

# Charles B. DuBose Jr. Middle School

2025



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## Dorchester School District 2



## School Improvement Council's Annual Report To Parents

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## WELCOME TO DUBOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL



The mission of DuBose Middle School is to provide a safe and supportive environment where ALL students can learn at their highest level.

The vision of DuBose Middle School is to provide each of our students a "world class" education through rigorous and relevant learning so that ALL students can reach their full potential.

## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

We have had another great year at DuBose. This year saw an increase in students on the A and A-B honor roll, better attendance, more participation in DMS athletics, and a huge increase in involvement in DMS clubs. In addition, our Title I Team continued to help engage our Wildcat families more than ever. Once again, this school year, our students, staff, and athletes had a fantastic year with many successes and celebrations. Please make sure to take a look through this SIC Report to Parents to celebrate with us.

My yearly challenge to all of our families stays the same. I invite all of our parents into the school to experience each of our focuses first hand. Community and parent involvement is very important at DuBose. We want you as parents/guardians to be involved in your child's education. One easy way for parents to get involved is by volunteering at our school. We want to have our classrooms and front office overflowing with volunteers! There is nothing more important than your child's education, so we invite you to play an active role in every aspect of it. Strong communities build strong schools! If you had a chance to visit us this year for any of our events, thank you, and we appreciate your support! If you have not yet had the chance, let me invite you to be part of the multitude of events that will continue to occur at DuBose. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at DMS soon!

## Volunteers Make a Difference!

Our amazing volunteers served over 500 hours this year! They have served as mentors, worked in the garden, the Wildcat Den, and at various school events.

## School Improvement Council Members

### Parents

Kendra Baughman  
Michael Ellis

### Ex-Officio/Faculty/Community

Ted Brinkley, Principal  
Danielle Moreau, Assistant Principal  
Amber Dunn, 2024-25 Teacher of the Year

### Teachers

Kelly Simpson, Secretary  
Steve Tierney

### Community

Marilyn Kaple, Chairperson  
Colbyn Rankin

## SIC Goals/Activities

The DMS SIC's main objective is to support the school's goals and to help create a positive environment of continuous improvement. The Council also serves as a review and sounding board for administration and our school community. SIC efforts this year focused on creating an outdoor classroom with adequate seating and instructional space.

## Family & Student Engagement Efforts

Weekly Mentoring Groups  
Community Partnerships  
Food Drive  
Clothes and Food Pantry  
School Supplies and Backpack Drive  
Technology Night  
Real Men Read

## Family and Student Events

Black History Month	Reality Town
International Night	Technology Night
Hispanic Heritage Month	DMS Giving Tree
Health & Wellness Month	Book Giveaway Event
National Mentoring Month	Holiday Family Outreach
Military Awareness Month	Family Game Night
Vaping Awareness Event	Science Night
Lowcountry Food Bank Pop Up	Open House Meeting
Literacy Night/Family Book Swap	Parent REN Rally

# Wildcats ROAR

Respect  
Others

Act

Responsibly



## Points of PRIDE

### SC Ready ELA Highlights

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” ever
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> highest scale score of ALL neighborhood schools
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” ever
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> highest scale score of ALL neighborhood schools

### SC Ready Math Highlights

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade - Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” since 2018-19
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade - Highest % of “Meets and Exceeds” since 2017-18
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” since 2018-19
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades – 2<sup>nd</sup> highest scale scores of ALL neighborhood Middle Schools
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### ML ACCESS For ELLs

- Highest number of students meeting exit criteria of all DD2 Middle Schools
- 61% of ML students met their goal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> out of all middle schools in percentage of students meeting their goals
- 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 26 DD2 schools in percentage of students meeting their goals

### Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our school winners: Champion Amelia Hawkins and finalists Alexis Antley, Kailana Ames, John Sebastian Hiers, Landon Faske and Micah Smith. Congratulations to Amelia Hawkins and Alexis Antley for representing DuBose at the Tri-county SpellBound.

### Faculty PRIDE

Teacher of the Year—**Audrey Phillips**  
Rookie Teachers of the Year—**Briana Bluemel & David Dacosta**  
Star Performer of the Year—**Bobbie Vega**

### Choir

For the second year, the DMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade Choir brought home a Superior rating from the Carowinds Festival of Music, the highest rating that can be received at the festival. For the first time in DuBose choir history, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who represented the DMS Choir at the SCMEA Choral Performance Assessment received a Superior with Distinction. This is the highest rating a group can receive at CPA and indicates that they received superiors in all categories from each of the 3 stage judges, and an additional superior in sight reading. This is the first DMS Choir CPA superior in 10 years. The DMS choir had student representation at the following events: DD2 Honor Choir, SCMEA Choral Division Performance Assessment, Carowinds Festival of Music, and MusicUSA Universal Music Festival.

