

Sam D. Panter Elementary School Improvement at a Glance



Overview

This document provides a brief snapshot of Panter Elementary School's Mission, Vision and 2026–2027 School Improvement Plan.

Mission	Vision
The mission of Panter Elementary School is simply stated in this prioritized order: Love kids. Work hard. Have fun. We are dedicated to nurturing a love of learning in a safe, academically rigorous, and joyful environment. We care deeply for every child, work with passion and integrity, and believe that fun and curiosity are essential to meaningful education. We believe that these three short and powerful statements are emblematic of our prioritized mission.	Panter Elementary School's vision is to empower students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We strive to create a school where students receive a strong academic foundation and are prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world.
Goals	
Accountability Goal 1: <i>On the GA Milestones Assessment, we will increase our percentage of 3rd–5th grade students scoring proficient and distinguished in ELA by 4% from the Spring 2026 administration to the Spring 2027 administration.</i>	
Accountability Goal 2: <i>On the GA Milestones Assessment, we will increase our percentage of 3rd–5th grade students scoring proficient and distinguished in Math from the Spring 2026 baseline of 46% to 50% by the 2027 Spring administration.</i>	

Panter Snapshot

Sam D. Panter Elementary School is located in the city of Hiram in Paulding County. Currently, student enrollment is about 450 students. With high expectations of all students and dedicated staff, Panter is committed to excellence and has consistently outperformed similar schools.

Beliefs

At Panter Elementary, we believe that every child deserves to be loved, challenged, and inspired to learn in a joyful and safe environment. Our commitment to academic excellence is grounded in deep care for each student, ensuring they grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. We believe that fun, curiosity, and hard work go hand in hand in fostering a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. Through this balanced and nurturing approach, we prepare students to succeed and thrive in a dynamic and ever-changing world.

Demographics

Panter's serves approximately 450 students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. We have a diverse student population with the following ethnic composition: 50% White, 26% Black, 15% Hispanic, 7% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American. Approximately 73% of students are economically disadvantaged. Our student population is made of 21% students with disabilities, 15% gifted students, and 7% ESOL.

Honors/Awards/Certifications

●Consistently positive culture ●low staff turnover rate ●100% of teachers trained in the Science of Reading ●Tier 1 Behavior management system based on PBIS and Capturing Kids Hearts Strategies ●90% of our staff trained in CKH●2025 Georgia Masters of Mathematics Recipients with recognition for 5th grade Outstanding Growth.