

School Achievements

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 Parent Forums allow parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to best meet the needs of the students. Due to the global pandemic caused by COVID-19, schools have had to alter the methods used for teaching students. The forums allow the Student Service and Guidance department the ability to support parents in fostering a positive impact on students' social emotional health.

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 received a grant that allowed the school to purchase \$100 in groceries for 50 Dover Families. The school also participated in several programs for charity including Toys for Tots, Pennies for Patients, March of Dimes, and Jump Rope for Heart.



SIC Members

Chair: Leon Waymyers
Marla Robinson, Parent
Seleta Bonaparte, Guidance
Courtney Robinson, Parent
Alexandria Booth-Swearingen, Teacher
Jacquelle Wilson-Stroman, Parent
Amanda Fair-Coles, Teacher
David Charley, Community Member
Hollie Livingston, Community Member
LaKeshia Cannon, Community Member
Chasity Hart-Waymyers, PTO
Representative
Sylvia Williams, Principal



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 and work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

Dover Elementary School Annual School Improvement Council

"Report to the Parents" 2020-2021



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Mission

Dover exists to ensure academic success for all students. Our mission at Orangeburg County School District is to use innovative ideas and practices that will prepare our students to become productive members of society.

Vision

Working Together to Build an Excellent School System/ Our vision at Orangeburg County School District is to be a district of innovation, is committed to maximizing the potential of every student to compete worldwide.

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 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 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 Parent Workshops, Parent Forums, Muffins with Moms, Donuts for Dads, Movie Nights, and Trunk or Treat.

Student Achievement

Dover Elementary earned a report card rating of "Average" for the 2018-2019 school year. Due to the global pandemic there was no state testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Fifth graders have the option of taking instrumental band and serving on the flag team. In addition, students can join the Good News Club. This organization is sponsored by one of our Church partners.

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

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.

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



Additional Information

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.

