



Comprehensive Needs Assessment 2025 - 2026 School Report



Richmond County
Blythe Elementary School

1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION

1.1 Identification of Team

The comprehensive needs assessment team consists of people who are responsible for working collaboratively throughout the needs assessment process. Ideal team members possess knowledge of programs, the capacity to plan and implement the needs assessment, and the ability to ensure stakeholder involvement. A required team member's name may be duplicated when multiple roles are performed by the same person. Documentation of team member involvement must be maintained by the LEA. Watch the [Planning and Preparation webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Leadership Team

	Position/Role	Name
Team Member # 1	Principal	Tammy Hendley
Team Member # 2	Asst. Principal	Sandra Jones
Team Member # 3	Instructional Specialist	Hope Thomas
Team Member # 4	Teacher	Shantel Kinzer
Team Member # 5	Media Specialist	Laura David
Team Member # 6	Sped. Dept. Chair/Teacher	Dr. Andre Patterson
Team Member # 7	Teacher	Beverly Franqui

Additional Leadership Team

	Position/Role	Name
Team Member # 1	Teacher / PTO President	Jaclyn Neil
Team Member # 2	Bookkeeper	Pamela Baxley
Team Member # 3	Teacher	Joyce Godbee
Team Member # 4	Parapro/Parent	Maritza Rodriguez
Team Member # 5	Parapro/Parent	Laqueisha Curtis
Team Member # 6	School Counselor	Julie Carter
Team Member # 7	School Social Worker	Jessica Lewis
Team Member # 8	Registrar/Grandparent	Barbara Cooper
Team Member # 9		
Team Member # 10		

1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION

1.2 Identification of Stakeholders

Stakeholders are those individuals with valuable experiences and perspective who will provide the team with important input, feedback, and guidance. Required stakeholders must be engaged in the process to meet the requirements of participating federal programs. Documentation of stakeholder involvement must be maintained by the LEA. Watch the [Planning and Preparation webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Stakeholders

	Position/Role	Name
Stakeholder # 1	Grandparent	Ms. Cheryl Scruggs
Stakeholder # 2	Parent & Parapro	Maritza Rodriguez
Stakeholder # 3	Grandparent	Grandparent
Stakeholder # 4	Local Law Enforcement	Mayor Tom Cobb
Stakeholder # 5	Retired Teacher/Boy Scout Leader	Daniel MacEachern
Stakeholder # 6	Parent/Boys and Girls Club Rep./PTO Officer	Brianna Black
Stakeholder # 7	Christian Release Time Coordinator	Dave Hardy
Stakeholder # 8		

How will the team ensure that stakeholders, and in particular parents and/or guardians, were able to provide meaningful input into the needs assessment process?	Periodic surveys, Title I Input Revision Meetings, Title I Annual Meetings, Parent/Family Night events, PTO meetings, Parent Conferences, Suggestions Box
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2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.1 Coherent Instructional System

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of instructional needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Coherent Instructional System webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Coherent Instruction Data

Curriculum Standard 1 -Uses systematic, collaborative planning processes so that teachers share an understanding of expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction		
1. Exemplary	A systematic, collaborative process is used proactively for curriculum planning. Nearly all teachers or groups of teachers, support staff, and leaders within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.	
2. Operational	A systematic, collaborative process is used regularly for curriculum planning. Most teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.	✓
3. Emerging	A collaborative process is used occasionally for curriculum planning. Some teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.	
4. Not Evident	A collaborative process is rarely, if ever, used for curriculum planning. Few, if any, teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.	

Coherent Instruction Data

Curriculum Standard 2 -Designs curriculum documents and aligns resources with the intended rigor of the required standards		
1. Exemplary	Curriculum documents (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, performance tasks, curriculum maps, scope, and sequence documents, guides) that are aligned with the intended rigor of the required standards are the products of a systematic, collaborative process. These curriculum documents and resources are used and continuously revised by teachers and support staff to ensure an alignment with the intended, taught, and tested standards.	
2. Operational	Curriculum documents (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, performance tasks, curriculum maps, scope and sequence documents, guides) have been designed, and resources are aligned with the intended rigor of the required standards. These curriculum documents and resources guide the work of teachers and instructional support staff.	✓
3. Emerging	Curriculum documents and resources exist, but they are not complete in all content areas or grade levels or lack the intended rigor of the required standards.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, curriculum documents and resources exist to support the implementation of the intended rigor of the required standards.	

Instruction Standard 1 -Provides a supportive and well -managed environment conducive to learning		
1. Exemplary	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident throughout the school. Students consistently stay on-task and take responsibility for their own actions.	
2. Operational	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in most classrooms.	✓
3. Emerging	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in some classrooms.	
4. Not Evident	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in few, if any, classrooms.	

Coherent Instruction Data

Instruction Standard 2 -Creates an academically challenging learning environment		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration). Students consistently work independently and in teams to solve real-world problems that require advanced effort, decision-making, and critical and creative thinking.	
2. Operational	Most teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration).	✓
3. Emerging	Some teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.	

Instruction Standard 3 -Establishes and communicates clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to curriculum standards		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. Learning targets are evident throughout the lesson and in student work. Articulation of the learning targets is consistent and pervasive among like content areas and grade levels.	✓
2. Operational	Most teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. Learning targets are evident throughout the lesson and in student work.	
3. Emerging	Some teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any teachers establish clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards.	

Coherent Instruction Data

Instruction Standard 4 -Uses research based instructional practices that positively impact student learning		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all teachers pervasively demonstrate a repertoire of highly effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning (e.g., providing feedback, cooperative learning, advance organizers, questioning techniques, similarities and differences, reinforcing effort, goal setting, summarizers, graphic representations, reciprocal teaching).	
2. Operational	Most teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning (e.g., providing feedback, cooperative learning, advance organizers, questioning techniques, similarities and differences, reinforcing effort, goal setting, summarizers, graphic representations, reciprocal teaching).	✓
3. Emerging	Some teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning.	

Instruction Standard 5 -Differentiates instruction to meet specific learning needs of students		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all teachers differentiate instruction (e.g., using flexible grouping, making adjustments, providing choices based upon readiness levels, interests, or needs) to meet the specific learning needs of students. Nearly all teachers plan and implement multiple means of representation, engagement, action, and expression to meet the learning needs of students (UDL). Remediation, enrichment, and acceleration are pervasive practices.	✓
2. Operational	Most teachers differentiate instruction (e.g., using flexible grouping, making adjustments, providing choices based upon readiness levels, interests, or needs) to meet the specific learning needs of students. Most teachers plan and implement multiple means of representation, engagement, action, and expression to meet the learning needs of students (UDL).	
3. Emerging	Some teachers differentiate instruction to meet the specific learning needs of students.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, teachers differentiate instruction to meet the specific learning needs of students.	

Coherent Instruction Data

Instruction Standard 6 -Uses appropriate, current technology to enhance learning		
1. Exemplary	The use by staff members and students of appropriate, current technology to enhance learning is an institutional practice (e.g., facilitate communication, collaboration, research, design, creativity, problem-solving).	✓
2. Operational	Most staff members and students use appropriate, current technology to enhance learning (e.g., facilitate communication, collaboration, research, design, creativity, problem-solving).	
3. Emerging	Some staff members, students, or both use appropriate, current technology to enhance learning.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning.	

