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# CORINTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Dropout Prevention Plan 2024 – 2025



Corinth School District  
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*The mission of the Corinth School District is to create a world-class 21<sup>st</sup> century educational experience for all students to achieve academic success, develop personal and civic responsibility, and achieve career and college readiness for the future.*

# Corinth School District

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The Dropout Prevention Plan provides guidance as to how the faculty and staff will help accomplish our mission and ensure our students are successful in their academic endeavors.

## **Dropout Prevention Plan Team Members**

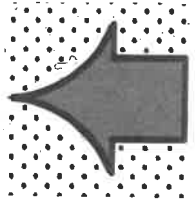
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Chris Butler	Principal, Corinth Elementary School
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Dr. Laine Williams	Communications Director

## Verification of Board Presentation and Approval

On behalf of the Corinth School District, I hereby submit the Dropout Prevention Plan to provide goals, activities, and services necessary to meet the overarching goals of the Mississippi Department of Education. This plan will be reviewed annually, submitted to the Mississippi Department of Education, and posted on the district website.

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Dr. John Barnett,  
Corinth High School Principal

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Date Submitted



I hereby certify that the Corinth School District Board of Trustees has reviewed and approved this plan for submission to the Mississippi Department of Education.

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District Superintendent: Dr. Edward Lee Childress

*Edward Lee Childress*  
Signature

6/13/24  
Date

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School Board Chair: Frank Davis

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Signature

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## Our District

According to 2020 census data, Corinth has a population of 14,622. The Corinth School District (CSD) operates three campuses with an enrollment of 2,452 students. The district is comprised of Corinth Elementary School (CES), Corinth Middle School (CMS), and Corinth High School (CHS).

CES houses our pre-Kindergarten through fourth grades with an enrollment of 1,096 students. CES is a state-of-the-art facility completed and occupied in October, 2010. This campus includes classrooms, a music center, gymnasium, three playgrounds, a vegetable garden area, a nature trail, and technology and science laboratories. Each classroom is equipped with SMART TVs with Apple TV compatibility. Each teacher has an Apple MacBook and Apple iPad. The school is one-to-one with each student having an Apple device.

CMS houses our fifth through eighth grade classes with an enrollment of 717 students. This campus is recognized as a Mississippi Landmark because of its mid-century modern architectural features. Grants through the Mississippi Department of Archives and History have allowed CSD to renovate and technologically update the facility. Each classroom is equipped with SMART TVs with Apple TV compatibility. Each teacher has an Apple MacBook and Apple iPad. The school is one-to-one with each student having an Apple device.

CHS houses our ninth through twelfth grades with an enrollment of 639 students. CHS is an academic and performing arts center, featuring a nice auditorium and outdoor classroom area. Each classroom is equipped with SMART TVs with Apple TV compatibility. Each teacher has an Apple MacBook and Apple iPad. The school is one-to-one with each student having an Apple device.

The CSD has been recognized as a *District of Innovation* by the Mississippi Department of Education. The District operates on a modified school calendar that follows a quarter system. Research suggests that children learn best when instruction is continuous. The long summer vacation breaks this rhythm of learning and teachers must spend significant amounts of time reviewing material when children return to school in the fall. By incorporating the modified calendar, the CSD has been able to offer timely intersession opportunities throughout the year to provide students opportunities for remediation and enrichment to meet individual student needs.

Data-based decision making is a key for effective schools and student learning. The CSD data has been reviewed to create goals and areas of focus for this plan in accordance with the goals and expectations outlined by the Mississippi Department of Education and the CSD Dropout Prevention Team.

## Corinth School District Data 2023 – 2024

Graduation Rate						
4 Year Cohort 2020 – 2023 (January 2024)					96.5	
<i>Source: MDE District Graduation and Dropout Rates for the 2024 Accountability System</i>						
School Data						
	Elementary School		Middle School		High School	
Number of Schools	1		1		1	
Cumulative Enrollment	1096		717		639	
Student Demographic Data						
	Elementary School		Middle School		High School	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Female	566	51.6	352	49.1	318	49.8
Male	530	48.4	365	50.9	321	50.2
Black	345	31.5	212	29.6	180	28.2
White	476	43.4	355	49.5	331	51.8
Hispanic	162	14.8	85	11.9	89	13.9
Asian	10	0.9	*	*	*	*
Two or More Races	103	9.4	*	*	*	*
<i>*Represents suppressed data to prevent the identification of individuals in small cells or with unique characteristics</i>						
<i>Source: MDE Student Enrollment Data Report for the 2023-2024 School Year</i>						
Attendance						
Number of Students with 5 or More Unexcused Absences					1,737	
Number of Students with 12 or More Unexcused Absences					888	
Discipline						
Number of Discipline Referrals					746	



# District Report Card 2022 - 2023

For more detailed information, please visit <https://msrc.mdek12.org>.

