

Welcome to W.A. Bess Elementary School where we believe that academic success is the foundation for lifelong learners who contribute to their community.

Our mission to maintain a nurturing, learning environment through the arts.

We are designated as a NCDPI A+ School

Arts education is linked to positive academic and social outcomes, increased civic engagement, and higher academic achievement. Students engaged in the arts have higher degrees of empathy and acceptance and demonstrate stronger critical thinking skills.

By the numbers . . .

- 93.3% of Bess students showed growth on 2019 NC assessments.
- We serve 628 students in grades PreK-5
- Lead Gaston County and NC with number of teachers with advanced degrees and National Board certification.

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