

Annual SIC Report to Parents

DuBose Middle School 2025-2026

School Information

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- Assistant Principal (8th Grade): Latoya Johnson

WELCOME TO DUBOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The **mission** of DuBose Middle School is to provide a safe and supportive environment where ALL students can learn at their highest level.

The **vision** of DuBose Middle School is to provide each of our students a “world class” education through rigorous and relevant learning so that ALL students can reach their full potential.

PRINCIPAL’S NOTE

We have had another great year at **DuBose**. This year saw an increase in students on the **A and A-B honor roll**, better attendance, more participation in DMS athletics, and a huge increase in involvement in DMS clubs. In addition, our **Title I Team** continued to help engage our Wildcat families more than ever. Once again, this school year, our students, staff, and athletes had a fantastic year with many successes and celebrations. Please make sure to take a look through this **SIC Report to Parents** to celebrate with us.

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There is nothing more important than your child’s education, so we invite you to play an active role in every aspect of it. **Strong communities build strong schools!** If you had a chance to visit us this year for any of our events, thank you, and we appreciate your support! If you have not yet had

the chance, let me invite you to be part of the multitude of events that will continue to occur at DuBose. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at DMS soon!

Volunteers Make a Difference!

Our amazing volunteers served over **500 hours** this year! They have served as mentors, worked in the garden, the Wildcat Den, and at various school events.

School Improvement Council Members

Parents

- Kendra Baughman
- Michael Ellis

Ex-Officio/Faculty/Community

- Ted Brinkley, Principal
- Danielle Moreau, Assistant Principal
- Amber Dunn, 2024-25 Teacher of the Year

Teachers

- Kelly Simpson, Secretary
- Steve Tierney

Community

- Marilyn Kaple, Chairperson
- Colby Rankin

SIC Goals/Activities

The DMS SIC's main objective is to support the school's goals and to help create a positive environment of continuous improvement. The Council also serves as a review and sounding board for administration and our school community. SIC efforts this year focused on creating an outdoor classroom with adequate seating and instructional space.

Family & Student Engagement Efforts

- Weekly Mentoring Groups
- Community Partnerships
- Food Drive
- Clothes and Food Pantry
- School Supplies and Backpack Drive
- Technology Night

- Real Men Read

Family and Student Events

- Black History Month
- Reality Town
- International Night
- Technology Night
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- DMS Giving Tree
- Health & Wellness Month
- Book Giveaway Event
- National Mentoring Month
- Holiday Family Outreach
- Military Awareness Month
- Family Game Night
- Vaping Awareness Event
- Science Night
- Lowcountry Food Bank Pop Up
- Open House Meeting
- Literacy Night/Family Book Swap
- Parent REN Rally

Points of Pride & Performance Highlights

SC Ready ELA Highlights

- 7th Grade - Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” ever
- 7th Grade – 2nd highest scale score of ALL neighborhood schools
- 8th Grade – Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” ever
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SC Ready Math Highlights

- 6th grade - Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” since 2018-19
- 7th grade - Highest % of “Meets and Exceeds” since 2017-18
- 8th grade - Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” since 2018-19
- 6th and 8th grades – 2nd highest scale scores of ALL neighborhood Middle Schools
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ML ACCESS For ELLs

- Highest number of students meeting exit criteria of all DD2 Middle Schools.
- 61% of ML students met their goal.
- 2nd out of all middle schools in percentage of students meeting their goals.

- 3rd out of 26 DD2 schools in percentage of students meeting their goals.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our school winners: Champion **Amelia Hawkins** and finalists **Alexis Antley**, **Kailana Ames**, **John Sebastian Hiers**, **Landon Faske** and **Micah Smith**. Congratulations to **Amelia Hawkins** and **Alexis Antley** for representing DuBose at the Tri-county SpellBound.

Faculty PRIDE

- Teacher of the Year—**Audrey Phillips**
- Rookie Teachers of the Year—**Briana Bluemel & David Dacosta**
- Star Performer of the Year—**Bobbie Vega**

Choir

For the second year, the **DMS 6th grade Choir** brought home a **Superior rating** from the Carowinds Festival of Music, the highest rating that can be received at the festival. For the first time in DuBose choir history, the 7th and 8th graders who represented the DMS Choir at the **SCMEA Choral Performance Assessment** received a **Superior with Distinction**.

