

## School Achievements

*Dover Elementary School earned the Palmetto Silver Award for General Performance in 2012.*

*Dover Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress for the fourth consecutive year.*

*Dover Elementary School is a Red Carpet School.*

*Antonio Pou received the Orangeburg County Community of Character Award for Outstanding Character.*

*Quarterly First Tuesday Night programs keep parents abreast of school programs and give families opportunities to come together at the school.*

*Fifth graders have the option of taking instrumental band.*

*Dover's Save the Children Program continues to serve students with an on-site literacy coordinator and two volunteer grandparents from the local community who read individually with our students.*

*Single gender classes are in their fourth year at Dover in grade 5 and strongly support academic growth and a reduction in behavior referrals.*

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## DES SIC Members

*Chair: Robert Parnell, Parent  
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### Purpose of the Report

*"This Report 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

### Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2011-12



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Mission: Dover Elementary exists to ensure academic success for all students.

## 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 Exemplary Media Programs. Its current goals are supporting parental involvement and community engagement.

Parental representation at Open House in 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 four year olds through fifth graders. Dover is the only feeder school to the 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 students in the public school system.

The area retailers are limited, but are supportive of the local schools, including the North Furniture Company and the locally owned Piggly Wiggly. Area churches sponsor programs at the school, including Sons of Solomon and the the Good News Club. The local Girls 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 PTSO again held the cookie dough fundraiser, which yielded a significant

income earmarked for school improvements and field trip supports.

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## Student Achievement

Science scores at Dover exceeded “schools like ours” across the state after the first year with a science coach.

Dover Elementary earned an “Average” absolute rating and an “Average” improvement rating on the most recent *S.C. School Report Card*.

85.2% of our students met or exceeded standards in English Language Arts.

72.6% of our students met or exceeded standards in mathematics.

*“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](http://www.ed.sc.gov).”*

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## Additional Information

72% of Dover teachers have advanced degrees.

The percentage of students eligible for Gifted and Talented increased from 1.5% to 2.9%.

Dover 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 increased the school’s media center holdings by \$75,000 over the past three years, provided in-school and after-school tutoring, a volunteer grandparent program 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.

Dover’s volunteer program is one of the most active in the district, with involved parents and grandparents contributing to the overall program reading with children and assisting teachers. Forms to become a volunteer are readily available in the Parent Center located in front of the office.

Parent classroom visitors are welcomed at any time. The school has a visitor brochure the outlines the visitor guidelines to support seamless instruction.

Dover strives to be a 21<sup>st</sup> Century School with an emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

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