Instruction Standard 7 -Provides feedback to students on their performance on the standards or learning targets		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, timely, descriptive feedback on their performance. Nearly all teachers systematically elicit diagnostic information from individual students regarding their understanding of the standards or learning targets.	
2. Operational	Most teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, timely, descriptive feedback on their performance.	✓
3. Emerging	Some teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, descriptive feedback on their performance.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with feedback on their performance, or the feedback that is provided is not specific, timely, or understandable.	

Instruction Standard 8 -Establishes a learning environment that empowers students to actively monitor their own progress		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress. Nearly all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and accountability by engaging in record keeping, self-monitoring, sharing, exhibiting, and self-reflection.	
2. Operational	Most students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress.	
3. Emerging	Some students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.	✓
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.	

Coherent Instruction Data

Instruction Standard 9 -Provides timely, systematic, data -driven interventions		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all students are provided timely, systematic, data-driven interventions to support their learning needs. Interventions are designed to meet the needs of each student. The effectiveness of those interventions is consistently monitored and adjustments are made.	✓
2. Operational	Most students are provided timely, systematic, data-driven interventions to support their learning needs.	
3. Emerging	Some students are provided extra assistance or needed support in a timely manner.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, students are provided extra assistance or effective support in a timely manner.	

Assessment Standard 1 -Aligns assessments with the required curriculum standards		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. Assessments are reviewed during the school year to ensure alignment.	✓
2. Operational	Most assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards.	
3. Emerging	Some assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards.	

Assessment Standard 3 -Uses common assessments aligned with the required standards to monitor student progress, inform instruction, and improve teacher practices		
1. Exemplary	Teachers consistently use common assessments aligned with the required standards in nearly all content areas, grade levels, or both for diagnostic, summative, and formative purposes. The data from the common assessments are analyzed down to the item level, and the results are used to inform instruction and improve teacher practices.	
2. Operational	Teachers use common assessments aligned with the required standards in most content areas to monitor student progress, inform instruction, and improve teacher practices.	✓
3. Emerging	Teachers use some common assessments aligned with the required standards in a few content areas with a limited amount of data analysis to monitor student progress, inform instruction, or improve teacher practices.	
4. Not Evident	Teachers use few, if any, common assessments to monitor student progress, inform instruction, or improve teacher practices.	

Coherent Instruction Data

Assessment Standard 4 -Implements a process to collaboratively analyze assessment results to adjust instruction		
1. Exemplary	Teachers extensively use a systematic, collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is consistently adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results across all content areas, grade levels, or both.	
2. Operational	Teachers regularly use a collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is routinely adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results.	✓
3. Emerging	Teachers occasionally use a collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is sometimes adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results.	
4. Not Evident	A collaborative process to analyze assessment results does not exist. Instruction is rarely, if ever, adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results.	

Assessment Standard 5 -Implements grading practices that provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards		
1. Exemplary	The grading practices used by teachers across nearly all content areas, grade levels, or both, consistently provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.	
2. Operational	The grading practices used by teachers in most content areas, grade levels, or both provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.	✓
3. Emerging	The grading practices used by teachers in some content areas, grade levels, or both provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.	
4. Not Evident	The grading practices used by teachers rarely, if ever, provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.	

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.2 Effective Leadership

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of leadership needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Effective Leadership webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Effective Leadership Data

Leadership Standard 1 -Builds and sustains relationships to foster the success of students and staff		
1. Exemplary	Administrators consistently build and sustain relationships to foster the success of students and staff. The school staff is fully engaged in relationship building through collaboration, internal and external communication, and building trust with staff, students, families, and community stakeholders.	
2. Operational	Administrators regularly build and sustain relationships to foster the success of students and staff.	✓
3. Emerging	Administrators sometimes build relationships to foster the success of students and staff.	
4. Not Evident	Administrators seldom, if ever, build relationships to foster the success of students and staff.	

Leadership Standard 2 -Initiates and manages change to improve staff performance and student learning		
1. Exemplary	Administrators, the school leadership team, and other teacher leaders initiate and sustain change to improve staff performance and student learning. Administrators, the school leadership team, and other teacher leaders create a sense of urgency for change and effectively communicate a common vision.	
2. Operational	Administrators and the school leadership team initiate and sustain change to improve staff performance and student learning. The principal provides an appropriate balance of pressure and support to manage the change process for desired results.	✓
3. Emerging	Administrators initiate change to improve staff performance and student learning but do not sustain the change, remove barriers, or both.	
4. Not Evident	Administrators initiate few, if any, changes that impact staff performance and student learning.	

Effective Leadership Data

Leadership Standard 3 -Uses systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices		
1. Exemplary	The principal and other school leaders continually use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices. The principal and other school leaders have a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the best practices for curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning.	✓
2. Operational	The principal and other school leaders often use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.	
3. Emerging	The principal and other school leaders occasionally use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.	
4. Not Evident	The principal and other school leaders rarely, if ever, use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.	

Leadership Standard 4 -Uses processes to systematically analyze data to improve student achievement		
1. Exemplary	Extensive, comprehensive processes, including root cause analysis, are used consistently to analyze data (e.g., multiple sources of data: classroom, grade level, departmental, and subgroup, perception data) to improve student achievement.	✓
2. Operational	Numerous processes are used frequently to analyze data (e.g., multiple sources of data: classroom, grade level, departmental, and subgroup, perception data) to improve student achievement.	
3. Emerging	Some processes are in place and used occasionally to analyze data to improve student achievement.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, processes are in place to analyze data to improve student achievement.	

Leadership Standard 5 -Builds leadership capacity through shared decision-making and problem-solving		
1. Exemplary	Extensive structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities. Administrators collaborate consistently with staff members to gather input.	✓
2. Operational	Numerous structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities.	
3. Emerging	Some structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making, problem-solving, or both.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making or problem-solving.	

Effective Leadership Data

Leadership Standard 6 -Establishes and supports a data-driven school leadership team that is focused on student learning		
1. Exemplary	A highly effective, proactive, and data-driven school leadership team is focused on student learning. The leadership team addresses nearly all areas of student and staff learning and school leadership, including the development, implementation, and regular monitoring of the school improvement plan.	
2. Operational	A data-driven school leadership team is established with stakeholder representation (e.g., core and non-core teachers, certified support staff) and is focused on student learning. The school leadership team meets regularly and uses norms and protocols to work effectively and efficiently.	✓
3. Emerging	The school leadership team is established and has some stakeholder representation but is focused chiefly on school operations rather than student learning.	
4. Not Evident	A school leadership team does not exist or does not have adequate stakeholder representation.	

