

School Achievements

Dover Elementary School is a 2014-2015 **Title I Reward School** for student performance.

Dover Elementary **earned a B** on the ESEA Federal Accountability System.

South Carolina **Palmetto Silver** Achievement Award Winner for 2013. Dover has also been a Palmetto Award "Showcase" school.

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

Monthly Family Night programs keep parents involved in our school programs, family businesses and give families opportunities to come together at the school for information and overall learning.

Dover's **Save the Children**© Program continues to serve students with an on-site literacy coordinator and three volunteer grandparents from the local community who read individually with our students. There is also an Early Childhood Coordinator that serves zero to five year olds to build literacy in the homes.

Dover Elementary School is proud to participate in the district **Digital Learning Initiative** where all students in grades 1-5 receive iPads.

Principal Matt Schilit and four teachers presented at the SCIRA conference on data in Myrtle Beach.

Dover participated in several **programs for charity** including **Toys for Tots, Pennies for Patients, March of Dimes, and Jump Rope for Heart.**

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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" 2015-2016



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Mission

Dover 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. 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 340 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 Jeffcoat's Tax and Payroll Service.

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). The School improvement council along with the PTSO volunteers and supports numerous school functions such as Muffins with Moms, Donuts for Dads, Movie Nights, and Trunk or Treat.

Student Achievement

Dover Elementary earned a B on the ESEA Federal Accountability System with an 83.8.

Dover Elementary earned an "Average" absolute rating and an "Average" improvement rating on the most recent *S.C. School Report Card*, *exceeding student achievement in similar schools. Our target area for improvement is literacy and math.*

Fifth graders have the option of taking **instrumental band** and serving on the **flag and/or recycling teams.**

In January, 2012, we 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.

Dover had our very first Run Hard team that consisted over students from multiple grade levels.

Dover is a Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (**PBIS**) school, rewarding and recognizing desired responsible behaviors.

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 that outlines the visitor guidelines to support seamless instruction.