

District Improvement Plan 2024 - 2025



Hall County

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1 General Improvement Plan Information

General Improvement Plan Information

District	Hall County
Team Lead	Heather Barrett
	Traditional funding (Federal funds budgeted separately)
Employed (SWP Schools) in	
this Plan (Select all that apply)	
Transferability of Funds (ESSA	Sec. 5103). If applicable, check the box and list the program(s) where funds are
being transferred. Refer to the	Federal Programs Handbook for additional information and requirements.
Transfer Title II, Part A to:	NO FUNDS TRANSFERRED
Cumulative Percentage of	NA
Allocation to be Transferred to	
the Selected Grant(s)	

Transfer Title IV, Part A to:	NO FUNDS TRANSFERRED
Cumulative Percentage of	NA
Allocation to be Transferred to	
the Selected Grant(s)	

Fac	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)	

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Do you need a waiver? No

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3. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT GOALS

3.1 Overarching Need # 1

Overarching Need

	Decrease the student achievement gap by meeting the needs of diverse learners.
in CNA Section 3.2	
Is Need # 1 also an Equity	Yes
Gap?	
Root Cause # 1	Challenges in identification of diverse needs of learners
Root Cause # 2	How to match the systems, knowledge, skills, and strategies to address the needs
	of all learners.
Root Cause # 3	Limited time, opportunity to intentionally focus and reflect on core beliefs about teaching and learning.
Goal	By the end of FY25, the percentage of students in each subgroup moving into the
	"Proficient" and Distinguished" levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones
	Assessments will increase by 2% in the "Proficient" and "Distinguished" levels of
	performance.

Equity Gap

Lightly Cap District Weart Growth Fercentile (WGF)	Equity Gap	District Mean Growth Percentile (MGP)
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Content Area(s)	ELA Mathematics Science Social Studies
Grade Level Span(s)	K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
Subgroup(s)	Economically Disadvantaged Race / Ethnicity / Minority

Equity Gap

Equity interventions	EI-7 Provide equitable access to student support programs and interventions
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Action Step	Professional development will be provided by school leadership teams, instructional coaches and district level professional learning support positions funded by several federal programs in areas that include: *feedback (Teach, Assess, Respond) *literacy *collaborative planning *lesson components *small group instruction *developing formative and summative assessments
	*assessments and data analysis *new teacher induction programming *building professional capacity through endorsement certification programs *leadership *developing best practices for instruction *students' social emotional and behavioral needs *developing student centered learning environments *differentiation
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A Title I, Part A SIG Title II, Part A Title III, Part A Title III, Part A IDEA Perkins
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Professional Capacity Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Implementation plan, professional learning plan, professional learning sign in sheets, professional learning agendas, feedback survey results, and longevity data
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Student Achievement Data, professional learning feedback

	Director of Federal Programs; Executive Director of Leadership Development, Director of Title I, Director of SpEd, Executive Director of CTAE, Director of Innovative and Advanced Programs, Director of Elementary Literacy and Numeracy, Executive Director of Secondary Education
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation Yearly

Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

No

What partnerships, if any, with	Pioneer RESA
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)?	

Action Step	Adding staff to reduce class-size in Title I schools.
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities

Systems	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	Class size reduction worksheets
Implementation	
Method for Monitoring	Student Achievement Data
Effectiveness	
Position/Role Responsible	Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Director of Title I Services
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation Yearly

Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

Yes

What partnerships, if any, with	Pioneer RESA and University of North Georgia
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)?	

Action Step	Provide high quality CTAE career pathways, industry certifications, employability skills training, CTSOs, and WBL opportunities to assist in preparing students for workplace success.
Funding Sources	Perkins
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners

Subgroups	Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction
Method for Monitoring	CTAE Pathway Completers and WBL Enrollment Data, GA Pipeline Data of
Implementation	CTSO enrollment
Method for Monitoring	Student Achievement Data, GA Best Certifications and End of Pathways
Effectiveness	Assessments, HCSD Board Minutes for CTSO Recognition
Position/Role Responsible	Executive Director of CTAE and CTAE Instructors
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation Yearly

Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

Yes

What partnerships, if any, with	Lake Lanier Islands, Milton Martin Toyota, ZF Industries, IMS Gears, Carroll
IHEs, business, Non-Profits,	Daniel Construction, Cargill
Community based	
organizations, or any private	
entity with a demonstrated	
record of success is the LEA	
implementing in carrying out	
this action step(s)?	

Action Step	Create flexible and innovative learning opportunities that increase student
Action Step	₹ '''
	achievement.
Funding Sources	Title IV, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction
	Professional Capacity
Method for Monitoring	Enrollment data for programs of choice and other innovative learning opportunities
Implementation	
Method for Monitoring	Student Achievement Data, Level 2 and 3 Credits earned, and Carnegie unit data
Effectiveness	in middle schools
Position/Role Responsible	Director of Innovation and Advanced Programs, Director of Federal Programs
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation	Yearly
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Does this action step support	
the selected equity	
intervention?	

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)?

Action Step	Expand the implementation of ASPIRE (student-led IEP initiative) that provides students with the opportunity to develop self-determination skills and increase parent and community involvement.
Funding Sources	IDEA
Subgroups	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Documentation of ASPIRE training for teachers and documentation in student IEP records that students participate in ASPIRE.
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Parent Feedback forms and student surveys
Position/Role Responsible	Director of Special Education
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation Yearly

Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

What partnerships, if any, with	Pioneer RESA and University of North Georgia
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)?	

Action Cton	Drovide College and Corner Coordinators to support well reunded learning
Action Step	Provide College and Career Coordinators to support well rounded learning
	opportunities.
Funding Sources	Title IV, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	Dual number enrollment, after graduation data, drop out rates
Implementation	
Method for Monitoring	Number of college credits earned, student achievement data
Effectiveness	-
Position/Role Responsible	Director of Federal Programs, Director of Student Services
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation Yearly

Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

What partnerships, if any, with	Pioneer RESA and University of North Georgia
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)?	