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### School Accountability Grade Components

Mississippi's accountability system assigns "A" through "F" letter grades for schools and districts. Grades are based on student achievement, student growth, student participation in testing, and other academic measures.

#### Math

Measurements of student performance on the statewide math assessment.

Proficiency		Growth		Growth Lowest 25%	
State	51.9%	State	75.1%	State	70.0%
District	N/A	District	N/A	District	N/A

#### English

Measurements of student performance on the statewide English language arts (ELA) assessment.

Proficiency		Growth		Growth Lowest 25%	
State	46.6%	State	64.3%	State	55.2%
District	N/A	District	N/A	District	N/A

#### Other Measures

Other measurements of student performance that factor into the accountability grade.

US History Proficiency		Science Proficiency		College & Career Readiness	
State	71.3%	State	58.6%	State	48.9%
District	N/A	District	N/A	District	N/A

Acceleration		Graduation Rate		English Learners	
State	73.5%	State	88.9%	State	13.2%
District	N/A	District	N/A	District	N/A

### Teacher Data

158.8

Teachers



Experienced Teachers



Provisional Teachers



In-Field Teachers



## Detailed Assessment and Other Data

### Student Performance

The following information shows each level of student performance on statewide assessments.

#### Math

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
State 0-10%	State 11-20%	State 21-30%	State 31-40%	State 11-20%
District 7.3%	District 24.2%	District 27.7%	District 24.7%	District 16.1%
Minimal	Basic	Passing	Proficient	Advanced

#### English

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
State 8.3%	State 17.0%	State 29.7%	State 29.3%	State 15.7%
District 8.7%	District 18.2%	District 30.7%	District 28.0%	District 14.4%
Minimal	Basic	Passing	Proficient	Advanced

#### Science

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
State 11.4%	State 11.9%	State 20.8%	State 33.6%	State 22.3%
District 18.8%	District 16.6%	District 28.5%	District 24.6%	District 11.6%
Minimal	Basic	Passing	Proficient	Advanced

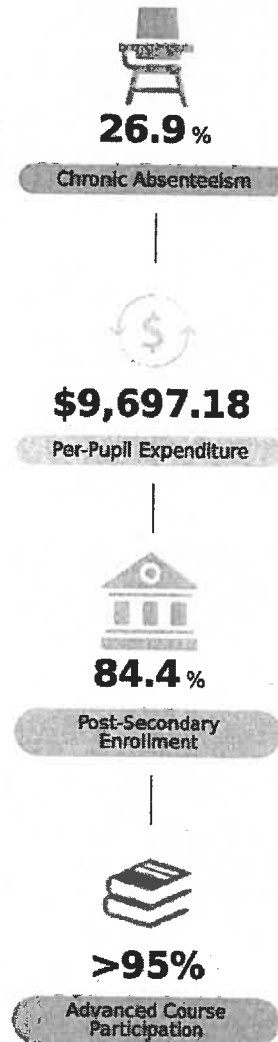
### Student Assessment Participation



### Discipline



### Other Data





# **Strategies for Addressing MDE Outlined Focus Areas**

## **1. Improve Retention Rates in Kindergarten through Second Grade**

Goal: Reduce the number of retentions in Kindergarten through second grade by early identification, effective instructional strategies, and intense interventions.

Action Steps:

- Provide ongoing professional development to all teachers and administrators by continuing to work to improve teacher and administrator capacity, increase student engagement in the learning process, and increase rigor and relevance for students.
- Continue to utilize the modified school calendar to provide learning acceleration opportunities for students during scheduled Fall, Spring, and Summer intersession blocks.
- Continue to utilize CSD formative assessment data (i.e., I-Ready) to offer personalized student learning opportunities to target individual learning needs and goals
- Review retention rates and formative assessments to identify specific teachers who need additional support with differentiating instruction.
- Work with attendance officer to assist in communicating and working with parents of students who have attendance issues.