This is the highest rating a group can receive at CPA and indicates that they received superiors in all categories from each of the three stage judges, and an additional superior in sight reading. This is the first DMS Choir CPA superior in 10 years. The DMS choir had student representation at the following events:

- DD2 Honor Choir
- SCMEA Choral Division Performance Assessment
- Carowinds Festival of Music
- MusicUSA Universal Music Festival

Band

The 7th and 8th grade **Symphonic Band** earned a **Superior** at the State Concert Performance Assessment. Students represented DMS at:

- Carowinds Music in the Parks Festival
- Universal Music in the Parks Festival
- SCBDA Solo and Ensemble
- SCBDA Region 4 Honor Band

Steel Drums

The **DuBose Steel Bands** have had many unique performances this year. This includes school events and concerts on the DuBose campus, the Downtown Summerville Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Summerville Dream Fest, which celebrates youth arts in DD2 schools.

The steel bands also performed twice at the **Summers Corner PAC**, with professional sound, lighting, and internationally known guest artists and composers. All of these performances were

very successful and well-received, giving our DuBose students a taste of what it takes to be a performing musician.

Project Lead The Way

Our class has made remarkable strides in engineering this year, demonstrating creativity, collaboration, and a strong commitment to problem-solving. Through hands-on projects and real-world challenges, students are not only learning engineering concepts but actively applying them in meaningful ways.

One of our greatest strengths has been our focus on teamwork. Students regularly work in groups to design, test, and improve their ideas, learning how to communicate effectively and value diverse perspectives. This collaborative approach has led to innovative solutions and a deeper understanding of the engineering design process.

Mentoring Programs

The Beacons is a male volunteer district-wide mentorship program which consists of qualified male volunteers and community mentors who meet weekly with male students. The mission is to offer guidance and support on a consistent basis and to provide an environment that the students can feel safe, accepted and important.

This year, our Beacon mentors took our students to a Citadel football game, had a tie tying session, and a life skills session, including learning how to change a tire and other daily activities that sometimes are forgotten.

Volunteers are needed to guide our **Leading Ladies**, a volunteer-based mentorship program designed to empower young female students. This initiative connects students with qualified professional women who meet weekly to provide guidance, encouragement, and support.

PTSA Reflections

The Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boosts student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Congratulations to the following school level and District Award of Merit (*) and District Award of Excellence (**) winners:

- Dance Choreography—***Elizabeth Kline**—Award of Excellence
- Literature—****Sofia Macholl**—Award of Excellence

Renaissance

This course converges the study of leadership principles with the action of building a healthy schoolwide culture and climate. Our school was awarded with **Platinum status**, the highest Jostens recognition, this past summer. We have also entered numerous culture challenges receiving builder awards with their curriculum.

The leadership students created various initiatives, including:

- Ren Room Service
- On a Roll awards
- Random knocks
- High five Fridays
- 3 tiers of RenKids
- Pep rallies
- Birthday buttons
- School-wide house competition
- Fizzy Fun Friday

Clubs

Amazing clubs such as **STEM Club, Archery Club, Robotics, Chess Club, Pickleball Club, DMS Run, and Beta Club** continued to shine. We added **Arts & Crafts Club** this year.

DuBose Wildcat Athletics

The 2025–2026 athletic season was marked by determination, growth, and outstanding individual and team achievements. Our student-athletes demonstrated excellence both on and off the field, representing DMS with pride and resilience.

- **Football:** Had an impressive season, earning a spot in the playoffs. **Jasiir Mobley** earned Football Player of the Year honors.
- **Volleyball:** Finished as district runner-up. **Juliana Deweese** was recognized as Volleyball Player of the Year.
- **Wrestling:** Captured the **District Championship**. **Paris Lambert-Whited** earned Wrestler of the Year.
- **Girls Basketball:** Showed tremendous effort and growth. **Ka'laysha Truesdale** was named Girls' Basketball Player of the Year.
- **Boys' Basketball:** Finished as district runner-up. **Jasiir Mobley** earned Boys Basketball Player of the Year honors.

Overall, the 2025–2026 season was a tremendous success for DuBose Middle School athletics.