Additional opportunities for student learning-Extended School Year (ESY),
summer school, extended school day and Saturday school.
Title I, Part A
IDEA
Economically Disadvantaged
Foster
Homeless
English Learners
Migrant
Race / Ethnicity / Minority
Student with Disabilities
Supportive Learning Environment
Number of participants, lesson plans
Student achievement data.
Director of Federal Programs, Director of Title I Services, Director of Student
Services, Director of Special Education
Strong

Timeline for	Implementation	Yearly
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Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

Action Step	Provide parent outreach facilitator (district-level), Family Services and Parent Coordinator (district-level), and Parent Liaisons (school-level) to build parent capacity and enhance and increase partnerships with parents and other stakeholders including professional learning with parent liaisons.
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A McKinney-Vento
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities
Systems	Family and Community Engagement
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Sign-in sheets, agendas
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Student Health Survey, Student attendance, parent and family engagement feedback forms
Position/Role Responsible	Director of Federal Program, Assistant Director Title I Services, Director of Title I Services
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation	Yearly
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Does this action step support Yes the selected equity intervention?

What partnerships, if any, with	The Parent Institute
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)?	

Action Step	Employ new and existing technology to engage students, facilitate PL for staff, and increase efficiency.
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A Title II, Part A Title IV, 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	Professional learning agenda and sign-in sheets.
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Professional learning evaluations and student achievement data.
Position/Role Responsible	Director of Digital Convergence, Director of Federal Programs, Director of Title I
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation Yearly

Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

What partnerships, if any, with	Pioneer RESA
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)?	

3. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT GOALS

3.2 Overarching Need # 2

Overarching Need

Overarching Need as identified in CNA Section 3.2	Meeting the social emotional needs of students to support academic growth.
Is Need # 1 also an Equity Gap?	Yes
Root Cause # 1	How to match the systems, knowledge, skills, and strategies to address the social emotional and behavioral needs of all learners.
Root Cause # 2	How to support the varying social emotional and behavioral needs of students to assist with academic success.
Root Cause # 3	Students and families have experienced adverse childhood experiences and trauma that affect their ability to achieve academic growth
Goal	By the end of FY25, increase the percentage of referred students who access school based mental health services in order to increase the overall school climate rating for HCSD by 1%.

Equity Gap

Equity Gap	CCRPI Star climate rating
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Subgroup(s)	Economically Disadvantaged Race / Ethnicity / Minority

Equity Gap

Equity interventions	EI-7 Provide equitable access to student support programs and interventions
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Action Step # 1

Action Step	Provide training for staff on adolescent mental health and trauma.
Funding Sources	Title II, Part A
	Title IV, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Professional Capacity
	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	Training agenda and sign-in sheets
Implementation	
Method for Monitoring	Georgia Health Survey
Effectiveness	
Position/Role Responsible	Director for Student Services
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation Yearly

Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

No

What partnerships, if any, with	Center Point and AVITA
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)?	

Action Step # 2

Action Step	Provide additional mental health professionals in our schools by expanding partnerships with Center Point, Brenau and AVITA.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities
Systems	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Sign-in sheets at individual schools.
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Georgia Health Survey
Position/Role Responsible	Director of Student Services
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation Yearly

Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

What partnerships, if any, with	Center Point and AVITA
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)?	

Action Step # 3

Action Step	Continue and expand the Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports and tiered interventions for behavior professional learning throughout the Hall County School District with the support of a PBIS Coordinator and PBIS Consultant.
Funding Sources	Title II, Part A
	Title IV, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	Addition of PBIS schools for our district. Agendas and sign-in sheets from
Implementation	professional learning.
Method for Monitoring	Student achievement and discipline data
Effectiveness	•
Position/Role Responsible	Director of Federal Programs; Director of Student Services
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation Yearly

Does this action step support	Yes
the selected equity	
intervention?	

What partnerships, if any, with	Center Point, AVITA, RESA, and Brenau University
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)?	

Action Step	Continue to develop and implement the common language of MTSS in grades K-8 and expand the timeline and implementation process in grades 9-12.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged
	Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Coherent Instruction
	Effective Leadership
	Professional Capacity
	Family and Community Engagement
	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring	Sign-in sheets, agendas, timeline, and feedback
Implementation	
Method for Monitoring	Student achievement and discipline data
Effectiveness	
Position/Role Responsible	Director of Student Services, Director of Federal Programs
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation	Yearly

Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

Yes

What partnerships, if any, with	Center Point, AVITA, RESA, and Brenau University
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)?	

Action Step	Provide mental health, trauma informed, and academic success supports for students via a Title IV Student Success Coach, MTSS Specialist, and Tiered Intervention Coordinator.
Funding Sources	Title IV, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster
	Homeless
	English Learners
	Migrant
	Race / Ethnicity / Minority
	Student with Disabilities
Systems	Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Agendas, timelines, feedback, logs
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Student achievement and discipline data
Position/Role Responsible	Director of Student Services, Director of Federal Programs
Evidence Based Indicator	Strong

Timeline for Implementation	Yearly

Does this action step support the selected equity intervention?

Yes

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)?

Center Point, AVITA, RESA, and Brenau University

4. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

4.1 Stakeholders, Coordination of Activities, Serving Children, and PQ

Required Questions

Coordination of Activities

Describe how the LEA ensures ongoing and continuous coordination of services, supports, agency/community partnerships, and transition services for children served across its federal programs (Title I, Part A; Title I, Part A Children in Foster Care; Title I, Part A Family School Partnerships; Title I, Part C; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part B).