Effective Leadership Data

Leadership Standard 7 -Monitors and evaluates the performance of teachers and other staff using multiple data sources		
1. Exemplary	Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff through observations, surveys, data, and documentation is consistent and comprehensive, resulting in highly accurate performance evaluations. A comprehensive system is in place to provide teachers and staff with ongoing, accurate, timely, detailed, descriptive feedback related to their performance. Administrators use the evaluation process to identify role models, teacher leaders, or both.	
2. Operational	Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff regularly occurs using data or documentation, generally resulting in accurate performance evaluations. Teachers and staff receive accurate, timely, descriptive feedback related to their performance.	✓
3. Emerging	Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff is inconsistent, incomplete, or lacks data or documentation, sometimes resulting in inaccurate performance evaluations. Teachers and staff receive some descriptive feedback related to their performance.	
4. Not Evident	Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff rarely occurs or often results in inaccurate performance evaluations. Teachers and staff receive little or no descriptive feedback related to their performance.	

Leadership Standard 8 -Provides ongoing support to teachers and other staff		
1. Exemplary	A comprehensive support system that is timely and targeted to individual needs is provided to teachers and other staff.	✓
2. Operational	Most support provided to teachers and other staff is targeted to individual needs.	
3. Emerging	Some support provided to teachers and staff is targeted to individual needs.	
4. Not Evident	Support to teachers and staff does not exist or is not targeted to individual needs.	

Effective Leadership Data

Planning and Organization Standard 1 -Shares a common vision and mission that define the school culture and guide the continuous improvement process		
1. Exemplary	A common vision and mission have been collaboratively developed and communicated to nearly all stakeholders. The culture of the school has been deeply defined over time by the vision and mission, which are updated as needed. The daily work and practices of staff consistently demonstrate a sustained commitment to continuous improvement.	✓
2. Operational	A common vision and mission have been developed through a collaborative process and communicated to most stakeholders. The vision and mission define the culture of the school and guide the continuous improvement process.	
3. Emerging	A common vision and mission have been developed by some staff members but have not been effectively communicated so that they guide the continuous improvement process.	
4. Not Evident	A common vision and mission have not been developed or updated or have been developed by a few staff members.	

Planning and Organization Standard 2 -Uses a data-driven and consensus-oriented process to develop and implement a school improvement plan that is focused on student performance		
1. Exemplary	A school improvement plan has been developed using a data-driven and consensus-oriented process with input from nearly all stakeholders. The plan includes appropriate goals and strategies with a strong focus on increasing student performance. This process and plan consistently guide the work of the school staff.	✓
2. Operational	A school improvement plan has been developed using a data-driven and consensus-oriented process with input from most plan stakeholders. The plan includes appropriate goals and strategies with a focus on increasing student performance.	
3. Emerging	A school improvement plan has been developed with input from some stakeholders. The school improvement plan is based on incomplete data analysis with limited focus on student performance.	
4. Not Evident	An up-to-date, data-driven school improvement plan focused on student performance is not in place.	

Effective Leadership Data

Planning and Organization Standard 3 -Monitors implementation of the school improvement plan and makes adjustments as needed		
1. Exemplary	The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are continually monitored by administrators, the school leadership team, and teacher leaders to evaluate the impact on student performance. Ongoing adjustments are made based on various performance, process, and perception data.	
2. Operational	he goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are regularly monitored by administrators and the school leadership team to evaluate the impact on student performance. Adjustments are made to the plan, as needed, based on the analysis of data.	✓
3. Emerging	The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are occasionally monitored by administrators.	
4. Not Evident	The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are rarely, if ever, monitored.	

Planning and Organization Standard 4 -Monitors the use of available resources to support continuous improvement		
1. Exemplary	The use of available resources (e.g., personnel, time, facilities, equipment, materials) to support continuous improvement is consistently monitored. School schedules and processes are designed to make effective use of personnel, time, materials, and equipment.	✓
2. Operational	The use of available resources (e.g., personnel, time, facilities, equipment, materials) to support continuous improvement is frequently monitored.	
3. Emerging	The use of available resources to support continuous improvement is inconsistently monitored.	
4. Not Evident	The use of available resources to support continuous improvement is rarely, if ever, monitored.	

Effective Leadership Data

Planning and Organization Standard 5 -Develops, communicates, and implements rules, policies, schedules, and procedures to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness		
1. Exemplary	Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed with stakeholder input, effectively communicated, and consistently implemented throughout the school to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness. These rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are consistently reviewed and revised as needed.	✓
2. Operational	Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed, communicated, and implemented throughout the school to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness. These rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are periodically reviewed and systematically revised as needed.	
3. Emerging	Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed but are not effectively communicated or are implemented inconsistently across the school.	
4. Not Evident	Rules, policies, or procedures are not developed, are poorly communicated, or are ineffectively implemented. In some cases, rules, policies, schedules, or procedures are out of date or have become barriers to student learning or staff effectiveness.	

Effective Leadership Data

Planning and Organization Standard 6 -Uses protocols to maintain the school campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning environment		
1. Exemplary	Protocols (e.g., safety drills, tornado drills, inclement weather plans, current crisis plan, school-wide safety plan, maintenance protocols, facility-use protocols, functional custodial schedules) are used extensively to maintain the school campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning environment. A proactive maintenance process is in place, and repairs are completed in a satisfactory and timely manner, when needed.	
2. Operational	Protocols (e.g., safety drills, tornado drills, inclement weather plans, current crisis plan, school-wide safety plan, maintenance protocols, facility-use protocols, functional custodial schedules) are used to maintain the school campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning environment. The school and campus are clean, well-maintained, inviting, and safe.	✓
3. Emerging	Protocols are sometimes used to maintain the school campus and equipment. The school and campus are partially clean, maintained, and inviting, but some safety issues exist.	
4. Not Evident	Protocols do not exist or are rarely, if ever, used to maintain the school campus and equipment. The school and campus are not clean, maintained, or inviting, and safety issues exist.	

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.3 Professional Capacity

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of professional capacity needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Professional Capacity webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Professional Capacity Data

Leadership Standard 5 -Builds leadership capacity through shared decision-making and problem-solving		
1. Exemplary	Extensive structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities. Administrators collaborate consistently with staff members to gather input.	
2. Operational	Numerous structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities.	✓
3. Emerging	Some structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making, problem-solving, or both.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making or problem-solving.	

Professional Learning Standard 1 -Aligns professional learning with needs identified through analysis of a variety of data		
1. Exemplary	Professional learning needs are identified and differentiated through a collaborative analysis process using a variety of data (e.g., student achievement data, examination of student work, process data, teacher and leader effectiveness data, action research data, perception data from students, staff, and families). Ongoing support is provided through differentiated professional learning.	✓
2. Operational	Professional learning needs are identified through a collaborative analysis process using a variety of data (e.g., student achievement data, examination of student work, process data, teacher and leader effectiveness data, action research data, perception data from students, staff, and families).	
3. Emerging	Professional learning needs are identified using limited sources of data.	
4. Not Evident	Professional learning needs are identified using little or no data.	

Professional Capacity Data

Professional Learning Standard 2 -Establishes a culture of collaboration among administrators and staff to enhance individual and collective performance		
1. Exemplary	Administrators and staff, as a foundational practice, consistently collaborate to support leadership and personal accountability and to enhance individual and collective performance (e.g., construct knowledge, acquire skills, refine practice, provide feedback). Teachers conduct action research and assume ownership of professional learning processes.	
2. Operational	Administrators and staff routinely collaborate to improve individual and collective performance (e.g., construct knowledge, acquire skills, refine practice, provide feedback).	✓
3. Emerging	Administrators and staff sometimes collaborate to improve individual and collective performance.	
4. Not Evident	Administrators and staff rarely collaborate to improve individual and collective performance.	

