

At Dewey Carter Elementary . . .



Dewey Carter Elementary has many outstanding features that make it a special place. One of our main priorities is ensuring our students have skills and a love for reading. We have in place three additional reading support instructors to help make this a reality for our students. We also have employed a writing coach whose zeal and knowledge of quality writing is spread to each student in grades three through six. Quality reading and writing is a foundation we want to ensure all Dewey Carter students have.

## SUMMARY REPORT TO PARENTS FROM THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL



we desire and guide our students to:

excel in academics,  
develop a love for learning  
through experiences,



Another focus continues to be our math curriculum. Our staff continues to have professional development opportunities throughout the year with Everyday Math curriculum. Each teacher is equipped with Streaming programming, Smart Boards, LCD projectors & document cameras for student exposure to current technologies in education.

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ELEMENTARY**  
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and live life to  
its fullest potential.



Through our many curricular areas and a warm, caring school climate, students are given many opportunities for success. Some activities and incentives offered include:

The dedicated staff of Dewey Carter does this by continually self-assessing, modeling integrity, and demonstrating a love for living and learning.

- Good News Club
- C.A.R.E. Club
- Spelling Bee
- Battle of the Books
- Dewey Dollar Rewards
- PrinciPALS
- MAP/PASS Incentives
- Accelerated Reading Incentives
- Band & Strings Instruction
- Chorus
- Cross Club
- Book Fair
- Art Club
- BETA Club
- Terrific Kids

**Mission Statement:**  
The mission of Dewey Carter Elementary is to prepare all students to become responsible citizens and life-long learners.

### School Improvement Council (SIC) Members:

- Chair:** F. Irving
- Principal:** W. Frazier
- Ex-officio:** H. Gardner
- Teachers:** T. Gerald, T. Davis
- Parents:** F. Irving, R. Chamblee
- Community:** S. Ham, C. Lee



# DEWEY CARTER ELEMENTARY

The School Improvement Council provides an annual report to stakeholders regarding progress being made in achieving school improvements. This report includes achievements and plans for improvement.



<u>Year</u>	<u>Absolute Rating</u>	<u>Growth Rating</u>	<u>Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)</u>
2014	Average	Average	C (ESEA)
2013	Average	Below Average	C (ESEA)
2012	Average	Average	B (ESEA)
2011	Average	Average	No
2010	Average	Average	Yes

## Strategies for Improving Instruction

- Weekly staff development to help ensure best practices in the classroom
- Weekly lesson plans aligned to standards and the Curriculum Alignment Document (CAD)
- Quarterly Benchmark tests for standards taught in core subject areas
- Staff development in assessment of students and instruction
- Ongoing professional development and implementation of Everyday Math Curriculum
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests to measure & track student growth academically for fall, winter and spring
- Formal classroom observations & feedback for implementation of best practices
- Parent / teacher conferences to discuss student growth and progress
- Two reading interventionists intervening in students' early years



## Parent & Community Involvement

- ✓ Association of Parents & Teachers
- ✓ School Improvement Council
- ✓ Elim Baptist Church Community Partners
- ✓ ACT Aspire Parent Workshop
- ✓ SC Ready Pasta and Performance Night
- ✓ Pastries with the Principal
- ✓ School Beach Blast
- ✓ Fall Festival
- ✓ Golden Kiwanis Sponsored Terrific Kids
- ✓ Honor Roll Programs each nine weeks
- ✓ PrinciPALS
- ✓ Read Across America Events



## School-wide Giving Campaigns

- ✓ Jump Rope for Heart
- ✓ Christmas Angel Tree Adoption
- ✓ Food Drive for Five Loaves Food Ministry
- ✓ Back Pack Ministry
- ✓ Bake Sale for families in need