District leadership selected staff, parents, and community members that represent all areas of our district to fulfill required team members and recommended team members. These representatives attended an in person meeting, or if they could not attend in person, they received electronic communication with draft documents and electronic feedback forms.

The stakeholders analyzed federal, state and local data. The stakeholders reviewed data for our district that included subgroups such as EL, Migrant, Racial Groups, Economically Disadvantaged and Students with Disabilities. In addition, our district holds PAC meetings for parents of migratory students in order to gain input from our migrant parents. The district parent liaisons work with EL parents in order to gain input from EL parents. The district is using feedback from stakeholders and meeting as a district teaching and learning team to review data from the stakeholders input. The District Teaching and Learning Team reviewed the collective stakeholder input and revised the root cause analysis (as needed) to determine what we do well, what we need to do to improve and what action steps they recommended. The District Teaching and Learning team then prioritized the recommendations and created further steps in the CNA. The LEA sought advice and solicited input concerning professional learning activities from teachers, principals, assistant principals, paraprofessionals, parents and community partners. Data from stakeholder input and student achievement data were compiled and analyzed. After the review of the data, root causes were identified and the improvement plan was designed to meet the overarching needs. Activities supporting the improvement of student achievement and teacher and leader effectiveness were detailed and federal and state funds coordinated to provide effective professional learning through Title II-A. Federal funds are coordinated to support effective, evidenced based professional learning for teachers in Title I schools and teachers in non-Title I schools. Title II-A funds are primarily used to provide job embedded professional learning. The Title II-A funds also support leadership development and core curriculum conferences that relate directly to the Georgia Standards of Excellence.

Our district held our District Stakeholder meeting to gather input from all of the required and recommended team members. During the District Stakeholder meeting, attendees were able to address the top

Coordination of Activities

prioritized recommendations and offer additional suggestions. Our District CLIP will be posted on the district website and Title I school websites for all stakeholders to view.

Serving Low Income and Minority Children

Describe how the district will ensure that low-income and minority children enrolled in Title I schools and/or programs are not served at disproportionate rates by:1. ineffective teachers

- 2. out-of-field teachers
- 3. inexperienced teachers

(Please specifically address all three variables)

Personnel conferences are held each spring with administrators from every school. The superintendent, executive director of personnel, and teaching and learning staff members (including federal programs director) meet with each principal to discuss staffing for the upcoming school year. Ineffective, out-of-field and inexperienced teachers are discussed during these meetings and staffing decisions are made at this time. The district will work with schools to provide equity data for scheduling purposes. New hires are monitored to ensure professional qualifications are met.

Professional Growth Systems

Describe the district's systems of professional growth and improvement for teachers and school leaders (serving both the district and individual schools). The description might include:

The district has a strong focus on leadership development. There is a district-level position for this and leadership development programs for aspiring administrators and teacher leaders have been implemented with success. All principals and assistant principals are evaluated using the Leader Keys Effectiveness System (LKES). Data from the LKES evaluations indicate the standards on which leaders' performed best and those that need Improvement.

The Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) is used to evaluate teachers within the district. Data from the observation and documentation indicate the standards on which teachers' performed the best and those are needing improvement. Performance goals and objectives are required for teachers whose annual evaluation from the previous year were Ineffective or Needs Development. Those plans and activity effectiveness are monitored by the teacher's assigned evaluator. All teachers identify professional learning goals.

With the use of Title II-A funds, the district is able to provide professional learning specialists whose primary task is to facilitate job

Professional	Growth	Systems
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embedded professional learning in schools. Additionally, Title I schools
have instructional coaches to assist teachers with professional learning
and the use of best practices within the classrooms. Professional
learning specialists meet with Teaching and Learning directors once a
week. These meetings function as a way to better determine how
school professional learning needs can be met and to provide
leadership.

PQ - Intent to Waive Certification

For the current fiscal year, using the	Yes
flexibility granted under Georgia charter	
law (OCGA 20-2-2065) or State Board	
Rule - Strategic Waivers (160-5-133),	
does the district intend to waive teacher	
certification? [ESSA Sec.	
1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]	

4. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

4.2 PQ, Federally Identified Schools, CTAE, Discipline

Required Questions

PQ - Waiver Recipients

If the LEA waives certification, specify whether or not, in the current fiscal year, certification is waived:

- 1. for all teachers (except Special Education service areas in alignment with the student's IEP), or
- 2. for a select group of teachers. If waived for a select group of teachers, the response must address content fields and grade level bands (P-5, 4-8, 6-12, P-12).

[All educators must hold a GaPSC issued Clearance Certificate.] [O.C.G.A. 20-2-211.1, SBOE 160-4-9-.05, ESSA Sec. 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

The Hall County School District waives all certification.

PQ - Minimum Qualification

If the district waives certification, state the minimum professional qualifications required for employment of teachers for whom certification is waived (example: Bachelor's Degree, Content Assessment, Coursework, Field Experience etc.). If no requirements exist beyond a Clearance Certificate, please explicitly state so. [Sec. 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

teachers for whom certification The Hall County School District waives all certification except clearance is waived (example: Bachelor's certificates and special education certification.

State and Federally Identified Schools

Describe the actions the district will implement for its state and/or federally identified schools (CSI/TSI) needing support. Include a statement of (1) whether or not the LEA currently has identified schools needing support and (2) how the district will support current or future identified schools through prioritization of funds.

The district currently has three federally identified schools:

- CSI (Lowest Performing): Chicopee Woods Elementary
- CSI (Graduation Rate): Lanier College and Career Academy
- TSI (SWD subgroup): West Hall High School

An initial meeting will be held with principals of federally-identified schools in order to discuss their areas of improvement, plan requirements, and budgets. School Improvement Grant funds will be utilized to meet the specific needs of each of the schools. The Director of Title I Services, Title I Assistant Director, GaDOE Effectiveness Specialists, and RESA Title I School Improvement Specialist(s) provide ongoing technical assistance throughout the year to assist the school with the overarching task of improving student achievement, closing the achievement gap between their lowest performing subgroup and highest performing subgroup and improving graduation rates.