Professional Learning Standard 3 -Defines expectations for implementing professional learning		
1. Exemplary	Administrators, teacher leaders, or both consistently define expectations for the implementation of professional learning, including details regarding the stages of implementation and how monitoring will occur as implementation progresses.	✓
2. Operational	Administrators, teacher leaders, or both regularly define expectations for the implementation of professional learning.	
3. Emerging	Administrators, teacher leaders, or both occasionally define expectations for the implementation of professional learning.	
4. Not Evident	Administrators, teacher leaders, or both rarely, if ever, define expectations for the implementation of professional learning.	

Professional Capacity Data

Professional Learning Standard 4 -Uses multiple professional learning designs to support the various learning needs of the staff		
1. Exemplary	Staff members actively participate in job-embedded professional learning that engages collaborative teams in a variety of appropriate learning designs (e.g., collaborative lesson study, analysis of student work, problem solving sessions, curriculum development, coursework, action research, classroom observations, online networks). Professional learning includes extensive follow-up with descriptive feedback and coaching.	
2. Operational	Staff members actively participate in professional learning, most of which is job-embedded, which includes multiple designs (e.g., collaborative lesson study, analysis of student work, problem-solving sessions, curriculum development, coursework, action research, classroom observations, online networks) to support their various learning needs. Professional learning includes follow-up with feedback and coaching.	✓
3. Emerging	Some staff members are engaged in professional learning that makes use of more than one learning design to address their identified needs.	
4. Not Evident	Staff members receive single, stand-alone professional learning events that are informational and mostly large-group presentation designs.	

Professional Learning Standard 5 -Allocates resources and establishes systems to support and sustain effective professional learning		
1. Exemplary	Extensive resources (e.g., substitute teachers, materials, handouts, tools, stipends, facilitators, technology) and systems (e.g., conducive schedules, adequate collaborative time, model classrooms) are allocated to support and sustain effective professional learning. Opportunities to practice skills, receive follow-up, feedback, and coaching are provided to support the effectiveness of professional learning.	✓
2. Operational	Adequate resources (e.g., substitute teachers, materials, handouts, tools, stipends, facilitators, technology) and systems (e.g., conducive schedules, adequate collaborative time, model classrooms) are in place to support and sustain professional learning.	
3. Emerging	Some resources and systems are allocated to support and sustain professional learning.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, resources and systems are provided to support and sustain professional learning.	

Professional Capacity Data

Professional Learning Standard 6 -Monitors and evaluates the impact of professional learning on staff practices and student learning		
1. Exemplary	Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices and increases in student learning occurs extensively. Evaluation results are used to identify and implement processes to extend student learning.	
2. Operational	Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices and student learning occurs routinely.	✓
3. Emerging	Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices occurs sporadically.	
4. Not Evident	Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices occurs rarely, if ever.	

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.4 Family and Community Engagement

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of needs related to family and community engagement. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Family and Community Engagement webinar](#) for additional information and guidance. Visit Georgia's Family Connection Partnership's [KIDS COUNT](#) for additional data.

Family and Community Engagement Data

Family and Community Engagement Standard 1 -Creates an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school		
1. Exemplary	The school has a well-established, inviting learning environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school. Numerous opportunities are given to family members to become actively engaged in school-related events and improvement efforts as participants, event managers, and workers.	✓
2. Operational	The school has created an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school.	
3. Emerging	The school has made some progress toward creating an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school.	
4. Not Evident	The school has not created an environment that welcomes, encourages, or connects family and community members to the school.	

Family and Community Engagement Standard 2 -Establishes structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders		
1. Exemplary	Extensive structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders have been effectively established and implemented. Structures are continuously monitored for reliable and interactive communication.	✓
2. Operational	Most structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders have been effectively established and implemented.	
3. Emerging	Some structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders exist.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders exist.	

Family and Community Engagement Data

Family and Community Engagement Standard 3 -Establishes relationships and decision-making processes that build capacity for family and community engagement in the success of students		
1. Exemplary	A wide variety of relationships and collaborative decision-making processes (e.g., business partnerships, school councils, parent or family organizations, academic and extra-curricular booster clubs, civic organizations, tutoring services, post-secondary partnerships) are pervasive in promoting student success and well being. Expectations for family and community engagement are embedded in the culture and result in stakeholders being actively involved in decision-making.	
2. Operational	Numerous relationships and decision-making processes (e.g., business partnerships, school councils, parent or family organizations, academic and extra-curricular booster clubs, civic organizations, tutoring services) effectively build capacity for family and community engagement in the success of students.	✓
3. Emerging	Limited relationships and decision-making processes have been initiated by the school to build capacity for family and community engagement.	
4. Not Evident	Relationships and decision-making processes for families and the community are non-existent, or those that do exist contribute minimally to student success.	

Family and Community Engagement Data

Family and Community Engagement Standard 4 -Communicates academic expectations and current student achievement status to families		
1. Exemplary	The school staff provides families with ongoing, detailed academic expectations and/or graduation status (e.g., four-year graduation plans, syllabi, academic advisement protocols). Extensive communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided (e.g., progress reports, student-led parent conferences, report cards, reading level reports, state test reports, school-based assessment reports, online reporting system).	✓
2. Operational	The school staff communicates academic expectations and/or graduation status (e.g., four-year graduation plans, syllabi, academic advisement protocols) throughout the year. Regular communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided (e.g., progress reports, parent conferences, report cards, reading level reports, state test reports, school-based assessment reports, online reporting system).	
3. Emerging	The school staff communicates some academic expectations at the start of the year. Some communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided.	
4. Not Evident	The school staff does little to inform families of academic expectations. Little, if any, communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided.	

Family and Community Engagement Standard 5 -Develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement		
1. Exemplary	The school continually develops the capacity (e.g., parent training, lunch and learn, make-it and take-it) of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.	
2. Operational	The school frequently develops the capacity (e.g., parent training, lunch and learn, make-it and take-it) of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.	✓
3. Emerging	The school occasionally develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.	
4. Not Evident	The school seldom, if ever, develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.	

Family and Community Engagement Data

Family and Community Engagement Standard 6 -Connects families with agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students		
1. Exemplary	The school has a systematic process in place to connect families with an array of agencies and resources (e.g., Y-Clubs, after-school programs, health and counseling services, community service agencies, civic organizations, tutoring services) to meet the needs of students.	
2. Operational	The school regularly connects families to agencies and resources in the community (e.g., Y-Clubs, after-school programs, health and counseling services, community service agencies, civic organizations, tutoring services) to meet the needs of students.	✓
3. Emerging	The school sometimes connects families to agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students.	
4. Not Evident	The school does little to connect families with agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students.	

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.5 Supportive Learning Environment

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of needs related to a supportive learning environment. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). Student subgroups with a count of less than 15 are denoted by "TFS" (too few students). See the [Supportive Learning Environment webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Supportive Learning Environment Data

Instruction Standard 1 -Provides a supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning		
1. Exemplary	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident throughout the school. Students consistently stay on-task and take responsibility for their own actions.	
2. Operational	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in most classrooms.	✓
3. Emerging	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in some classrooms.	
4. Not Evident	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in few, if any, classrooms.	

