



Cherokee County School District

Ball Ground Elementary School

Dr. Christian Kirby, Principal

2019-20

School Improvement Plan

Executive Summary



School Mission Statement

The mission at Ball Ground Elementary School STEM Academy is to provide opportunities for academic success through the use of technology and a variety of educational experiences. The collaboration of parents, teachers, administration, students and the community will encourage our students to develop into independent, lifelong learners who are productive members of society.

School Improvement Goal 1

Students in Third through Fifth Grade will increase their performance in Math on the GA Milestones state assessment from 44% Achievement Levels 3 & 4 to 49% Achievement levels 3 & 4 by the 2019 - 2020 school year. This goal will be measured in 2020-2021 and 2021 - 2022 school years as well.

School Improvement Action Plan

- Utilize strategically **Problem Solving Teaching** in classrooms.
- Provide **Worked Examples** in classrooms through **Number Talks** and with emphasis on **Academic Vocabulary**.
- Use **Self Reported Grades** including **Student Goal Setting, Peer Reviews and Student Led Conferences**.

School Improvement Goal 2

Students in Third through Fifth Grade will increase their performance in ELA on the GA Milestones state assessment from 39% Achievement Levels 3 & 4 to 44% Achievement Levels 3 & 4 by the 2019 -2020 school year. This goal will be measured in 2020-2021 and 2021 - 2022 school years as well.

School Improvement Action Plan

- Utilize **Professional Learning Communities** to increase student achievement in ELA.
- Develop **Common Writing Rubrics** to enhance student understanding and proficiency within the writing process.
- Use of **Academic Vocabulary Instruction** in reading instruction, with a focus on the teaching of **Mnemonics, Word Wards, Word Sorts, and Teaching for Transfer**.

More information available at <http://cherokeek12.net/ballgroundes/sip/>.

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