All of the professional learning opportunities explored in CSI/TSI schools are sustained, job-embedded, collaborative, data-driven, and focused on student instructional needs. Federally-identified schools will develop a plan (as required by the GaDOE) that addresses all required components. The plan will be submitted to the GaDOE for approval. In addition to school plans, the district will develop a plan of support to support improvement efforts at each of the federally-identified schools.

Title II-A funds will be prioritized to CSI/TSI schools to support professional learning initiatives outlined in the school's improvement plan. Along with 1003 (a) funds, Title II-A funds will be used to support professional learning in the areas of academic achievement, high impact instructional strategies, and dropout prevention initiatives.

CTAE Coordination

Describe how the district will support programs that coordinate and integrate academic and career and technical education content through: coordinated instructional strategies, that may incorporate experiential learning opportunities and promote skills attainment important to in-demand occupations or industries; andwork-based learning opportunities that provide students in-depth interaction with industry professionals and, if appropriate,

The district will continue to offer the opportunity for students to complete a variety of career pathways within the federal career cluster areas aligned to community needs and in-demand occupations. These career pathways will help prepare students for their next step after high school as we prepare students to be life ready. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of career awareness and exploration activities and work-based learning internships to make connections to their future career goal. These activities and internships will provide students the opportunity to work with local employers and to learn directly from those already established in their careers. Exposure to the workplace will allow students to learn employability skills, see how academic content is applied in real-world settings and

CTAE Coordination

academic credit.

the opportunity to collaborate with adults on authentic work projects. The Hall County School District offers the GA Best certificate to students who complete the program requirements. Currently, a full-time Work-Based Learning Coordinator is in place at each high school to coordinate internships and job shadowing activities for students. The Work-Based Learning Coordinators develop and coordinate career lesson activities at the elementary and middle school levels.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). These organizations help prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in various fields. CTSOs provide unique activities that foster career-related skills and leadership development. The district will provide the necessary support (updated equipment, supplies, resources, leadership) to CTAE in order that these courses, pathways,

programs, internships and CTSOs can be implemented successfully. Today's economy demands a better educated workforce than ever before, and jobs in this new economy require more complex knowledge and skills than the jobs of

the past. The district will work to implement programs so that students will be college and career ready.

The Hall County School District offers the following pathways:

- Agriculture Leadership in Animal Productions
- Agriculture Leadership in Horticulture
- Agriculture Mechanics & Electrical Systems
- Agricultural Mechanics
- Agricultural Mechanics/Metals Fabrication
- Animal/Mechanical Systems
- Food Animal Systems
- Forest Mechanical Systems
- Forestry/Wildlife Systems
- Horticulture & Animal Systems
- Horticulture/Mechanical Systems
- Veterinary Science
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Heating, Vent, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- HVACR Electrical
- Animation and Digital Media
- Audio-Video Technology/Film I
- Audio-Video Technology/Film II
- Graphic Communications
- Graphic Design
- Business & Technology
- Entrepreneurship
- Early Childhood Education
- Teaching As A Profession

CTAE Coordination

- JROTC Naval Science
- Public Management & Administration
- Allied Health & Medicine
- Biotechnology Research & Development
- Diagnostics/Phlebotomy
- Emergency Medical Responder
- Patient Care
- Therapeutic Services-Exercise Physiology
- Therapeutic Services Mental Health Professional
- Therapeutic Services- Pharmacy
- Therapeutic Services Public Health
- Therapeutic Services- Sports Medicine
- Therapeutic Services- Surgical Technology
- Baking & Pastry
- Culinary Arts
- Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism
- Nutrition & Food Science
- Personal Care Services- Cosmetology
- Computer Science
- Cybersecurity
- Game Design
- Programming
- Web & Digital Design
- Web Development
- Law Enforcement Services/Forensic Science
- Security & Protective Services
- Machine Operations
- Manufacturing
- Sheet Metal
- Welding
- Fashion Merchandising/Retail Mgmt.
- Marketing and Management
- Marketing Communications & Promotions
- Sports & Entertainment Marketing
- Engineering & Technology
- Engineering Drafting & Design
- General Automotive Technology
- Workforce Ready Pathway

Efforts to Reduce Overuse of Discipline Practices that Remove Students from the Classroom

Describe how the district will support efforts to reduce the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom, which may include identifying and supporting schools with high rates of discipline, disaggregated by each of the subgroups of students.

The Hall County School District will continue to implement the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) throughout our schools which will provide support for students to be successful. The PBIS Coordinator supports school at the elementary and secondary levels by facilitating PBIS Coach Meetings and walk-throughs at the PBIS schools.

Special Education will continue to collect data on measures of quality and climate, disaggregated by subgroups of students including rates of Out-of-school suspensions, In-school suspensions, expulsions, chronic absenteeism (both excused and unexcused) and provide training and monthly reports to school administrators, special education coordinators, and lead special education teachers pertaining to the aforementioned rates. All schools now have Spotlight to track ISS and OSS to problem solve. Continue having schools use data for action planning. Special education will provide training and strategies from the district's behavior intervention specialist.

4. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

4.3 Title I A: Transitions, TA Schools, Instructional Program

Required Questions

Middle and High School Transition Plans

Describe how the district 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; andincreased student access to early college high school or dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities or career counseling to identify student interests and skills.

