

**2013-2014
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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 evolving 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.

**James M. Brown
Elementary School**

**2013-2014
Report to the People**



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of James M. Brown Elementary School is to develop life-long learners who are respectful, responsible, and honest citizens by providing meaningful educational experiences for all students.

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Dear Parents:

As a requirement of Act 135, schools are required to develop a comprehensive five year plan which conveys how the school plans to provide appropriate academic services to all students. 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 and media center of James M. Brown Elementary. This report summarizes our goals at JMB while also highlighting the accomplishments of our school and students.

If you have questions about the information summarized here, please call Ashley S. Robertson, Principal, at 886-4470 or email at arobertson@oconee.k12.sc.us.



2013-2014 United Way Kindergarten classroom winner

JMB Curricular Goals for 2013-2014

James M. Brown Elementary continues to review, revise, and improve our school plan in order to strive for excellence. Specifically for the 2013-2014 school year, we have implemented the following:

Differentiated Instruction – In order to teach each student at James M. Brown Elementary School, we provide training and resources for our teachers to implement differentiated instructional strategies in all classrooms.

Literacy in all classrooms – We continue to emphasize literacy in all classrooms. We will provide ongoing professional development on strategies and resources on programs such as 100 Book Challenge, The Daily Five, The Café Book, and High Progress Literacy.

Using data to drive instruction – We continue to analyze and utilize data from school-wide, district-wide, and state-wide assessments such as PASS, MAP, Achieve 3000, and other various classroom and school level programs.

Implementing Technology - We continue to utilize technology as an instructional tool by purchasing iPads, netbooks, Chromebooks, laptops, student desktops, and other various technology items for classrooms.

Common Core State Standards—We will implement Common Core State Standards into our instructional program.

Interventions and Enrichment—We will continue to provide an intervention teacher at each grade level to work with students in the area of reading and math. In addition, reading and math enrichment teachers will be used to meet the needs of our gifted and talented students in 2nd—5th grade.

JMB Facts and Information

Grades: PreK-5th grade

Enrollment: 676 students

Average Pupil to Teacher Ratio: 19 to 1

Students Served Free/Reduced Lunch: 80%

English as a Second Language: 27%

Average Daily Attendance: 94%

2013 School Report Card Absolute Rating: Average

2013 School Report Card Improvement Rating: Average

JMB School and Student Celebrations

2010-2011 District Teacher of the Year
2010-2011 Safe Kids of the Upstate School
2011 Palmetto Silver Award Winner
2011-2012 District Teacher of the Year
2011-2012 Reward School of Performance (top performing Title 1 school)
2012-2013 Reward School of Performance (top performing Title 1 school)
2013-2014 Battle of the Books—1st place
2013-2014 Math Madness Top 10 finish by JMB student
2013-2014 Student placed 2nd in the state for wrestling
2013-2014 Future Chef winner from JMB
2013-2014 PalmettoPride state art contest winner

