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School Motto/Creed

“Where Excellence Happens”

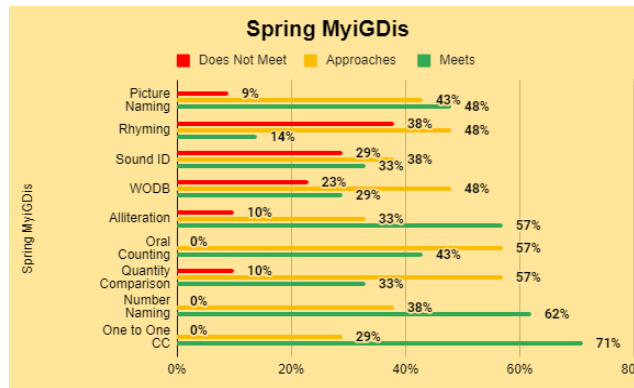
Mission

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.

Continued Growth Leads to Increased Positive Outcomes for Students



My Individual Growth and Development Indicators (MyIGDis) End of Year Data (4K)

4K students showed great gains this school year with more students earning meets and fewer earning does not meet in the Literacy and Math domains of the MyIGDis assessment. These results are a testament of the benefits provided to students when there is a partnership between school and home.

Creating a solid foundation in the early years makes it easier for students to grasp advanced skills as they progress from one grade level to the next, increasing academic performance.



Dennis Elementary School

321 Roland Street

Bishopville, South Carolina 29010



Annual School Improvement Council

Report to Parents

2023-2024 School Year



Fifth grade student at Dennis Elementary School, Stephen Holmes, Jr., earned the title of District Spelling Bee Winner.

“Where Excellence Happens”

- Students continue to exhibit growth, at all grade levels, on various assessments across content areas.
- Three parents were recognized for outstanding parental engagement during the school year.
- Thunderbird Afterschool was implemented with results showing more than 90% of students, with consistent attendance, met their learning goals.
- McDonald's and Dennis created a partnership with monthly Spirit Nights building our community connection.
- Teachers and staff build capacity through professional learning, peer observations, leadership opportunities, and utilizing strengths during collaboration learner and instructional needs.
- Continued celebrations and recognition of staff and students.
- More than 1,000 book titles were added to our Media Center to promote and model a love of reading in connection with our monthly Reading Challenges. Some titles allow students to listen to texts at all interests' levels.
- Attendance incentives were used as a mechanism to increase student attendance based on its correlation with student achievement.
- Based on the South Carolina Report Card, Dennis was two points away from earning an Average rating.



2023 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Pam Tisdale



2023 Support Staff of the Year, Ms. Cassandra Hickmon



Purpose of the Report

“This report is issued by Dennis Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with 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.”

**21st Century Afterschool Program Video
21st Century Earned ~ CCLC Subgrantee
Best Practice Spotlight**



Schoolwide Goals

- Increase by 50 percentage points the number of students meeting or exceeding on MAP by the end of the 2026-2027 school year in Math at all grade levels.
- Increase by 50 percentage points the number of students meeting or exceeding SC READY by the end of the 2026-2027 school year in Math for grades 3-5.
- Increase the percentage of students mastering concepts of MYIGDIS to at least 50 percentage points in all Math domains by the end of 2026-2027.
- Increase by 40 percentage points the number of students meeting or exceeding on MAP by the end of the 2026-2027 school year in Reading at all grade levels.
- Increase by 40 percentage points the number of students meeting or exceeding SC READY by the end of the 2026-2027 school year in Reading for grades 3-5.
- Increase the percentage of students mastering concepts of MYIGDIS to at least 40% in all Reading/Language domains.



Bentley Drinkwine, left, and Zaria Hickson, right, earned 2nd and 3rd place in the District's Elementary Spelling Bee.

