

School Improvement Plan 2021 - 2022



Dalton Public Schools
City Park Elementary School

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1 General Improvement Plan Information

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District	Dalton Public Schools
School Name	City Park Elementary School
Team Lead	Kim Rhyne

Federal Funding Options to Be Employed (SWP Schools) in this Plan (Select all that apply)		
√	Traditional funding (all Federal funds budgeted separately)	
	Consolidated funds (state/local and federal funds consolidated) - Cohort systems ONLY	
	'FUND 400' - Consolidation of Federal funds only	

Fact	Factors(s) Used by District to Identify Students in Poverty (Select all that apply)	
✓	Free/Reduced meal application	
	Community Eligibility Program (CEP) - Direct Certification ONLY	
	Other (if selected, please describe below)	

2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

2.1 Overarching Need # 1

Overarching Need

Overarching Need as identified in	Increase student academic achievement in core content who score proficient and above on
CNA Section 3.2	GA Milestones.
Root Cause # 1	Need for students to actively monitor their own learning progress.
Root Cause # 2	Formative classroom assessments are not representative of higher levels of depth of
	knowledge.
Root Cause # 3	Inconsistent academic rigor in classrooms. Teachers need more supported in unpacking,
	deconstructing, and understanding the full rigor of standards in the core content areas.
Root Cause # 4	The need to implement Instructional Coaches in all content areas to support teachers in
	differentiating instruction and being effective teachers.
Goal	By the end of the 2021-2022 school year, City Park School will increase the total weighted
	percentage of students performing at levels 2, 3, and 4 by 6% on the GMAS in ELA, Math,
	and Science in grades 3-5.

Action Step	Administer MAP assessments in ELA, Math, and Science three times a year.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction
	Effective Leadership
	Professional Capacity
	Family and Community Engagement
	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	PLC agendas and minutes, conversations with teachers, data analysis, and MAP data.
Implementation and Effectiveness	
Position/Role Responsible	Admin/Coaches/Teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Quarterly

What partnerships, if any, with	Northwest GA RESA and the City Park School Council
IHEs, business, Non-Profits,	
Community based organizations,	
or any private entity with a	
demonstrated record of success is	
the LEA implementing in carrying	
out this action step(s)?	

Action Step	Administer research based interventions to address individual student needs and to
	support core content instruction.
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction
	Effective Leadership
	Professional Capacity
	Family and Community Engagement
	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	Progress Monitoring during PLCs, MTSS meetings, notes and agendas.
Implementation and Effectiveness	
Position/Role Responsible	Admin/Coaches/Teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Monthly

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IHEs, business, Non-Profits,	
Community based organizations,	
or any private entity with a	
demonstrated record of success is	
the LEA implementing in carrying	
out this action step(s)?	

Action Step	Provide ongoing embedded coaching support for teachers in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction
	Effective Leadership
	Professional Capacity
	Family and Community Engagement
	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	Conversations with coaches, PLCs - agendas, minutes, and sign-in sheets
Implementation and Effectiveness	
Position/Role Responsible	Admin/Coaches/Teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Weekly

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demonstrated record of success is	
the LEA implementing in carrying	
out this action step(s)?	

Action Step	Review lesson plans to enxure clear lesson focus, ensure teacher is checking for student understanding and providing differentiation.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority

Subgroups	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction
	Effective Leadership
	Professional Capacity
	Family and Community Engagement
	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	Monitor using walk-throughs, formal classroom observations, teachers rewviewing vidoes
Implementation and Effectiveness	of their teaching, peer observations, and planbook.
Position/Role Responsible	Admin/Coaches/Teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Weekly

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2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

2.2 Overarching Need # 2

Overarching Need

Overarching Need as identified in	Teachers who are considered year 1, 2, or 3 need strong professional learning around data
CNA Section 3.2	analysis, district frameworks in literacy and math, phonics instruction, differentiated
	instruction, instructional strategies, and developing common formative assessments to
	guide instruction.
Root Cause # 1	Consistent training for teachers in their first three years of teaching to develop their
	knowledge of the district literacy and math frameworks.
Root Cause # 2	Lack of intentional time to analyze, reflect, design, and put into practice what teachers
	learn from professional development.
Root Cause # 3	Implementation of instructional coaches in all content areas to assist teachers and follow
	through of professional learning.
Goal	Teachers will participate in professional development on a consistent basis to guide their
	classroom instruction and become effective teachers.