Instruction Standard 2 -Creates an academically challenging learning environment		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration). Students consistently work independently and in teams to solve real-world problems that require advanced effort, decision-making, and critical and creative thinking.	
2. Operational	Most teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration).	✓
3. Emerging	Some teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.	

Supportive Learning Environment Data

Instruction Standard 8 -Establishes a learning environment that empowers students to actively monitor their own progress		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress. Nearly all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and accountability by engaging in record keeping, self-monitoring, sharing, exhibiting, and self-reflection.	
2. Operational	Most students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress.	
3. Emerging	Some students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.	✓
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.	

School Culture Standard 1 -Develops, communicates, and implements rules, practices, and procedures to maintain a safe, orderly learning environment		
1. Exemplary	Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly learning environment are proactively developed, communicated, and consistently implemented across the school. These rules, practices, and procedures are continually monitored and revised as needed.	✓
2. Operational	Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly learning environment are developed, communicated, and implemented.	
3. Emerging	Rules, practices, and procedures are developed and communicated but are ineffective or inconsistently implemented across the school.	
4. Not Evident	Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly, learning environment are not developed nor updated or are poorly communicated.	

Supportive Learning Environment Data

School Culture Standard 2 -Establishes a culture of trust and respect that promotes positive interactions and a sense of community		
1. Exemplary	Extensive evidence (e.g., positive and respectful interactions, appreciation of diversity, tolerance, understanding) exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established. A pervasive commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.	
2. Operational	Evidence (e.g., positive and respectful interactions, appreciation of diversity, tolerance, understanding) exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established. A sustained commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.	✓
3. Emerging	Some evidence exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established. A limited commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.	
4. Not Evident	Little or no evidence exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established. Unresolved conflicts interfere with a sense of community.	

School Culture Standard 3 -Establishes a culture that supports the college and career readiness of students		
1. Exemplary	Extensive evidence (e.g., advisement, career counseling, transition coaching, high expectations) exists that the beliefs and practices of the school support the college and career readiness of students. The school culture supports addressing individual achievement needs and strengths to prepare students for success.	
2. Operational	Evidence (e.g., advisement, career counseling, transition coaching, high expectations) exists that the beliefs and practices of the school support the college and career readiness of students.	✓
3. Emerging	Some evidence exists that the school supports the college and career readiness of students.	
4. Not Evident	Little or no evidence exists that the school supports the college and career readiness of students.	

Supportive Learning Environment Data

School Culture Standard 4 -Supports the personal growth and development of students		
1. Exemplary	The school staff consistently provides a comprehensive system of support (e.g., counseling, mentoring, advisement, coaching, goal setting, time management, problem solving) to maximize the personal growth and development of nearly all students.	
2. Operational	The school staff regularly provides support (e.g., counseling, mentoring, advisement, coaching, goal setting, time management, problem solving) to enhance the personal growth and development of students.	✓
3. Emerging	The school staff sporadically supports the personal growth and development of students.	
4. Not Evident	The school staff does little to support the personal growth and development of students.	

School Culture Standard 5 -Recognizes and celebrates achievements and accomplishments of students and staff		
1. Exemplary	The school community consistently recognizes and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of students and staff. The celebrations are publicized within the school and to the community and support the culture of the school.	✓
2. Operational	The school community regularly recognizes and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of students and staff.	
3. Emerging	The school community periodically recognizes or celebrates the achievements or accomplishments of students and/or staff.	
4. Not Evident	The school community rarely, if ever, recognizes or celebrates the achievements or accomplishments of students or staff.	

Supportive Learning Environment Data

Planning and Organization Standard 1 -Shares a common vision and mission that define the school culture and guide the continuous improvement process		
1. Exemplary	A common vision and mission have been collaboratively developed and communicated to nearly all stakeholders. The culture of the school has been deeply defined over time by the vision and mission, which are updated as needed. The daily work and practices of staff consistently demonstrate a sustained commitment to continuous improvement.	
2. Operational	A common vision and mission have been developed through a collaborative process and communicated to most stakeholders. The vision and mission define the culture of the school and guide the continuous improvement process.	✓
3. Emerging	A common vision and mission have been developed by some staff members but have not been effectively communicated so that they guide the continuous improvement process.	
4. Not Evident	A common vision and mission have not been developed or updated or have been developed by a few staff members.	

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.6 Data Analysis Questions

Analyze the LEA's data and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of demographic and financial needs. Student subgroups with a count of less than 15 are denoted by "TFS" (too few students).

What perception data did you use? [examples: student perceptions about school climate issues (health survey, violence, prejudice, bullying, etc.); student/parent perceptions about the effectiveness of programs or interventions; student understanding of relationship of school to career or has an academic plan]	Panorama SEL survey results; parental feedback from Title I events/programs; surveys of students, parents, faculty and staff; SAI Survey results;
What does the perception data tell you? (perception data can describe people's knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, competencies; perception data can also answer the question "What do people think they know, believe, or can do?")	The data revealed that most parents are very satisfied with the faculty, staff and instructional program at Blythe. Students indicated they would like to have more specials/ connections classes. F/S surveys indicated that like the way the instructional days are scheduled and appreciate support from the Instructional Specialist, administration and from the District Office. Teachers indicate they do not want a lot of new programs or initiatives.
What process data did you use? (examples: student participation in school activities, sports, clubs, arts; student participation in special programs such as peer mediation, counseling, skills conferences; parent/student participation in events such as college information meetings and parent workshops)	The 5th graders participating in skills classes; the afterschool tutoring program reading and math scores; Title I Parent Surveys; student participation in STEAM Club, Math Team and Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl; student participation in reading challenges
What does the process data tell you? (process data describes the way programs are conducted; provides evidence of participant involvement in programs; answers the question "What did you do for whom?")	We offered additional support for students in Grades 3 - 5 that students in Grades K-2 did not receive. It also tells us that we need to implement additional support for 4th grade students

What achievement data did you use?	iReady BOY, MOY & EOY results; Ga. Milestones EOG results; MyOn Lexile scores; Content Mastery Assessments results; students' grades; ACCESS Scores; referrals of and students qualifying for Gifted classes;
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What does your achievement data tell you?	Based on Ga. Milestones data, 71% of our 3rd Grade students read on or above grade level, 33% of our 4th Grade students read on or above grade level, and 71% of our 5th Grade students read on or above grade level; Based on iReady (K-5) EOY data, 49% of our students are on or above grade level in math and 52% of our students are on or above grade level in reading
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What demographic data did you use?	Subgroups---ESOL, SWD, race, grade level
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What does the demographic data tell you?	SWD subgroups significantly impacted our scores because some SWDs fell into numerous subgroups; SWDS performed lower than all other subgroups.
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3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

3.1 Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

Read the trends and patterns summaries from each section of the data analysis process. Use the information in these summaries to complete 3.2 and 3.3. Using the summaries in 3.1 and other local data, describe the strengths and challenges or answer the guiding questions for each program. Include strengths and challenges related to: a) general program implementation, and b) students and adults involved in or affected by the program. Focus on strengths and challenges that will assist in the identification of needs during 3.2. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

