

Cotton Belt Elementary School

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Annual Report to the Parents

Mission

To cultivate a service-oriented community of learners who strive for personal growth and excellence as communicators, collaborators, creators, and critical thinkers.

Vision

To Learn, Serve, and Give as ONE

Striving for Excellence

At Cotton Belt Elementary, we strive to provide an environment that supports personalized learning opportunities to meet the individual needs of our students as well as college and career readiness and world class skills. Our school embodies the vision of our district - To Learn, Serve, and Give as ONE. We prioritize the whole child by working together to not only provide rigorous student-centered learning experiences that result in academic achievement but also focus on the social and emotional needs of our students in order to help them reach their full potential.

We value our relationships with our families, understanding that the home-school partnership is vital to a child's education. In support, our School Improvement Council goal for the 2024-25 school year continues the work toward removing barriers and increasing family engagement through interactive events that not only expose families to teaching and learning practices but provide access to resources, tools, and strategies that can be used to support our students both at home and at school.

77

Staff Members

*Includes 41 Certified Staff Members

437

Students

*Enrollment as of April 2025

50

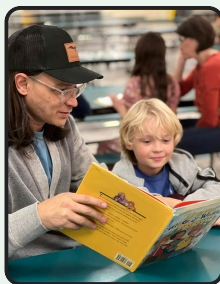
2023-24 SC School Report Card Rating

*Indicates an AVERAGE Overall

Family & Community Engagement



Wake Up and Read



Fall Into Reading



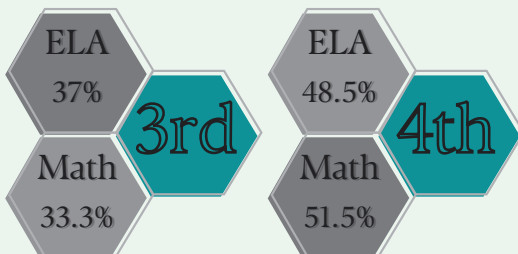
Duke Energy Science Night



24-25 CBES Growth Parade

Student Achievement - 2023-24 SC READY

2023-24 SC READY
Results by Grade
(% of Students Scoring
Meets or Exceeds)



2024-25 SIC Members

Delandris Jones - Parent & Chairperson
Ashleigh Erb - Teacher & Vice-Chairperson
Virginia Jablonski - Parent & Secretary
Julie Martin - Community Member
Amber Palmer - Community Member
Erin Baker - Teacher
Megan Hoyt - Principal
Heather Montgomery - Asst. Principal

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A Commitment to Growth

During the 2024-25 school year, Cotton Belt Elementary School placed a strong emphasis on the academic performance and growth of its students, reaffirming its commitment to the pursuit of excellence. In support of school goals, CBES adopted an “all hands on deck” approach to academic intervention which included a modified master schedule that allowed for intentional time to provide targeted extension and intervention services. The school also refined the MTSS process to create a more personalized data-driven system of support. In addition, the school engaged in competency work in collaborative practices, provided focused planning opportunities for staff, and celebrated growth in both small and big ways including the 2nd Annual Growth Parade. As a result of these collective efforts, student achievement and growth data shows a schoolwide increase in both reading and math as indicated by the Spring 2025 MAP Growth assessment.

In partnership with CBES along with other organizations supporting the school, the School Improvement Council (SIC) aligned with the school's commitment to improving academic achievement and continued its focus on enhancing engagement between families and the school. In the 2023-24 school year, the SIC embarked on a transformative journey to create parent and family education events aimed at nurturing the partnership between home and school. These events were strategically designed to remove barriers that could possibly be hindering a strong home-school connection. This journey continued into the 2024-25 school year with events such as “Fall Into Reading” in which families were provided with practical, accessible, and meaningful tools and literacy-rich resources that could be used to provide reading support in the home. Through instructional workshops, informational sessions, and interactive activities, families have been empowered to support their children's education more effectively, resulting in a positive impact on student outcomes.

At the SIC monthly meetings, members are actively engaged in discussions that help inform the next steps for continued growth by examining various data points, sharing celebrations and exploring challenges, and creating action plans for initiatives that support school improvement. The SIC values the diversity and perspective of each member's voice. The focus and intentionality displayed in meetings ensures that decisions are always aligned with the district's mission, vision, and Strategic Change Agenda.

The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) supported the school's efforts in enhancing culture and climate. PTO members organized several events that supported both staff and family engagement, as well as created opportunities for teachers to build upon their sense of community.

The SIC is dedicated to supporting student achievement and will offer more opportunities for school and family engagement in the upcoming school year. Additionally, the SIC will work closely with the PTO to ensure ongoing progress in academics, culture, and climate.



“
I am proud that
I met my
reading goal
this year!
J. Good, 3rd Grade
”



Our Community Partners



We are so appreciative of the support of these community partners as well as various other local businesses, churches, and organizations.

thank you