Data Meetings
- Differentiated Instruction
- Master Teacher and Mentor Teachers that support classroom instruction
- Reading Interventionists (Fountas and Pinnell)
- Early Morning Computer Assisted Math Instruction
- Early Morning Math Facts Drills
- Science Lab
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Elementary Science Fair
- School-wide Assessments (Benchmark Testing, Measures of Academic Progress, etc.)
- Black History Program
- Kiwanis Club's Terrific Kids
- Junior Beta Club
- BDE Chorus
- PE Club



Academic Honors

- Advanced Accreditation; 2008-09
- Five Star Award; 2007-08
- Value Added 5: Top TAP Rating for Student Growth; 2011-12, 2012-2013
- Palmetto Gold Award; 2011-12; 2012-2013, 2013-2014
- Palmetto Silver Award; 2011-12, 2004-05
- Title I Reward School; 2012-13