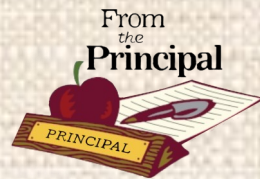


2025 - 2026

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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: 229

**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 86% African American, 10% 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.



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2025-2026



Annual Report to the People

Student Opportunities

Afternoon Tutoring

Save the Children 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



2023 - 2025 Test Scores

BBES SC Ready Scores 2023, 2024, 2025

Grade Level	2023 ELA	2023 Math	2024 ELA	2024 Math	2025 ELA	2025 Math
3rd	18.94%	18.94%	28.9%	18.4%	34.2%	34.2%
4th	38.1%	33.34%	32.7%	16.3%	31.7%	30.6%
5th	10.4%	16.74%	30.0%	32.5%	19.5%	19.6%

BBES SC Ready Science 2023 and 2025

Grade Level	2023	2024	2025
4th	25.6%	N/A	25%



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.