Action Step	In 2021-2022, City Park School will administer the MAP assessment for ELA and Math in
	grades K-2 and for ELA, Math, and Science in grades 3-5.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction
	Effective Leadership
	Professional Capacity
	Family and Community Engagement
	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	MAP data reports
Implementation and Effectiveness	
Position/Role Responsible	Admin/Coaches/Teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Quarterly

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demonstrated record of success is	
the LEA implementing in carrying	
out this action step(s)?	

Action Step	Analyze MAP data and progress monitoring meetings
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction
	Effective Leadership
	Professional Capacity
	Family and Community Engagement
	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	MAP data reports and progress monitoring PLCs
Implementation and Effectiveness	
Position/Role Responsible	Admin/Coaches/Teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Monthly

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the LEA implementing in carrying	
out this action step(s)?	

Action Step	Professional Learning/PLCs and coaching will be focused on data analysis, rigor, and
	effective teaching practices.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction
	Effective Leadership
	Professional Capacity
	Family and Community Engagement
	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	Professional Learning/PLCs agendas and minutes, coaching schedules, and book
Implementation and Effectiveness	study(Harry Wong)
Position/Role Responsible	Admin/Coaches/Teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Weekly

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3. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

3.1 Stakeholders, Serving Children, PQ

Required Questions

1 In developing this plan, briefly describe how the school sought advice from individuals (teachers, staff, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, specialized instructional support personnel, parents, community partners, and other stakeholders) was accomplished.

We held quarterly school council meetings. Our leadership team also reviewed the CNA and SIP. Between the school council and leadership team, there are representatives from teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff, parents, and community members. We also surveyed our staff, students, and parents. Feedback is always asked for from all stakeholders. The plan is also posted on the website for review.

2 Describe how the school will ensure that low-income and minority children enrolled in the Title I school are not served at disproportionate rates by ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers.

All of our teachers are highly qualified. Our Human Resources checks certification and we check at least three references on new hires. Administration meets with all new hires on a regular basis to make sure they are clear on expectations. We also use the TKES observation system to check on teacher effectiveness. Administration also conducts multiple walk-throughs every day.

3 Provide a general description of the Title I instructional program being implemented at this Title I School. Specifically define the subject areas to be addressed and the instructional strategies/methodologies to be employed to address the identified needs of the most academically at-risk students in the school. Please include services to be provided for students living in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children (if applicable).

Our instructional program is balanced literacy and guided mathematics. Resources from our state department are used and district curriculum teams led by teacher leaders pace our work. City Park School has three Instructional Coaches, a Reading Recovery teacher, trained Literacy Lessons teachers, and support staff who are trained to target our needs regarding academically at-risk students in our school.

4 If applicable, provide a description of how teachers, in constation with parents, administrators, and pupil services personnel, will identify eligible children most in need of services in Title I targeted assistance schools/programs. Please include a description of how the school will develop and implement mtiple (a minimum of 2) objective, academic-based performance criteria to rank students for service. Also include a description of the measurable scale (point system) that uses the objective criteria to rank all students.

N/A

3. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

3.2 PQ, Federally Identified Schools, CTAE, Discipline

Required Questions

5 If applicable, describe how the school will
support, coordinate, and integrate services
with early childhood programs at the school
level, including strategies for assisting
preschool children in the transition from
early childhood education programs to local
elementary school programs.

Our school houses district preschool classes and a Headstart class. We also house one of the multiple Little Cats classes which supports the transition from home to Kindergarten for students who are not served in PreK. We house three PreK classes at our school. These classes tour the building so they are familiar and prepared for Kindergarten the following year. We also have the annual PreK Peek where students and families can tour the school and learn about the operations of the program.

6 If applicable, describe how the school will implement strategies to facilitate effective transitions for students from middle grades to high school and from high school to postsecondary education including:

Coordination with institutions of higher education, employers, and local partners; and

Increased student access to early college, high school, or dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities or career counseling to identify student interest and skills. N/A

7 Describe how the school will support efforts to reduce the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom, specifically addressing the effects on all subgroups of students.

We will be doing a book study this year (Harry Wong) that focuses on procedures which will help with discipline. We focus on the importance of relationships so that discipline is not handled ineffectively. We celebrate successes and let our students know they are loved. We also work on growth mindset to help keep discipline issues away.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES

8 Use the space below to provide additional narrative regarding the school's improvement plan