For middle to high school transitions, 8th grade students are first introduced to the high school counselors who share information about high school graduation requirements, programs and courses of study, and career pathway options. The district provides every student with a copy of the High School Planning Guide. This guide is a complete reference of all information relevant to the high school student. Shortly thereafter, the entire 8th grade class visits the high school. During this visit, students once again receive detailed information about graduation requirements, programs and courses of study and career pathway options. Students then spend the remainder of the campus visit entering classrooms, observing instruction and seeing programs in which they may have particular interest. Usually on the same day, parents attend a 9th grade information night, where they learn about the high school setting and processes. They, too, meet teachers and current high school students who introduce graduation requirements, programs and courses of study and career pathway options.

During the two weeks following these events, students and their parents begin course selection for the freshman year, following the High School Planning Guide and the advisement process provided by the middle school teachers and counselors. High school counselors are also available to parents during evening hours.

At the beginning of the school year, high schools also host an Open House, where students receive their schedules, locate their respective classrooms, and meet their teachers. Parent and student information sessions are held during the Open House to provide another overview of career pathway options, program offerings (e.g., AP, IB, Early College, Dual Enrollment), high school grading procedures and transcripts, support staff for students (e.g., counselor, nurse), etc. Students may request changes to their schedules at this time to minimize changes once the school year begins. Freshman students are provided a threat-free, comfortable time to familiarize themselves with the building and their 9th grade opportunities for classes, clubs, pathways and friends. The school year begins within a few days following Open House.

For high school to post-secondary transitions, high schools coordinate a number of opportunities for transition. Counselors assist students in scheduling visits to colleges, universities, and technical schools. Counselors also schedule representatives from post-secondary institutions to visit the high school to meet with students throughout the year. Many schools host career fairs where local employers come to

Middle and High School Transition Plans

conduct interviews on-site. Each high school also hosts college and financial aid information sessions for students and parents. To increase student access to college-level courses for high school students, the district started an Early College Program in FY17 partnering with the University of North Georgia (UNG) and Lanier Technical College to offer high school students college-level courses taught by professors from those institutions on the Howard E. Ivester Early College campus. Through the Early College Program students have the opportunity to earn college credit and, in some of the technical college courses, professional certifications. In addition to the Early College Program. high school students have the opportunity to participate in dual enrollment courses on several college campuses, the majority of which include UNG & Lanier Tech. Finally, many high schools arrange for campus visits for entire grade levels of students. For instance, the entire 11th grade class might go to Lanier Tech to tour the campus. High schools have found that by literally getting the students' "feet on a post-secondary campus" that the likelihood of students attending such institutions increases.

Preschool Transition Plans

Describe how the district will support, coordinate, and integrate services with early childhood programs at the district or school level, including plans for transition of participants in such programs to local elementary school programs.

All Pre-K students are housed in Hall County school buildings and are under the direct supervision of the instructional leaders of the building. Building administrators conduct the evaluations of the teachers and spend time in the Pre-K classrooms on a regular basis. These programs are an integral part of their school communities, and their students, teachers, and families are included in school activities. Students are taught from the beginning of the program about the routines and procedures of elementary school such as how to transition from one activity or place to another, how to eat in the cafeteria, how to take turns, and how to use the restroom. Additionally, Pre-K teachers work hard to strengthen and build a foundation for literacy and math that will link to the learning in kindergarten. Science and social studies are taught in a very engaging way so as to help develop inquisitive learners who get to experience the learning throughout the day.

Eleven of the Hall County Pre-K classes operate under the two-way immersion model and teach students in Spanish and English. This is a 90/10 model and supports the school system's goal of having 30% of our graduates earn the bilingual seal. The two-way immersion program is supportive of English learners by maintaining and developing their home language while linking to English. Meanwhile, it supports the acquisition of Spanish by English-speaking students and contributes to the important skills of global-mindedness, bilingualism and cultural proficiency for all students in the program. Our Hall County Pre-K Dual

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Immersion students have the opportunity to transition to a kindergarten dual immersion program. The introduction to the immersion model directly supports their success in these programs at three of our sites.

A parent orientation is held at the beginning of the school year to inform parents of the expectations of the program and to share information about developmental milestones, hearing/vision, and immunizations. Teachers hold formal parent conferences twice per year to review the progress of each individual student. They invite parents to participate in school activities regularly to help build a sense of community among their families, and they send monthly educational suggestions home with students by way of a bilingual newsletter (Spanish and English). Pre-K teachers in Hall County Schools also begin working with families and students during the early portion of the second semester on the transition to kindergarten in such ways as to gradually shorten nap or quiet time and teach students about expectations in kindergarten. Parent meetings are held toward the end of the Pre-K year to inform parents about the upcoming kindergarten year. In collaboration with Bright from the Start, Hall County Schools offers a six-week Pre-K Summer Transition Program for students who are transitioning from home to Pre-K and from Pre-K to kindergarten at McEver. Pre-K staff members work to find students who may not have had the opportunity to attend Pre-K or who may not have met the expected learning targets during the year for the Rising Kindergarten Summer Transition Program. There are weekly informational parent meetings to support and strengthen the home school connection and better help and better help parents understand what expectations are as children move to kindergarten. All students participating in this program are provided with a mini library to keep in their homes, a backpack filled with school supplies required by their schools, math activities, Hall County shirts/jackets, and other instructional items.

Title I, Part A - Targeted Assisted Schools Description

If applicable, provide a description of how teachers, in consultation with parents, administrators, and pupil services personnel, will identify the eligible children most in need of services in Title I targeted assistance schools. The description must include the multi-criteria selection to be used to identify the students to be served.

Hall County Schools has no Targeted Assisted Schools

Title I, Part A – Instructional Programs

Provide a general description of the instructional program in the following: Title I schoolwide schools; Targeted Assistance Schools; and schools for children living in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children.