### Band

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Symphonic Band earned a Superior at the State Concert Performance Assessment. Students represented DMS at: Carowinds Music in the Parks Festival, Universal Music in the Parks Festival, SCBDA Solo and Ensemble, and SCBDA Region 4 Honor Band.

### Steel Drums

The DuBose Steel Bands have had many unique performances this year. This includes school events and concerts on the DuBose campus, the Downtown Summerville Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Summerville Dream Fest, which celebrates youth arts in DD2 schools. The steel bands also performed twice at the Summers Corner PAC, with professional sound, lighting, and internationally known guest artists and composers. All of these performances were very successful and well-received, giving our DuBose students a taste of what it takes to be a performing musician.

### Project Lead The Way

Our class has made remarkable strides in engineering this year, demonstrating creativity, collaboration, and a strong commitment to problem-solving. Through hands-on projects and real-world challenges, students are not only learning engineering concepts but actively applying them in meaningful ways. One of our greatest strengths has been our focus on teamwork. Students regularly work in groups to design, test, and improve their ideas, learning how to communicate effectively and value diverse perspectives. This collaborative approach has led to innovative solutions and a deeper understanding of the engineering design process.

### Mentoring Programs

The Beacons is a male volunteer district-wide mentorship program which consists of qualified male volunteers and community mentors who meet weekly with male students. The mission is to offer guidance and support on a consistent basis and to provide an environment that the students can feel safe, accepted and important. This year, our Beacon mentors took our students to a Citadel football game, had a tie tying session, and a life skills session, including learning how to change a tire and other daily activities that sometimes are forgotten. Volunteers are needed to guide our Leading Ladies, a volunteer-based mentorship program designed to empower young female students. This initiative connects students with qualified professional women who meet weekly to provide guidance, encouragement, and support.

### PTSA Reflections

The Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boosts student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Congratulations to the following school level and \*District Award of Merit and \*\*District Award of Excellence winners:

Dance Choreography—\*Elizabeth Kline—Award of Excellence  
Literature—\*\*Sofia Macholl—Award of Excellence

### Renaissance

This course converges the study of leadership principles with the action of building a healthy schoolwide culture and climate. Our school was awarded with Platinum status, the highest Jostens recognition, this past summer. We have also entered numerous culture challenges receiving builder awards with their curriculum. The leadership students created Ren Room Service, On a Roll awards, Random knocks, high five Fridays, 3 tiers of RenKids, pep rallies, birthday buttons, school-wide house competition, Fizzy Fun Friday, and more!

### Clubs

Amazing clubs such as STEM Club, Archery Club, Robotics, Chess Club, Pickleball Club, DMS Run, and Beta Club continued to shine. We added Arts & Crafts Club this year.

### DuBose Wildcat Athletics

The 2025–2026 athletic season was marked by determination, growth, and outstanding individual and team achievements across multiple programs. Our student-athletes demonstrated excellence both on and off the field, representing DMS with pride and resilience. The football team had an impressive season, earning a spot in the playoffs and showcasing their competitive spirit throughout the year. Leading the charge was Jasiir Mobley, whose exceptional performance earned him Football Player of the Year honors. Volleyball also had a remarkable season, finishing as district runner-up. The team displayed strong teamwork and consistency, with Juliana Deweese recognized as Volleyball Player of the Year for her stand-out contributions. The wrestling program reached the pinnacle of success this season, capturing the district championship. Paris Lambert-Whited led the way with dominant performances, earning Wrestler of the Year and solidifying their place as one of the top competitors in the district. Girls basketball fought hard throughout the season, narrowly missing a playoff berth. Despite falling just short, the team showed tremendous effort and growth. Ka'laysha Truesdale stood out as a leader on the court and was named Girls' Basketball Player of the Year. Boys' basketball delivered an outstanding season as well, finishing as district runner-up. Their strong play and teamwork was highlighted by Jasiir Mobley, who earned Boys Basketball Player of the Year honors for his exceptional performance. Overall, the 2025–2026 season was a tremendous success for DuBose Middle School athletics.