

SIC Members

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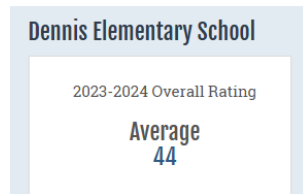
Teacher: Dr. Jevauwn Smith

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Principal: Ms. LaToya Boyd

Assistant Principal: Mr. Emanuel Brown, III



School Motto/Creed

"Where Excellence Happens"

Mission

The mission of Dennis Elementary, in collaboration with our diverse families, community, and partners, we are committed to promote ownership of learning through data-informed instruction and a positive environment to achieve academic excellence.

Vision

As a community of partners, we will promote unique talents and empower ALL students to strive for academic excellence.

Kindergarten to fifth-grade students are administered the i-Ready Diagnostic assessment three times a year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). The assessment provides teachers with timely information on students' academic abilities to set high expectations for student growth. Teachers properly prepare instruction using evidence and research-based instructional strategies to move students toward grade-level proficiency.

Students use the data to set personal goals, and progress monitoring is used to adjust. The data below shows school-wide progress as we continue quality improvement during the 2024-2025 school year.

i-Ready ~ Reading Data 2025

i-Ready Reading	Mid or Above Grade Level	Early on Grade Level	One Grade Level Below	Two Grade Levels Below	Three or More Grade Levels Below
Schoolwide Fall Reading	4%	11%	41%	24%	19%
Schoolwide Winter Reading	16%	17%	39%	14%	14%
Schoolwide Spring Reading	25%	17%	33%	12%	12%

i-Ready ~ Math Data 2025

i-Ready Math	Mid or Above Grade Level	Early on Grade Level	One Grade Level Below	Two Grade Levels Below	Three or More Grade Levels Below
Schoolwide Fall Math	1%	4%	53%	25%	18%
Schoolwide Winter Math	8%	15%	50%	14%	12%
Schoolwide Spring Math	22%	17%	41%	9%	11%

MyIGDIs (Individual Growth and Development Indicators) are utilized to assess all 4K students three times a year to place them on the path for kindergarten readiness.

myIGDIs ~ Fall and Winter Data ~ Literacy

MyIGDIs Early Literacy	Fall Picture Naming	Winter Picture Naming	Fall Rhyming	Winter Rhyming	Fall Sound ID	Winter Sound ID	Fall WODB	Winter WODB
Does Not Meet	45%	25%	70%	65%	65%	45%	50%	35%
Approaches	40%	30%	20%	25%	30%	40%	35%	50%
Meets	15%	29%	10%	15%	5%	15%	15%	15%

Dennis Elementary School

321 Roland Street

Bishopville, South Carolina 29010



Annual School Improvement Council

Report to Parents

2024 – 2025



2024-2025 Teacher of the Year

Dr. Jevawn Smith



“Where Excellence Happens”

- Dennis Elementary made history by earning a score of 44 on the South Carolina School Report Card, an overall rating of Average. This accomplishment aided the school in exiting the CSI status after almost two decades.
- For the first time, Autism Awareness Week was celebrated with a week of events and culminated with a parade in which students, staff, parents, and the Bishopville Police Department participated.
- To increase engagement and promote a positive school culture, the Student and Staff Recognition Committee organized quarterly pep rallies to motivate students throughout the year.
- The Parent University and Title I Committees engaged parents through various events and used data to offer staff-led learning opportunities for parents based on their feedback.
- The wins of students and staff were recognized and celebrated based on academic progress for all assessments and ongoing achievements throughout the year.
- Five new fourth and fifth-grade students were inducted into Beta Club based on academic performance, character, leadership, and service.
- Thank you to our community partners, Coca-Cola Distribution Company, McDonald's, Food Lion, Zaxby's, Alice Drive Baptist Church, Piggly Wiggly, and the Lee County Public Library, who supported our school's mission and vision through event participation and tokens of recognition.
- Dennis gave back to our community through our annual canned food drive.
- Two afterschool programs were hosted for 4K – 5th grade students (21st Century and Thunderbird Afterschool).

Just a Few of Our Lasting Memories



Purpose of the Report

“The Dennis Elementary School Improvement Council issues this report under South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

Schoolwide Goals Mathematics

Dennis Elementary will increase

- by 25 percentage points, the number of students earning meets or exceeds, according to the South Carolina College and Career READY Assessments (SC READY), by the end of the 2026-2027 school year in Math for grades 3-5.

- by 40 percentage points, the number of students earning meets or exceeds according to myIGDIs by the end of the 2026-2027 school year in the Math domains for 4K.

SC READY – MA	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
3rd Grade	25.5%	11.5%	20.4%
4th Grade	7.8%	22.7%	24.5%
5th Grade	6.2%	9.7%	30.8%

English Language Arts

Dennis Elementary will increase

- by 40 percentage points, the number of students earning meets or exceeds, according to the South Carolina College and Career READY Assessments (SC READY) by the end of the 2026-2027 school year in Reading for grades 3-5.

- by 40 percentage points, the number of students earning meets or exceeds according to myIGDIs by the end of the 2026-2027 school year in the Literacy domains for 4K.

SC READY – ELA	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
3rd Grade	19.1%	21.3%	14%
4th Grade	20.3%	29.5%	28.3%
5th Grade	16.9%	29%	43.6%