

School Achievements

Dover Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress for the fourth consecutive year, missing only one year in the last six years.

Dover Elementary School was recognized as a Palmetto Silver Achievement Award Winning School for 2012. Dover Elementary has also been a Palmetto Award "Showcase School."

Dover Elementary School is a Red Carpet School (2009-2012).

Dover Elementary School participates in the OCS D5 21st CCLC Palmetto Mentoring and Robotic Engineering Grant Program.

Dover Elementary School is recognized as a 2012-2013 Healthier US School Challenge Gold Award Winner.

Fifth grade students have the option of participating in instrumental band.

Fifth grade students have the option of serving on the flag and/or recycling teams.

Monthly family nights keep parents abreast of school programs, family businesses, and give families opportunities to come together at the school for information and recreation.

Alivia Walling received the Orangeburg County Community of Character Award for Outstanding Character.

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students have the option of participating in the PASSport to Success Afterschool Tutorial Program.

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Purpose of the Report

"The Report to the Parents is issued by the Dover 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."

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Dover Elementary School

School Improvement Council Annual Report to the Parents 2012-2013



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Mission

Dover Elementary School exists to ensure academic success for all students.

Vision

Working Together to Build a World-Class School System

SIC Annual Goals

The School Improvement Council serves beyond its bylaws to the school in serving as the nominations committee for the PTSO and as the Media Advisory Board for our Exemplary Media Program. Its current goals are supporting parental involvement and community engagement.

Parental representation at Open House at the beginning of the school year has been nearly 100% for several years. This community school serves a sparse population in an attendance zone exceeding 138 square miles, yielding an enrollment of approximately 300 Pre-K through fifth grade students. Dover Elementary is the only feeder school to North Middle-High School, located less than one mile away in the town of North. Open House events are collaboratively planned with NMHS to allow parents to make one trip to North and visit both schools and the teachers of all their children in the public school system.

The area retailers are limited, but they are supportive of the local schools, including North Furniture Company and the locally-owned Piggly Wiggly. Area churches sponsor programs at the school, including the Good News Club. The local Girl Scout troops are housed at Dover Elementary and the troop leaders come from the school's faculty.

The School Improvement Council is the idea generator for the fund raising body of parents, the PTSO. The School Improvement Council also serves as the Nominations Committee of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTSO) and as the Media Advisory Board, staying abreast of the library holdings and acquisitions.

Student Achievement

Dover Elementary School earned an “**Average**” absolute rating and a “**Good**” growth rating on the 2012 *South Carolina Annual School Report Card*, *exceeding student achievement in similar schools. Our target area for improvement is math.*

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS: 74.3% of Dover's students met or exceeded standards in English/Language Arts. Schools across SC like ours achieved 67.1%.

MATHEMATICS: 61.3% of Dover's students met or exceeded standards in Mathematics. Schools across SC like ours achieved 64.6%

SCIENCE: 71.2% of Dover's students met or exceeded standards in Science. Schools across SC like ours achieved 56%.

SOCIAL STUDIES: 77.8% of Dover's students met or exceeded standards in Social Studies. Schools across SC like ours achieved 66.1%.

WRITING: 71.9% of Dover's students met or exceeded standards in Writing. Schools across SC like ours achieved 64.0%.

“For more information, you may view Dover Elementary School's “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.”

Additional Information

Dover Elementary School is a platinum award winning Save the Children© partner, which is an organization that raises funds and support internationally. Their involvement with Dover Elementary has provided in-school and after-school tutoring, a volunteer grandparent program, a summer study program in June, and an intervention program for zero to five (5) year olds to develop literacy in the homes during the preschool years with a book exchange program.

In January 2012, Dover Elementary School partnered with Twenty-First Century© for an afterschool program incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) for upper elementary grade students. Transportation is provided home from both the Save the Children© and the Twenty-First Century© programs. 21st Century's emphasis in math, along with intense faculty math training, was put in place to rectify sagging math achievement scores.

Parent classroom visitors are welcome at any time. The school has a visitor brochure that outlines the visitor guidelines to support seamless instruction. Additional information about Dover Elementary School can be obtained from the school's webpage (<http://des.ocsd5schools.org/>).