There are currently 22 Title I schools in Hall County and there will be 22 in FY25. For FY25, Lanier College and Career Academy will become a Schoolwide Title I school. Two schools, Riverbend Elementary and White Sulphur Elementary are closing, with all students from those schools redistricted to Sandra Dunagan Deal Elementary School, which will also be a Schoolwide Title I school.

The Title I program in Hall County is designed to provide instructional support to raise student achievement in the core content. The LEA has a clear and specific plan to use researched based instructional strategies to enable students who are below grade level to reach a level of proficiency. The Title I programs supplement the regular program by providing remediation, reinforcement, academic coaches, and readiness assistance to students with identified weaknesses and skill deficiencies. The focus is on creating differentiated learning environments so that students can reach proficiency and beyond. Instructional strategies employed might include varying the group size from whole group to individualized instruction. The pacing and timing of the lessons will be varied. Additional strategies as deemed appropriate will be employed in an effort to ensure student success.

Teachers, parents, school administrators and system personnel annually evaluate the effectiveness of the core instructional programs by analyzing students' performance, instructional strategies, grouping patterns, and scheduling methods. Adjustments are made as needed for some or all areas. The LEA will ensure that students to be served will receive high quality, explicit, and systematic instruction. Instruction will be based on data and teachers will regularly meet to discuss implementation of the program. To ensure there are no conflicts in terms of philosophy, time commitments, and allocations of resources, the major system and school personnel will be involved in the development of the LEA Plan. All are committed to realigning schedules, existing personnel and resources to support the development of academic skills, including continuous regrouping. Class size reduction is also utilized in our Title I schools where there is an identified need. Reducing class size allows for more opportunities for individualized and small group instruction. Classroom management for both behavior and instructional differentiation are streamlined in smaller classrooms. With fewer students in the classrooms, teachers can be more intentional with the planning of the classroom differentiation. Specific differentiation strategies include: flexible grouping, ongoing assessments, and content differentiation.

The district currently has three federally identified schools:

- CSI (Lowest Performing): Chicopee Woods Elementary
- CSI (Graduation Rate): Lanier College and Career Academy
- TSI (SWD subgroup): West Hall High School

Title I, Part A – Instructional Programs

The system would follow the guidelines as outlined by the state, which include a district plan of support, monthly district Continuous Improvement Team meetings, monthly school based CIT meetings at Chicopee Woods, quarterly walk-throughs, and professional learning based on identified needs.

The Eagle Ranch School (local institution for Neglected or Delinquent Children) serves students in grades 4-11. As many of the students arriving at Eagle Ranch are behind academically for their grade level, Eagle Ranch offers an intensive middle school program specifically designed to assist students in achieving an on-grade level status. The school maintains a low student-to-teacher ratio as there is one teacher and one paraprofessional for every 12 students. In addition to the middle school program, the Director of Education also provides after-school tutorial assistance as well as specific remediation programs for the elementary school and high school students who attend public schools in our district.

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4.4 Title I Part C

Required Questions

Title I, Part C – Migrant Intrastate and Interstate Coordination

Consortium LEAs describe how they collaborate with the MEP Consortium staff at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) to support the records transfer process for students moving in and out of the school (including academic and health records), and how the use of the occupational survey during new student registration and back-to-school registration for all returning students is coordinated and reviewed.Consortium LEAs and Direct-funded LEAs describe how the Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) is used in the records transfer process (both interstate and intrastate):description includes who in the LEA accesses MSIX when migratory children and youth enroll and depart; description includes how the information in MSIX, when available, is used for enrollment and course placement decisions for migratory children and youth.

In FY25, the district started including the occupational survey form as part of the online required documentation packet. Each family is required to complete the form. Front office staff are trained on the process for what to do with these completed forms. The forms are available in multiple languages, as needed. Staff are also trained on the importance of making sure that each newly enrolled family completes one and that they are promptly returned (if completing enrollment via paper) to the district full-time recruiter. The district recruiter, based on the information on each survey, will interview families to determine if a COE will be filled out and if they are deemed eligible and approved by the DOE MEP for Migrant services. MSIX is to be utilized by each SSP whenever an out-of-district move takes place. Also for school records, MSIX is utilized as HS records are uploaded to reflect current classes and credits. Immunization records are also kept at a district level and are also reflected on MSIX so that this information is available if a Migrant student moves. The sharing of this information makes intrastate coordination of services and educational services more continual and less wait time for the student to be able to receive the appropriate student as he/she moves.

Title I, Part C - Migrant Supplemental Support Services

- Consortium LEAs describe how academic and non-academic services are coordinated with Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC).
- 2. Direct-funded LEAs describe:ul
- 3. how the needs of preschool children and families are identified and how services are implemented and evaluated during the regular school year and summer.
- 4. how the needs academic and non-academic needs of out-of-school youth and drop-outs are identified, how the OSY profile is used to support the

Community outreach is a component of our local PACs. Three times a year we invite local agencies to attend these meetings and share their information with our Migrant parents and families. We also share a Community Resource Guide with our SSPs that enables them to know of and share the resources with families when needs arise. We also work hand-in- hand with counselors within the schools and school social workers to ensure Migrant students and families' needs are addressed and handled appropriately. We work in collaboration with local agencies to help our families gain access to other education, for example, Lanier Tech and WorkSource Georgia opportunities for OSYs.

In order to address Migratory preschool children (P3, and P4 students) SSPs will reach out to these families and students and provide support

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Title I, Part C – Migrant Supplemental Support Services

identification of needs and the delivery of appropriate services, and how services are implemented and evaluated during the regular school year and summer. via zoom, in person, or mailed resources. The staff will follow up monthly with the parents and students for additional support and resources. These Migratory preschool students will also receive summer reading materials and instructional materials and will be followed up with the SSPs. Identified P3 and P4 students are served with the funded migratory SES personnel. OSY/DO students will be located (to the maximum extent feasible) and provided with resources such as materials that will help them learn English and make choices regarding careers and job opportunities. These services will be provided by the SSPs.

