

**2022-2023
School Improvement Council**

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Vision Statement

We envision a welcoming school that provides an atmosphere in which students are motivated to learn. With the support of the community, instruction is enhanced to meet the academic and developmental needs of each student. James M. Brown Elementary School empowers children to positively impact the world in which they live.



Belief Statements

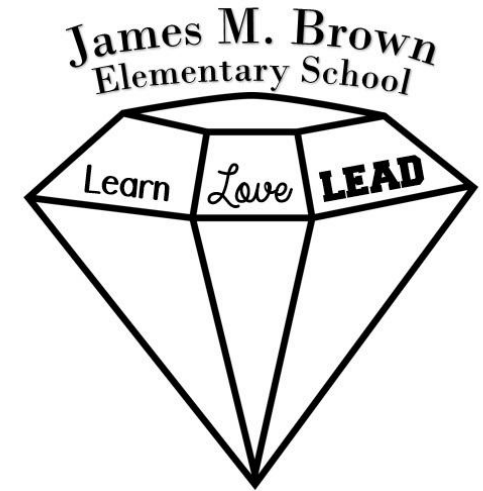
We believe that...

- ◆ Education is a lifelong process.
- ◆ Education will provide opportunities for students to learn to communicate effectively, solve problems, think critically and display their creativity.
- ◆ Students will utilize resources that will prepare them for our ever-changing technological society.
- ◆ All students will learn and achieve academic success within a secure environment.
- ◆ Students are the center of the education process and will accept the responsibility to be actively engaged in the learning process.
- ◆ Parents and guardians will accept the responsibility to actively support the learning process.
- ◆ The educational process will be valued and supported by the local community.
- ◆ All individuals will be treated with dignity and respect.

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Report to the People



MISSION STATEMENT

James M. Brown Elementary is a place where students feel loved and love to learn.

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Dear Parents,

This Report is issued by the James M. Brown 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. This report is distributed to all James M. Brown Elementary students, parents/guardians, the district office, and the Oconee County Board of Trustees. In addition, copies can be found in the main office.

If you have questions about the information summarized or about JMB, please call Mary Thrift, Principal, at 718-4299 or email at mthrift@sdoc.org.



JMB Curricular Goals

James M. Brown Elementary continues to review, revise, and improve our school plan in order to strive for excellence. The following are key areas of focus and implementation for us:

Literacy in all classrooms - We continue to emphasize best-practices in literacy in every classroom. We provide ongoing professional development on instructional strategies and resources such as Fountas and Pinnell Classroom, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, guided reading, small group instruction.

Using data to drive instruction - We continue to analyze and utilize data from school, district, and state assessments such as SC READY, PASS, MAP, FastBridge, and other various classroom and school level programs. We also provide ongoing professional development on leveraging the data to maximize our teaching.

Implementing Technology - We continue to utilize technology as an instructional tool by purchasing Chromebooks, interactive panels, and other various technology items for classrooms and student learning.

Interventions and Enrichment - We continue to provide intervention and enrichment resources for teachers to use with students in the areas of reading and math. We have a Reading Coach on campus to help support teachers in implementing interventions in the classroom. In addition, all students receive an enrichment period during the school day to further individualize instruction.

JMB Information for 2022-2023

Grades: PreK-5th grade
Enrollment: 564 students
Males: 289, Females: 275
Average Pupil to Teacher Ratio: 17 to 1
Students Served Free/Reduced Lunch: 84%
Average Daily Attendance: 94%

Ethnicity Breakdown of JMB

White	61.2%
Hispanic/Latino	32.4%
Black or African American	4.4%
Two or More races, Other	2.0%

JMB Celebrations

National Beta Club School of Merit
Watch DOGS Program
House traditional beehive and apiary for district
Maintain a sustainable school garden
Partnership with Clemson Hope
Partnership with Mentoring Upstate
Title 1 School