## **2. Improve Subgroup Performance**

Goal: Provide additional assistance to subgroups with disparities in performance on state and/or Cambridge assessments when compared to their peers.

Action Steps:

- Administrators will review subgroup data from district assessments, Cambridge assessments, and State assessments to identify disparities in performance.
- Administrators will meet with teachers to review interventions for all students, particularly those with subgroup achievement gaps.
- Continue to utilize the modified school calendar to provide learning acceleration opportunities for students during scheduled Fall, Spring, and Summer intersession blocks.
- Provide ongoing professional development to all teachers and administrators by continuing to work to improve teacher and administrator capacity, increase student engagement in the learning process, and increase rigor and relevance for students.
- Monitor progress of student subgroups, and meet with administrators to develop plans of action based on data review.

### **3. Develop Dropout Recovery Initiatives**

Goal: To develop dropout recovery initiatives focusing on students age seventeen (17) through twenty-one (21), who have dropped out of school.

Action Steps:

- Work with attendance officer to assist in communicating and working with parents of students who have attendance issues.
- Career coaches, counselors, and school social workers work with individual students to outline steps for completing high school and planning for post high school college and career readiness.
- Work with students to set up internships, job shadowing opportunities, and employment opportunities to help with the transition from high school to career.
- Work with school counselors and with our mental health resources that are available to provide supports for students' social and emotional needs.
- Offer credit recovery opportunities for students during the scheduled Fall, Spring, and Summer intersession opportunities as part of the modified school calendar.

### **4. Improve Juvenile Detention Center Transitions**

Goal: Provide supports for students who transition from the juvenile detention centers to a school in the district.

Action Steps:

- Identify students who have been detained at the detention center.
- Provide supplemental educational resources to students while in detention.
- Notify home schools of students detained.
- Participate in a transitional meeting with juvenile detention staff and parents to develop a transitional plan for return to home school.
- Notify counselors and school administrators of student's return to school and the transitional plan developed.
- School personnel will develop and individualize a support plan for the student to remain at school.

## **5. Increase Average Daily Attendance**

Goal: To increase average daily attendance K-12 district wide and decrease the number of students who are chronically absent.

Action Steps:

- Identify students who are chronically absent and communicate with parents and attendance officer when needed.
- Develop strategies to reduce the number of chronically absent students.
- Develop procedures for notifying parents and school/district personnel of students' absences and patterns.
- Develop a plan of action for individual students who meet the criteria for chronic absenteeism

## **Current District Dropout Prevention Initiatives**

The Corinth School District's (CSD) existing Dropout Prevention Plan includes incentives to encourage increased daily attendance; strategies to decrease truancy; plans for stronger career-technical training; aggressive identification of potential at-risk students; and early interventions to increase student academic success. The district will continue the practice of attendance monitoring, skills recovery, and Response to Intervention scaffolding techniques. The National Dropout Prevention Center/Network (NDPC/N) defines fifteen successful dropout prevention strategies. According to the NDPC/N, these strategies have been successful at all school levels from PK-12 in rural, suburban, and urban settings ([dropoutprevention.org](http://dropoutprevention.org)). The following outlines various ways in which the CSD employs the dropout prevention strategies. This list is not inclusive but provides a snapshot of some of the strategies utilized by CSD.

### **Fifteen Dropout Prevention Strategies**

- **Systemic Approach**
  - Cambridge International Curriculum
  - Progress monitoring systems
  - Professional Development
  - Pre-Kindergarten classes
  - Fine Arts
  - Robotics
  - Career Pathways Education
- **School-Community Collaboration**
  - Career speakers
  - Partnership with Timber Hills Mental Health
  - CSD Foundation
  - Rotary Student of the Month
  - Senior Symposium
  - FAFSA event
  - Career coach partnership with SKILLS Foundation
  - Community Book Read
  - 30 for 30 Reading Challenge
  - Imagine the Possibilities Career Fair
- **Safe Learning Environments**
  - Emergency drills
  - Active shooter training with Corinth Police Department
  - School counselors and social workers
  - Character education
  - Bus safety education
  - School Resource Officers