Summer and academic instructional support services and instructional support services during the school year will be provided to OSY/DO students who wish to receive services. These services will consist of books, backpacks, and hygiene materials as needed. The SSP staff will coordinate the resources and services with these students. Resources provided for identified migratory students may include books, school supplies, health kits, transportation, any additional tutoring requested or offered.

The OSY profile is used to identify OSY students who request additional services. Once the profile is completed the SSP will analyze responses and determine next steps for support or referral. Additional support may include English lessons, referral to organizations for GED attainment if interested. In FY23, we started a partnership and collaboration with the Mexican Consulate, Migrant program, and Student Services Department. We plan to continue this in FY25.

4.4 Title I Part C

4.5 IDEA

Required Questions

IDEA Performance Goals:

Describe how the district will meet the following IDEA performance goals: IDEA Performance Goal 1: Improve graduation rate outcomes for students with disabilities.

What specific post-secondary outcome activities (school completion, school age transition, and post-secondary transition) are you implementing in your LEA to improve graduation rates? Include:Description of your district's proceduresSpecific professional learning activitiesPlan to monitor implementation with fidelity

Goal 1: Improve graduation rate outcomes for students with disabilities

- Processes to increase SWD student engagement and to ensure a
 positive school climate: ASPIRE-student IEP initiative that provides the
 students with the opportunity to develop self-determination skills, job
 shadowing, and
- Coaching, collaboration with GVRA for evaluations of job interest and skills
- Increase attendance among students with disabilities and at-risk students, decrease behavior among the students and increase course completion
- Community-based Instruction
- CTAE job tours and pathway completion to improve graduation outcomes for students with disabilities
- Continue to provide ongoing training, support, and materials about standards-based portfolios and completion of GAA
- Effective processes for determining and delivering professional learning and technical assistance based on data-driven needs assessment
- Effective district-wide structure for supervision and monitoring of adherence to policies, procedures, and practices of IDEA. The SpEd

coordinators responsible for high school supervision and the department's transition specialist review all transition plans to ensure they are compliant and effective based on research from the National Dropout Prevention Institute.

- Effective determination of student LRE to the maximum extent appropriate and co-teaching availability in all subject areas with a full continuum of services
- Alternative schooling that can provide a variety of options for students that can lead to graduation
- Increased family engagement linked to student learning and understanding that students' learning is a collaborative process between the family and schools.

- Early Literacy Development to help low-achieving students build the foundations needed for effective learning throughout elementary, middle, high, and post-secondary education
- Effective use of assistive technology based on the individual needs of the student to improve student achievement and increase graduation rates
- Professional Learning to be conducted at least once monthly with a focus on MindSet training, Writing a Compliant IEP, Running an Effective IEP meeting, ASPIRE/Self-Determination, Wilson Reading, Transition Planning, Assistive Technology, Visual Supports in the ID Classroom, Visual Supports in the GeneralEducation Classroom, Co-teaching, Communicating
- Effectively with Parents, and Community Resources and Supports. The sessions will be in-person, via video conference, and Canvas. Additionally, recordings of sessions will be made available for those who cannot attend in person.
- Special Education Coordinators will conduct some of these sessions at monthly department meetings at each school, while the district will offer others for larger groups of teachers. The collection of sign-in sheets will serve as one monitoring tool to ensure that staff have received the training. The monitoring of the effectiveness of the training will come during the following coordinator activities: review of IEP meeting documents, attendance at IEP meetings, classroom observation, and review of transition plans.
- Process to identify at-risk students and provide support with targeted interventions

Describe how the district will meet the following IDEA performance goals: IDEA Performance Goal 2: Improve services for young children (3-5) with disabilities.

What specific young children activities (environment, outcomes, and transition) are you implementing in your LEA to improve services for young children (ages 3-5)?

Include:LEA proceduresServices that are offered and provided within your district

Goal 2: Improve services for young children (3-5) with disabilities

- Effective structure and implementation of Child Find
- Effective processes for evaluation, eligibility, and placement
- Transition meetings between Pre-K and elementary schools
- Pre-K-related services are monitored through the special education preschool coordinator. She works with local agencies (Babies Can't Wait, NinthDistrict Head Start, etc.) to identify preschool-aged children monthly.

as well as where the service options are located. (e.g. local daycares, Head Start, homes, community-based classrooms, PreK classrooms)Staff that will be designated to support the 3-5 populationCollaboration with outside agencies, including any trainings conducted by the LEAParent trainings

- Implementing a robust system for early identification of disabilities in young children iscrucial. Services for young children with disabilities are offered in-home. SISU, and private daycares within Hall County Schools based on student needs. Staff identified to serve these students include teachers, paraprofessionals, therapists, special education coordinators, school psychologists, office clerks, and two half-time diagnosticians. In that regard, collaboration with parents, pediatricians, and early intervention agencies, including Head Start and surrounding daycare facilities, is a valuable part of the Child Find procedures for Hall County Schools. Hall County Schools conducts Child Find for children ages 3-5 through various means to expound on the continuum of services offered and provided. Private school representatives and parents of home-schoolers also attend and participate in information sessions regarding services for young children at least once per year. Advertisements of upcoming information sessions are shared on the District website and social media platforms, and our parent liaison conducts parent information sessions. Monthly parent training offered and facilitated by our parent liaison covers IEPs, Parental Rights, Visual Supports, Assistive Technology, and Medicaid basics. Connecting with these external resource agencies provides additional expertise and Opportunities for inclusive activities.
- Early interventions and services include but are not limited to comprehensive evaluation services, direct instruction from a preschool special education teacher, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, transportation, direct instruction from a teacher for the visually impaired, direct instruction from a teacher for the deaf and hard of hearing, audiological services, referral to other agencies

Describe how the district will meet the following IDEA performance goals: IDEA Performance Goal 3: Improve the provision of a free and appropriate public education to students with disabilities. What specific activities align with how you are providing FAPE to children with disabilities?