Coherent Instructional: Summarize the coherent instructional system trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?	Instruction is aligned to the standards. Teachers are expected to post the standards, learning targets and success criteria. There sometimes appears to be a lack of rigor and connection to real world experiences.
Effective Leadership: Summarize the effective leadership trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?	The Leadership Team must use data to inform decisions and to drive instruction. Administration must actively monitor instruction and provide appropriate feedback.
Professional Capacity: Summarize the professional capacity trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?	1. Data-Driven Decision Making: The use of data and analytics is increasingly prevalent. By analyzing student performance data, including assessment results, attendance records, and behavior data, we can identify patterns and trends to understand specific needs and tailor interventions accordingly. 2. Personalized Learning: We will address the growing emphasis on personalized learning by collecting and analyzing data on student interests, learning styles, and progress. We can identify patterns and trends to customize instruction and support for each student. 3. Technology Integration: The integration of technology in education provides opportunities to collect and analyze vast amounts of data. Learning management systems, educational apps, and digital tools generate valuable insights into student engagement, progress, and areas of difficulty. Analyzing this data will help us identify individual student needs and inform instructional decisions. 4. Professional Development: Analyzing data related to teacher

Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

	performance, professional development, and instructional practices can reveal patterns and trends in areas where educators may require additional training and support. Identifying these needs can guide the design of relevant and effective professional development programs. 5. Equity and Inclusion: Analyzing data related to student demographics, achievement gaps, and discipline disparities will highlight patterns and trends related to equity and inclusion. This information can guide efforts to address systemic barriers, develop culturally responsive practices, and provide targeted support to marginalized students. By examining these trends and patterns, we can gain valuable insights into the needs of students and teachers enabling them to make informed decisions and implement targeted interventions and support systems to foster academic growth, professional development, and overall success in educational settings.
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Family and Community Engagement: Summarize the family and community engagement trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?	1. Data-Informed Decision Making: The use of data driven decision making is becoming increasingly prevalent. By analyzing various data points such as assessment results, attendance records, behavior data, and student feedback, we can identify trends, patterns, and areas of improvement. 2. Learning Analytics and Educational Technology: The integration of educational technology and learning analytics provides valuable insights into student performance, engagement, and learning styles. By leveraging data generated from digital platforms, adaptive learning systems, and online assessments, we can identify individual student needs and tailor instruction accordingly. 3. Personalized and Differentiated Instruction: With a growing emphasis on personalized and differentiated instruction to meet the diverse needs of students, we will analyze data related to student interests, learning preferences, and prior knowledge, educators can identify patterns that inform the design of individualized learning experiences and targeted interventions. 4. Professional Learning Communities (PLCs): We will provide opportunities for teachers to engage in ongoing professional development and share best practices. Analyzing data on student performance, instructional strategies, and teacher collaboration will help us uncover trends and patterns that guide targeted professional development initiatives and support teachers' instructional needs. 5. Equity and Inclusion: Addressing equity gaps and fostering inclusive environments are important priorities. Analyzing data related
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Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

	to student achievement, disciplinary actions, and demographics can highlight patterns of inequity and inform targeted interventions to ensure all students have equal opportunities to succeed. By considering these trends and patterns, we can gather insights into the needs of students and teachers. This information enables them to make informed decisions, implement evidence-based practices, and provide targeted support to foster growth, development, and equitable outcomes in education.
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Supportive Learning Environment: Summarize the supportive learning environment trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?	1. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL): Recognizing the importance of students' social and emotional well-being, there is an increasing focus on creating supportive learning environments. Analyzing data related to student social-emotional skills, well-being surveys, and behavior indicators can reveal trends and patterns that inform the implementation of effective SEL programs and support systems. 2. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS): PBIS is an approach that promotes positive behaviors and fosters a supportive school climate. Analyzing data on disciplinary actions, student behavior, and school climate surveys can identify trends and patterns that inform the implementation of proactive strategies, interventions, and targeted support for students. 3. School Climate and Culture: A positive school climate and culture are essential for a supportive learning environment. Analyzing data from student and staff surveys, as well as observations, can provide insights into the perceptions and experiences of the school community. Identifying trends and patterns in these data points can guide efforts to strengthen school climate and create a supportive environment. 4. Collaboration and Communication: Effective collaboration and communication among students, teachers, and leaders contribute to a supportive learning environment. Analyzing data related to collaboration structures, communication channels, and feedback mechanisms can help identify trends and patterns that inform improvements in communication practices and the establishment of collaborative processes. 5. Student Voice and Engagement: Empowering students and involving them in decision-making processes are important trends in education. Collecting and analyzing data on student engagement, feedback, and participation can identify trends and patterns that inform efforts to enhance student voice and engagement within the learning environment.
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Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

	By considering these trends and patterns, educational stakeholders can gain insights into the needs of students, teachers, and leaders regarding a supportive learning environment. This information enables them to make informed decisions, implement evidence-based practices, and provide targeted support to create a nurturing and inclusive educational setting.
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Demographic and Financial: Summarize the demographic and financial trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?	Our school is located in the rural part of the district such that resources are often limited. Our data indicates that most of our students are from single parent homes where income and resources are limited. Our data also indicates that our ESOL students don't participate in some field trips and outside activities due to cultural barriers. By considering these trends and patterns, we have gained insights into the needs of students, teachers, and leaders regarding demographics and financial needs. This information enables us to develop targeted interventions, allocate resources effectively, and advocate for equitable practices and policies that support the success of all individuals in the educational community. 1. Demographic Data Analysis: Analyzing demographic data such as student enrollment, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, language proficiency, and special education needs can provide insights into the diverse needs of students. Understanding these demographics helps identify patterns and trends that inform the development of targeted interventions and support systems to address specific student needs. 2. Achievement and Opportunity Gaps: Analyzing data on student achievement and opportunity gaps across different demographic groups can reveal disparities in educational outcomes. Identifying these gaps helps inform equity-focused initiatives and interventions aimed at providing equal opportunities for all students, regardless of their demographic backgrounds. 3. Culturally Responsive Practices: Recognizing the importance of cultural competence, there is a growing emphasis on implementing culturally responsive practices. Analyzing data related to student demographics, cultural representation in curriculum and instruction, and culturally relevant teaching strategies can help identify trends and patterns that inform the development of inclusive and responsive learning environments. 4. Access to Resources: Analyzing data on resource allocation, such as funding, technology access, and educational materials, can reveal inequities in resource distribution. Understanding these patterns helps identify areas where additional support is needed to address financial disparities and ensure all students have equal access to necessary resources.
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Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

Student Achievement: Summarize the student achievement trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?	Our data indicates that 48% of our students read below grade level. Our data indicates that 51% of our students perform below grade level in math. Our data also indicates that student achievement declines in 4th Grade; thus causing us to put together a new group of 4th Grade teachers. 1. Data-Driven Instruction: We have and will continue to analyze student achievement data, such as standardized test scores, formative assessments, and progress monitoring data, to help us identify trends and patterns in student performance. This information will guide us in designing targeted interventions and differentiated instruction to meet the individual needs of our students. 2. Individualized Learning and Personalization: Our data indicates the need for more individualized, personalized learning based on students' needs and learning styles. Analyzing data on student strengths, weaknesses, and preferences will help us create and implement personalized learning plans and interventions tailored to individual student achievement levels. 3. Formative Assessment and Feedback: As we analyze data from formative assessments, quizzes, and student self-assessments, we see the need for teachers to do a better job of providing timely and targeted feedback for improvement. 4. Differentiated Instruction and Intervention: Analyzing student achievement data has indicated that we need to implement differentiated instruction and targeted interventions with fidelity. Therefore, teachers will need to provide specific support and resources to students who are struggling academically or require additional challenges.
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IDEA – Special Education, Economically Disadvantaged Children, and English Learners.

