



# Dorsett Shoals Elementary School

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Please visit the school website: [dses.dcssga.org](http://dses.dcssga.org)

## Why Dorsett Shoals Elementary?

*“Dorsett Shoals is wonderful because of the dedicated staff members who care for our children like their own. It is a pleasure coming in and volunteering and seeing the staff in action.”*

—Dorsett Shoals Parent

## Achievements

- ◇ 21st Century Grant recipient for tutoring K-5
- ◇ Georgia Gravity Games participant
- ◇ 100% score on cafeteria health inspection for the last 5 years
- ◇ AAA Meemic Foundation Grants awarded
- ◇ American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Grant Recipient
- ◇ Weather Wiz Kids Grant recipient for weather measurement tools including a digital weather station and books about weather
- ◇ Over 15,000 books available in media center



## Inside the Classroom

Dorsett Shoals Elementary is an amazing community of children, parents, teachers, and community members who work together to create a school of learners and leaders. Teachers, administrators and staff take great pride in student accomplishments, the level of parental involvement, and the commitment to professional learning on the part of teachers and staff. Dorsett Shoals has an outstanding professional teaching staff with an abundance of knowledge and skills.

Teachers continually strive to meet the needs of all students through the balanced use of technology and hands-on teaching. Instruction is standards-based, rigorous, and focused on active engagement to promote student learning and academic success. Dorsett Shoals cares about our students, and works diligently to create connections and form relationships with our students and parents.

Dorsett Shoals Elementary aspires to be a school that places students at the center of the learning process. All staff members believe that students can assume a high level of responsibility for their own learning as well as apply what they are learning in multiple, real-world contexts. It is the vision of Dorsett Shoals to build a community of lifelong learners that become responsible individuals, independent thinkers and productive citizens.

**Our school's motto: “Where it is all about the kids!”**

**Together, we shape the future.**

**#teamdouglas**

## Our Mission

The mission of Dorsett Shoals Elementary is to build a community of lifelong learners that become responsible individuals, independent thinkers, and productive citizens.

## Principal's Message

*Dorsett Shoals is such a wonderful place to learn! We continually strive to meet the ever-changing academic, behavioral and social-emotional needs of our students to best prepare them for college and careers in a global society. It is imperative that we teach the whole child in order to truly create well-rounded critical thinkers who are ready for the future. Our sweet little school may be one of the best kept secrets in Douglas County, and I am so proud of our students and staff. Our commitment to learning and always doing what is best for students keeps driving us toward our future, one that is promising and exciting for all of us!*

-Principal Kelly Brown

**Student Enrollment:** 393

**Total Staff:** 69

**Certified Staff:** 49

**Certified Staff  
with Advanced Degrees:** 66%

*Numbers for enrollment and staffing current as of 10/21*

To access state-mandated test scores including the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.



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## Beyond the Classroom

At Dorsett Shoals Elementary, staff members believe that students should have the opportunity to learn new skills and build character during after school clubs and activities. Families at Dorsett Shoals are encouraged to attend the many parent activities and support PTA projects. After school clubs and activities include:

- ◇ Chorus
- ◇ STEAM Club
- ◇ Jr. Beta Club
- ◇ Road Runners
- ◇ ASP
- ◇ Panther Clubhouse
- ◇ Art Club

Families are encouraged to plug into the following organizations and events:

- ◇ PTA
- ◇ Book Fair
- ◇ Fall Festival
- ◇ Thanksgiving Feast
- ◇ Grandparents' Day
- ◇ Career Day
- ◇ Field Day
- ◇ Family School Dance
- ◇ Fine Arts Night
- ◇ Cultural Awareness Day
- ◇ Disability Awareness Night
- ◇ Star Student and Attendance Celebrations
- ◇ Hearing and Vision Screening
- ◇ Help a Child Smile Mobile Dental Clinic
- ◇ Red Ribbon Week
- ◇ Spirit Nights
- ◇ MATCH Mentor
- ◇ School Council
- ◇ Partners in Education