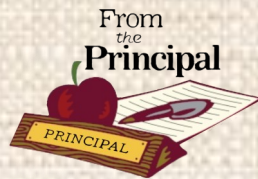


**2023 - 2024**

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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: 276**

**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 81.8% African American, 12.6% Hispanic, 4.3% Caucasian and 1.3% Asian.
- ◆ 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 building supervisor and 2 full-time and 1 part-time custodians.



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**2023-2024**



**Annual Report to the People**



# Student Opportunities

Save the Children Program

Engaging Creative Minds (ECM)  
Afterschool Program



21st Century Afterschool  
Program

IXL Software

National Beta Club



Daily Intervention for  
ELA and Math

Read Across America



Quarterly Honors and  
Awards Program

100th Day of School Celebration

Grade Level Parent Nights

Student Field Studies/Trips



## 2023 - 2024 Test Scores

BBES SC Ready Scores 2019, 2022, 2023

Grade Level	2019 ELA	2019 Math	2022 ELA	2022 Math	2023 ELA	2023 Math
3rd	16%	22%	17.5%	20%	18.94%	18.94%
4th	40.7%	48.1%	17.6%	11.8%	38.1%	33.34%
5th	4.40%	24.4	11.1%	10.9%	10.4%	16.74%



BBES SC Ready Science 2022 and 2023

Grade Level	2022	2023
4th	17.6%	25.6%



## 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.