Using the summaries in 3.1 and other local data, describe the strengths and challenges or answer the guiding questions for each program. Include strengths and challenges related to: a) general program implementation, and b) students and adults involved in or affected by the program. Focus on strengths and challenges that will assist in the identification of needs during 3.3. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Strengths	All of these programs address the students' individual needs; The processes for identifying students for Sped. and ELL are solid.
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Challenges	Being certain that students have been correctly identified and are served accordingly; Too many Sped. meetings during the school day; Student attendance; Transitioning between grade levels; Not all teachers are made aware of the IEP goals, etc.
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3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

3.2 Identification and Prioritization of Overarching Needs

Use the results of 3.1 to identify the overarching needs of the LEA. Determine the priority order of the identified needs based on data, team member and stakeholder knowledge, and answers to questions in the table below. Be sure to address the major program challenges identified in 3.1. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Overarching Need # 1

Overarching Need	To increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level in K-5
How severe is the need?	High
Is the need trending better or worse over time?	Better
Can Root Causes be Identified?	Yes
Priority Order	1

Additional Considerations	● Implement evidence-based reading instruction(e.g., Science of Reading, structured literacy). ● Ongoing PD for teachers and support staffon literacy best practices and assessment data use. ● Ensureclassroom libraries are diverse and leveledappropriately.
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Overarching Need # 2

Overarching Need	To increase the percentage of students performing on or above grade level in math
How severe is the need?	High
Is the need trending better or worse over time?	Better
Can Root Causes be Identified?	Yes
Priority Order	2

Additional Considerations	Incorporateinteractive math programs and platformsfor practice and scaffolding. Integratemath fact fluency practicein daily routines, especially in grades K–3. Supportmath content knowledgedevelopment for K–5 teachers.
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3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

3.3 Root Cause Analysis

Select the top 2-4 overarching needs from 3.2. Conduct a separate root cause analysis (RCA) for each need. Any RCA tools and resources can be used, but suggestions are available as part of the [Identifying Need webinar](#). After describing the RCA process, complete a table for each selected overarching need.

Overarching Need - To increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level in K-5

Root Cause # 1

Root Causes to be Addressed	Students lack the prerequisite skills
This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom	Yes
This is something we can affect	Yes
Impacted Programs	IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment

Additional Responses	
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Root Cause # 2

Root Causes to be Addressed	Lack of fidelity with regard to differentiated instruction based on the data; lack of consistent effective instruction and monitoring
This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom	No
This is something we can affect	Yes
Impacted Programs	IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Root Cause # 2

Impacted Programs	Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program
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Additional Responses	
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Overarching Need - To increase the percentage of students performing on or above grade level in math

Root Cause # 1

Root Causes to be Addressed	Students are lacking the prerequisite foundational skills
This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom	Yes
This is something we can affect	Yes
Impacted Programs	IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment

Additional Responses	
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Root Cause # 2

Root Causes to be Addressed	Lack of long-term commitment, consistency and buy-in from teachers to provide needed differentiation strategies
This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom	No
This is something we can affect	Yes
Impacted Programs	IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students

Root Cause # 2

Impacted Programs	Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program
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Additional Responses	
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School Improvement Plan 2025 - 2026



Richmond County
Blythe Elementary School

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1 General Improvement Plan Information

General Improvement Plan Information

District	Richmond County
School Name	Blythe Elementary School
Team Lead	Tammy Hendley
Federal Funding Options to Be Employed (SWP Schools) in this Plan (Select all that apply)	Consolidation of Funds – Fund 150: Consolidation of State/Local and Federal Funds
Select the Funds that the LEA anticipates will be consolidated	Title I, Part A Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement set-aside

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 CNA Section 3.2	To increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level in K-5
Root Cause # 1	Lack of fidelity with regard to differentiated instruction based on the data; lack of consistent effective instruction and monitoring
Root Cause # 2	Students lack the prerequisite skills
Goal	Utilize research based differentiated instructional practices and strategies to increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level in K-5 by 15% by the end of the 2025-2026 school year as measured by the I-Ready Diagnostic assessment. [SY 2023(54%), SY 2024(52%)] (Sub-Goal). Utilize research based differentiated instructional practices and strategies during the 2025- 2026 school year to increase the percentage of Proficient & Distinguished 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade ELA EOG students by 5% as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment. [SY 2021(38.77%);SY 2022(24.41%); SY 2023(27.2%)].

Action Step # 1

Action Step	Explicit teaching of foundational reading skills for Grades K-3.
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Lesson planning, collaborative planning, weekly sight word assessments
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	administer weekly sight word assessments; administer fluency reading checks weekly
Position/Role Responsible	Principal, AP, Instructional Specialist, Teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Weekly

Action Step # 1

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	The LEA including Blythe Elementary are implementing partnerships with several organizations to support this action step, including CSRA RESA, Lowe's, Golden Harvest, Lions Club of Augusta, Valdosta State University, and Augusta State University. These collaborations span institutions of higher education (IHEs), businesses, non-profits, and community-based organizations, each with a demonstrated record of success in contributing to educational initiatives and student development.
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Action Step # 2

Action Step	School-wide D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) time at the end of the school day.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Professional Capacity Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Monitor monthly media reports; monitor MyOn Student Core reports; lesson plans
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	MyOn Student Core Reports throughout the school year; Follett Destiny reports; Increase in MyOn Books Completed Report ; Increase in monthly circulation reports
Position/Role Responsible	Principal, AP, Instructional Specialist, Media Specialist, teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Weekly

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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Action Step # 2

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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Action Step # 3

Action Step	Use class novels and word study instructional activities in Gr. 3-5 to support fluency, vocabulary acquisition, and reading comprehension.
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Analyze student score reports, lesson plans
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Check student score reports and lesson plans
Position/Role Responsible	Principal, AP, Instructional Specialist, teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Monthly

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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Action Step # 4

Action Step	Utilize differentiated intervention time that supports reading and reading comprehension.
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Professional Capacity Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	eWalks, TKES, Focus Walks, Utilize Reports: IXL, RTI data, MTSS data, Splash Learn reports, Freckle reports, i-Ready reports
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Utilize Reports: IXL, RTI data, MTSS data, Splash Learn reports, Freckle reports, i-Ready reports
Position/Role Responsible	Principal, AP, Instructional Specialist, teachers, MTSS Facilitator, Media Specialist
Timeline for Implementation	Monthly

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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Action Step # 5

Action Step	Implement monthly collaborative and vertical planning with all grade levels.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority

