

2024 - 2025

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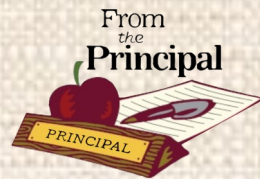
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We are committed to providing a unique educational environment in which each child can experience academic success in a secure, friendly and inviting atmosphere. For purposeful learning to occur, the student must see purpose and meaning in the classroom experience and must enjoy more success than failure. Through effective learning experiences, we seek to help every child strive to attain his/her highest potential intellectually, physically, emotionally, and socially. We believe education is the cumulative effect of all successful learning experiences a student undergoes.

Our School

Grades: Pre-K - 5th Grade

Mascot: Baby Mohawk

Colors: Maroon and Gold

Total Daily Count: 259

**Bethune-Bowman Elementary is a
Title I school in Rowesville, South
Carolina, located 12 miles outside of
the Orangeburg city limits.**

- ♦ The student population at BBES is approximately 85.7% African American, 11.5% Hispanic, 2% Caucasian.
- ♦ All of BBES students receive free lunch due to a district grant.
- ♦ Bethune-Bowman Elementary School is presently staffed with 1 principal, 1 assistant principal, 1 professional school counselor, 1 reading coach, 1 school instructional technology facilitator, 17 certified teachers, 1 ESOL/ ML teacher, 5 teacher assistants, 1 receptionist/ attendance clerk, 1 secretary, 1 nurse, 3 cafeteria servers, 1 cashier, 1 C.A.R.E. Center facilitator, 1 part-time reading interventionist, 1 part time math interventionist, 1 building supervisor and 2 full-time and 1 part-time custodians.



**Bethune-Bowman
Elementary School**

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Annual Report to the People

Student Opportunities

Morning and Afternoon Tutoring

Save the Children Program

**Engaging Creative Minds (ECM)
Afterschool Program**



**21st Century Afterschool
Program**

IXL Software

National Beta Club

Elementary Chorus

**Daily Intervention for
ELA and Math**



Read Across America

**Quarterly Honors and
Awards Program**



MUSC Health Initiatives

Grade Level Parent Nights

Student Field Studies/Trips



2022 - 2024 Test Scores

BBES SC Ready Scores 2022, 2023, 2024

Grade Level	2022 ELA	2022 Math	2023 ELA	2023 Math	2024 ELA	2024 Math
3rd	17.5%	20%	18.94%	18.94%	28.9%	18.4%
4th	17.6%	11.8%	38.1%	33.34%	32.7%	16.3%
5th	11.1%	10.9%	10.4%	16.74%	30.0%	32.5%



BBES SC Ready Science 2022 and 2023

Grade Level	2022	2023	2024
4th	17.6%	25.6%	N/A



Our Vision

Bethune-Bowman Elementary School will educate all students with life characteristics, world-class knowledge and skills that are college and career ready.

Our Mission

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by:

- a culture of collaboration, equity and inclusion
- a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities
- a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all.

Our Beliefs

We Believe That...

- honoring individuality through respect and empathy empowers and promotes acceptance, which builds family and community.
- effective communication is key to understanding others.
- purpose is the core of existence.
- moral values shape who we are.
- a servant's heart encompasses love that is manifested in action and deed toward self and mankind.
- freedom is an inherent right.
- time is life's most valuable asset.
- growth mindset is necessary to adapt and embrace change.