- **Family Engagement**
  - Parent Teacher Organization
  - Booster clubs
  - Weekly Warrior newsletter
  - Book fair
  - Title I Family nights
  - CSD Awards Night and Cambridge Awards Ceremony
  - CES Integrity Parades
  - District and school social media accounts and websites
  - Community Book Read
  - 30 for 30 Reading Challenge
  - School Status
  - Parent Information Nights
  - CSD Social Media
- **Early Childhood Education**
  - Pre-Kindergarten classes
  - Kindergarten Camp
  - Early Childhood screeners
- **Early Literacy Development**
  - Dyslexia screener
  - Early Literacy Assessment
  - Community Book Read
  - 30 for 30 Reading Challenge
  - Dyslexia training for all instructional staff
- **Mentoring/Tutoring**
  - Intersession remediation/enrichment opportunities as part of the modified school calendar
  - Guidance counselors
  - Career coaches and Transition coach
  - Internship opportunities
  - Student clubs and organizations
  - Zero period and after-school tutoring
  - PAPER tutoring
- **Service-Learning**
  - Student Council and Class Officers
  - National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society
  - Mu Alpha Theta
  - Interact Club
  - CPE-Work Based Learning
  - Campus clean-up service projects
- **Alternative Schooling**
  - CSD Alternative School
  - Credit recovery opportunities
  - Virtual learning options

- **After-School Opportunities**
  - Robotics
  - Chorus and Band
  - Drama Productions
  - Athletics
  - Student clubs and organizations
  - CHS Follies
- **Professional Development**
  - Ongoing, job embedded professional development with a nationally recognized external consultant to increase administrator and teacher capacity and improve student engagement and learning outcomes
  - Site-based PLCs
  - District-wide professional development
  - Dyslexia training for all instructional staff
- **Active Learning**
  - CPE-Work Based Learning
  - Art, Music
  - Robotics
  - Health Science
  - Culinary Arts
  - Digital Media & Design
  - Internship opportunities
  - Senior Symposium
  - Warrior Special Olympics
- **Educational Technology**
  - SMART TVs
  - MacBooks for students (one-to-one) and staff
  - iPads for staff
  - Document cameras
  - Learning Management System
    - Canvas
  - Diagnostic and Personalized Learning programs
    - iReady, USA Test Prep, IXL
  - Instructional Technology Tools
    - Mentimeter, Nearpod, Flipgrid, My Open Math, Padlet, Quizziz, Kahoot!
  - Zoom
  - School Status
- **Individualized Instruction**
  - Individualized Education Plans (IEP)
  - Transition coach
  - iReady, IXL, USA Test Prep
  - Individualized Reading Plans (IRP)
  - Gifted education
  - Blended learning classes
  - ACT Boot Camp
  - PAPER Tutoring

- **Career and Technical Education (CTE)**
  - Career speakers
  - Law and Public Safety I & II
  - Robotics I & II
  - Culinary Arts I & II
  - Health Science I & II
  - Digital Media and Design I & II
  - Horticulture I & II
  - Educator Prep I & II
  - Guidance counseling
  - Career coaches
  - CPE-Work Based Learning
  - Career Academies

## **Monitoring**

The CSD Dropout Prevention Plan will be monitored by data reviews focusing on the targeted objectives. Kindergarten through second grade retention rates will be monitored at the end of the year to determine if they have improved for the 2023-2024 school year.

Subgroup performance data will be reviewed using assessment data from the Mississippi Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, Mississippi Academic Assessment Program, Cambridge CheckPoint assessments, ACT, and iReady data from the beginning of the year diagnostics throughout the year to monitor progress and determine if achievement gaps are being closed.

Career and transition coaches will provide updates on the progress of FAFSA completion, internship and job placements, and counselors will monitor grades and progress toward graduation for students who are at-risk of dropout or are in dropout recovery.

Counselors will monitor and periodically meet with students who are transitioning from juvenile detention centers to ensure they are making progress toward graduation. Attendance data will be monitored throughout the year to meet the action steps outlined in the plan.

Data will be reviewed at the conclusion of the year to determine if average daily attendance increased and the number of students who are chronically absent decreased to meet the outlined goal.