

DACUSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2025 - 2026

South Carolina Statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires each of the state's School Improvement Councils to publish and distribute an annual Report to the Parents highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plan. The report is developed by the School Improvement Council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents and teachers for the current school year.

THANK YOU SIC MEMBERS!

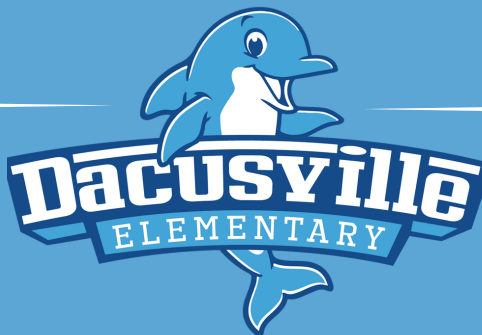
Thank you to our SIC Members who are dedicated to working with the school to seek continuous improvement and promote opportunities to advance the vision and mission of DES.

Luke Raxter, Parent (SIC Chair)
Melissa Hazel, Parent
Dazlin Rowles, Parent
Nina Eller, Parent
Melissa Albertson, Parent
Crystal Leopard, Parent
Joni Howard, Counselor
Travis Chapman, Principal
Christy Holder, Asst. Principal

Kristofer Clark, Community Member
Cristy Flowers, Teacher
Kari Sutton, Family Liaison
Sarah Traynum, Teacher
Caroline Taphorn, Title 1 Curriculum Specialist
Kylee Monroe, RISE Facilitator
Carmen Cole, Teacher
Denise Owens, Teacher
Caitlin Cummings, Teacher
Susan Chapman, Reading Coach

VISION

The vision of Dacusville Elementary School is to successfully **empower** YOU for the world you'll be changing.



MISSION

The mission of Dacusville Elementary School is to partner with the home and community to **engage** and challenge each student in a safe and supportive environment.

	DES	SDPC	State
ELA	67.6%	63.8%	60.3%
Math	53.8%	48.7%	44.5%

Percent Met or Exceeding on the 2025 SC Ready ELA and Math test. Source: SC School Report Card 2025.

ACADEMIC GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

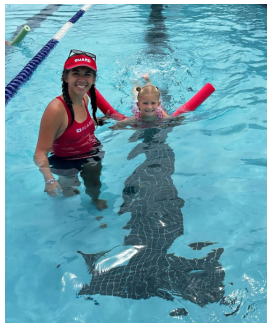
DES had an Overall Rating of "Excellent" and a Student Progress rating of "Excellent" on the 2025 State Report Card.



2025 - 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



We strive to provide our students with tons of hands-on learning opportunities that result in empowered learners who have the knowledge and skills to change the world. This year all 2nd graders took swim lessons at the YMCA. Some 4th and 5th graders participated in the first Drone club in the district. Our 4K students were part of the new experiential 4K program, SDPC *Academy of Early Learners*. All students in grades 5K - 5th participated in Morning S.T.E.A.M. and so much more.



OUR BUSINESS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Blue Ridge Electric Co-op
 Abraham's Framing
 Carolina Floor Crafters
 Advanced Underground Specialists
 Palmetto Upstate Group
 Pizza Inn of Pickens
 The Grant Insurance Agency
 Project Rock
 Green Way Turf
 Gar-Con, Inc.
 The Market at the Mill
 Life Church
 Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
 Rock Springs Baptist Church
 Crossroads Baptist Church
 Nine Forks Baptist Church
 Dacusville United Methodist Church
 5 Point Church
 Dodge's Southern Style Convenient Store

RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS

- Landon Burgess, Grace Davis, Weston Clark, and Layla Carpenter won a \$529 *Future Scholar Grant* through the *Future Scholar Writing Competition*.
- Avery Bennefield, Bay Cole, Grace Davis, and Ryker Hortopan were selected for the *SC Elementary Honor Choir*. Avery Bennefield was the only student in SC chosen to represent in the *National Honor Choir at the OAKE Conference in Chicago*.
- Chase Kilby received a perfect score on the *2025 SC Ready Math assessment*.
- Recognized as a Gold High Performing School on the South Carolina Report Card (2025)



Dacusville Elementary School officially opened its Outdoor Learning Space on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. This project was 2 years in the making and the result of a Meteor Education grant (\$40,000) and two successful years of Boosterthon fundraisers via parent and business partner support. We are excited to see our students and teachers enjoy this space for year to come!