Action Step # 5

Subgroups	Student with Disabilities Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Professional Capacity Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Utilize Student achievement scores in: core content classes, iReady Reading and Math, benchmark assessments, and Ga. Milestones Assessments
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Analyze iReady Reading and Math, Ga. Milestones Assessments, Lesson Plans, Sign-in sheets, Meeting Agendas and Notes; Curriculum Guides, Instructional Frameworks, Pacing Guides
Position/Role Responsible	Principal, AP, Instructional Specialist, MTSS Facilitator, teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Monthly

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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Action Step # 6

Action Step	Provide after school tutoring program for grades 3 - 5.
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Utilize student assessments score reports, student groupings, grades/scores in content areas
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Analyze students scores from assessments and core content classes; track attendance in tutoring program;

Action Step # 6

Position/Role Responsible	Principal, AP, Instructional Specialist, teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Monthly

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

2.2 Overarching Need # 2

Overarching Need

Overarching Need as identified in CNA Section 3.2	To increase the percentage of students performing on or above grade level in math
Root Cause # 1	Lack of long-term commitment, consistency and buy-in from teachers to provide needed differentiation strategies
Root Cause # 2	Students are lacking the prerequisite foundational skills
Goal	Utilize research based differentiated instructional practices and strategies to increase the percentage of K-5 students on or above grade level in Math by 15% by the end of the 2025-2026 school year as measured by the I-Ready Diagnostic assessment. [SY 2023 (52%); SY 2024(48%)]. (Sub-Goal). During the 2024-2025 school year, we will utilize research-based differentiated instructional practices and strategies to increase the percentage of Proficient & Distinguished 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Math EOG by 10% as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment. [SY 2021(30.21%); SY 2022(27.56%); SY 2023 (24.0%)].

Action Step # 1

Action Step	Implement/provide explicit and systematic instruction that supports the Standards of Mathematical Practice to include; providing models of proficient problem solving, verbalization of thought processes, guided practice, corrective feedback, and frequent cumulative review.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Professional Capacity Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Utilize student achievement scores; core content classes, iReady Math Diagnostic assessment, and GA Milestones Assessments, Prodigy data, First in Math reports; Lesson Plans, IXL Data.

Action Step # 1

Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Analyze Student achievement scores; core content classes, iReady Math Diagnostic assessment, and GA Milestones Assessments, Prodigy data, First in Math reports, Lesson Plans, and IXL Data.
Position/Role Responsible	Principal, AP, Instructional Specialist, teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Weekly

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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Action Step # 2

Action Step	Provide intervention time that supports problem solving and mathematical fluency; Struggling students K-2; monitor RTI strategies, IXL, Freckle, Splash Learn, I-Ready, Prodigy; Students 3-5; Intervention supports using iReady personalized pathways.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Utilize reports: RTI data, MTSS data, FEV data, Splash Learn reports, Freckle reports, I-Ready reports
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Analyze reports: RTI data, MTSS data, FEV data, Splash Learn reports, Freckle reports, I-Ready reports
Position/Role Responsible	Principal, AP, Instructional Specialist, teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Monthly

Action Step # 2

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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Action Step # 3

Action Step	Implement monthly collaborative and vertical planning across grade levels and content areas.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Professional Capacity Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Utilize Student achievement scores in: core content classes, iReady Math, benchmark assessments, and Ga. Milestones Assessments; Meetings agendas and sign-in sheets
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Analyze Student achievement scores in: core content classes, iReady Math, benchmark assessments, and Ga. Milestones Assessments ; check meeting agendas and sign-in sheets
Position/Role Responsible	Principal, AP, Instructional Specialist; teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Monthly

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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Action Step # 3

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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Action Step # 4

Action Step	Implement an afterschool tutoring program for students in Grades 3-5 to address reading and math deficits.
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Utilize attendance reports, student score reports on assessments, lesson plans with instructional groupings
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Monitor attendance reports, student score reports on assessments, lesson plans with instructional groupings
Position/Role Responsible	Principal, AP, Instructional Specialist, teachers
Timeline for Implementation	Monthly

What partnerships, if any, with 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)?	
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3. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

3.1 Stakeholders, Coordination of Activities, Serving Children, and 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).	Surveys are conducted several times per year where all stakeholders have opportunities to identify areas of like and dislike, concerns and questions about programs, progress, etc.
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 teachers at Blythe hold at least a bachelor's degree, with many possessing advanced degrees. During the 2023–2024 school year, three teachers served under provisional certification. For the 2024–2025 school year, two teachers will hold provisional certification, with all requirements expected to be completed by year's end. For the upcoming 2025-2026 school year we have one teacher that hold provisional certification. Our hiring practices prioritize highly qualified educators, and we ensure that students with the greatest learning needs are taught by experienced, certified teachers rather than waiver or first-year teachers.
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).	We utilize and follow the District's curriculum which is aligned with the Georgia DOE. We require a minimum number of instructional minutes in core content areas. Students in Grades 3-5 benefit from personalized learning for 50 minutes per day. All students received SEL instruction. Data from iReady, Georgia Milestones, benchmark assessments, and other in-house assessments are used to determine which specialized services students receive. Students who are two or more grade levels behind receive additional Early Intervention Services in reading and math. Students also receive special education services based on their IEPs. The District provides transportation services for students identified as homeless. Students attend specials/connections classes (Music, STEAM, P.E.) every day for 45 minutes.
4. If applicable, provide a description of how teachers, in consultation 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 multiple (a minimum of 2) objective, academic-based performance criteria to	Administrators, teachers, Instructional Specialist, and counselor use data from EIP checklist, GKIDS, Kindergarten Readiness, iReady (3x per year), Content Mastery Assessments, Georgia Milestones and IEP goals and objectives to determine which students need which services and the model to use for providing those services. Student scores on the checklists and assessments determine their instructional placement and services. For K-3 we use the standard based grading system of 0 through 4, with 0 = N/D (not demonstrated), 1 = Beginning Learner , 2 = Developing Learner 3 = Proficient Learner, 4 =Distinguished Learner. For grades 4th-5th grading system is numerical - 0 through

rank students for service. Also include a description of the measurable scale (point system) that uses the objective criteria to rank all students.	100, with A represents an average of 90-100, B represents an average of 80-89, C represents an average of 75-79, D represents an average of 70-74 and F represents an average of below 70.
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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.	Local Head Start programs visit our school in the spring. The students spend time in a Kindergarten classroom and take a tour of the school. Our PreK classes spend half-day in a Kindergarten class in the spring to help with transitioning. We provide tours to new families upon request.
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.	We work with our feeder middle school to help transition our 5th graders to 6th grade. Our 5th graders visit and tour the feeder middle school in the spring of each year. If our 5th graders are attending a magnet or specialized school rather than the feeder middle school, visits are arranged for those students also.
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 use a progressive discipline plan, and we are a P.B.I.S. school. Teachers use Class Dojo to communicate with parents continually. Our counselor works with students to help them develop appropriate social skills and behaviors. Teachers must follow the progressive discipline plan before sending a student to the office---except in the case of danger or harm.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES

8. Use the space below to provide additional narrative regarding the school's improvement plan.	We use funds to provide books for students with good behavior. We recognize good behavior/conduct every 9 weeks and the end of each semester. Students who earn a good conduct award receive a free book based on their Lexile level.
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