

SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 11 National Board Certified Teachers
- Teacher of the Year: Shawna Goerlich
- Reading Teacher of the Year: Jenny Corder
- District Reading Administrator of the Year: Dr. Allison Hepfner
- DME Archery Team – Qualified for SC State Tournament
- DME Quiz Bowl Team
- Fifth Grade STARBASE initiative
- DAP Arts Grant Recipient
- Boys and Girls Club “Be Great” After-school Program
- “Dolphin Pups” Early literacy program
- “Brain Sparks” student fitness initiatives

Areas of Focus for 2018-2019

- Develop an academic atmosphere that promotes rigor and high expectations for all students to prepare them to become College-and-Career-Ready
- Develop strategies to provide and implement a warm and positive learning environment
- Create a professional environment to attract and support a highly qualified, diverse core of teachers and staff members
- Develop relationships with families and community stakeholders to enrich and support the well-being of our students



DOBY'S MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Title 1 School)

School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2018-2019



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STATE SURVEY RESULTS - 2018

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of Surveys Returned	39	79	41
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90%	96%	95%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90%	93%	95%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92%	90%	81%

Purpose of the Report

In accordance with South Carolina law, the School Improvement Council of Doby's Mill Elementary issues this report to provide information about DME's growth toward meeting many goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other achievements.

Mission: The mission of Doby's Mill Elementary School, in partnership with our community, is to provide a safe, nurturing, and innovative learning environment that empowers students with knowledge and skills to become self-disciplined, responsible, and productive citizens.

Student Achievement

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

The SC PASS test assesses Science and Social Studies in 4th and 5th grades. The table below shows the percentage of Doby’s Mill students who scored “Met” or “Exceeds/Exemplary” for the 2017-2018 school year.

Subject	% Met or Exceeds/Exemplary
Science	52 %
Social Studies	69 %

South Carolina College-and-Career-Ready Assessment (SCReady)

2018 was the third administration of the SCReady for Grades 3, 4, and 5. The table below shows the percentage of DME students meeting or exceeding expectations as compared to the district and state.

Meets or Exceeds Expectations - 2018

	ELA	Math
Doby’s Mill	45%	53%
District	39%	46%
State	42%	50%

Additional Information

The 2018-2019 school year brought exciting new change and initiatives for Doby’s Mill Elementary School. Our Title I school continued to strive to meet the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs for every student who walked through its doors each day, while striving to build and maintain strong home and community relations. Doby’s Mill continued to implement a safe and nurturing school climate through the initiatives of Positive Referrals and the PBIS program.

In changing with our district, the school began full day 4K preschool, Delay Start Wednesday, and a true 1 to 1 learning environment, where all students were provided a personal Chromebook. Through strong communication and appropriate planning, these initiatives were implemented with little to no challenges.

Our faculty and staff is comprised of of highly qualified educators who are passionate about providing rigorous instruction daily based on the South Carolina Curriculum Standards. These fervent individuals dedicate many hours to extend the learning beyond the school day. Our 650 students are provided a variety of academic and extra-curricular activities beyond the traditional classroom, such as Special Olympics, United Way’s Scholar Dollar Program, Devine Designers, Safety Patrol, Student Council, Beta Club, Lego Robotics, Archery, Patriot’s Night Celebration, Science Night, Character Education Programs, Yearbook, Lunch Bunch, Brain Sparks, Chorus, Beta Club, and STARBASE STEM program. Our students participated in several service projects, including Jump Rope for Heart, Pages for Pups where provided the opportunity to read to the shelter animals, and recycling efforts.

Through participating on Data Teams, monthly professional development, and monthly PLC opportunities teachers were able to progress monitor and alter instruction to best meet the needs of their students. Teachers devoted themselves to addressing learning gaps, while also celebrating student successes throughout the school year. Throughout the year, we focused on “cold reads,” technology implementations, and Read 2 Succeed requirements.

Our school continued to thrive because of the strong parent/community support through our PTA and SIC involvement. These two groups allowed for various community events, fundraisers, and additional resources for teachers and students to be provided. Our Dolphins family is blessed with dedicated stakeholders to add to the positive strong culture and climate.

The school will continue the overall focus of school safety, PBIS initiatives, and preparing our students to meet the requirements of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.

Stacey Williams, SIC Chairperson
Dr. Allison Hepfner, Principal