Include:How teachers are trained on IEP/eligibility procedures and instructional practicesHow LRE is ensuredThe continuum of service options for all SWDsHow IEP

accommodations/modifications are shared with teachers who are working

Goal 3: Improve provision of FAPE for students with disabilities

• Collaboration with special education specialists, such as the SpEd Directors, SpEd Coordinators, lead teachers, and related service providers, is essential in supporting teachers' understanding of IEP procedures. Regarding teacher training, SpEd teachers participate in monthly professional learning (PL) sessions led by the coordinators and cover a variety of topics such as Prior Written Notice (PWN), IEP documentation, how to write a comprehensive IEP with measurable goals and objectives, impact of disabilities statement, consideration of services, FAPE, eligibility procedures, instructional practices and LRE. SpEd Coordinators attend 1-2 monthly meetings for professional learning based on information shared from the GaDOE, Collaborative RESA, and Director meetings. SpEd Coordinators redeliver information to teachers each month. Also, compliance modules on Canvas are

with SWDsSupervision and monitoring procedures that are being implemented to ensure that FAPE is being provided

required for all SpEd teachers each year; district professional learning days during the year, pre-planning PL, and summer PL provide additional opportunities for teachers to improve and maintain compliant practices.

• IEP accommodations/modifications are shared with teachers who work with students receiving special education services continually during the school year (i.e., new student enrollment, IEP meetings. amendments, the beginning of the year, end of the year, etc.). All students with disabilities are guaranteed the right to be educated with their peers in the least restrictive environment to the maximum extent appropriate and receive access to a full continuum of services. Consideration of services are discussed and reviewed by the student's IEP team and recommendations/ determinations are made on an individual student basis. This process allows for ongoing assessment and evaluation of the student's progress, ensuring accountability for their educational outcomes. Every two weeks, a list of the IEP and eligibility meetings held in the district is generated for the special education coordinators. The coordinators then review each IEP/eligibility in Infinite Campus to determine compliance. Teachers whose IEPs/eligibilities are out of compliance are identified and receive technical assistance in any area of non-compliance. Finally, special education coordinators observe classrooms regularly to ensure the provision of effective specialized instruction. This includes a review of progress monitoring data to ensure collection with fidelity. Those teachers who need technical assistance are provided through various PL opportunities in the district and our GLRS. This includes such training as writing appropriate transition plans, implementing Unique curriculum with fidelity, and Wilson Reading System training. In terms of related services, a similar process is followed. For example, the lead OT/PT conducts annual file reviews and provides a structure for peer review. This includes targeted observations and professional learning for those OTs and PTs who require technical assistance. The Special Education budget allows for the attendance of professional learning opportunities through GLRS and state and national professional organizations. The effective delivery of related services is determined by following the regulations set forth by the Georgia Department of Education, IDEA, and current literature on best practices.

Describe how the district will meet the following IDEA performance goals: IDEA Performance Goal 4: Improve compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.

How procedures and practices are implemented in your district to ensure overall compliance?

Goal 4: Improve compliance with state and federal laws and regulations to ensure compliant practices are maintained. The SpEd Data Compliance Specialist conducts regular internal audits and self-assessments to evaluate district compliance with special education laws and regulations. This can involve reviewing IEPs, assessing procedural compliance, and facilitating professional learning and technical assistance training with administrators, special education teachers, related service providers, and supporting staff members

Include:LEA procedures to address timely and accurate data submissionLEA procedures to address correction of noncompliance (IEPs, Transition Plans)Specific PL offered for overall compliance, timely & accurate data submission, and correction of noncomplianceSupervision and monitoring procedures that are being implemented to ensure compliance

involved in the special education process. SpEd Coordinators host monthly Zoom "Drive-in" sessions for SpEd teachers and SpEd New Teacher Academy sessions are held before the start of the school year. These sessions offer additional opportunities for professional learning. The frequency of these monitoring activities occurs at a minimum of one time per month. Corresponding information is analyzed and reviewed by the SpEd Directors and SpEd Coordinators. Particular attention is given to impending deadlines such as timely and accurate data reporting, pre and post-school outcomes, and timelines for indicators 11 and 12 (initial evaluations and Babies Can't Wait). Additional efforts to improve compliance include collaboration with GaDOE and other state agencies. This coordinated approach is initiated to seek guidance, clarification, and support from GaDOE and ensure compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. SpEd Directors and the Data Compliance Specialists attend professional learning training sessions, webinars, or conferences offered by these agencies throughout the year to stay informed about state and federal laws and regulations updates.

4.6 Title IV Part A

Required Questions

Title IV, Part A – Activities and ProgrammingLEAs must provide a description of each activity/program to be implemented during the fiscal year of allocation and as identified in the District Improvement Plan by focus area and include program objectives/goals/outcomes. (ESSA Sec. 4106)

A. Well-Rounded Activities
(WR)—InstructionProvide:Overarching
Need number/Action Step number(s)New
or ContinuingName/Description of
ActivityMeasurable Goal/Intended
Outcome

Overarching Need 1, Action Step 6

Continue to provide students with the assistance of two college and Career Coordinators to provide ongoing college and career counseling which will include information on opportunities for financial aid as it relates to FASFA. The intended outcome is increased dual enrollment students, college credits earned, and an increase in graduation rates.

Overarching Need 1, Action Step 4

Begin to provide STEM endorsements for individual schools in order to create flexible and innovative learning opportunities that will increase student achievement and engagement.

B. Safe and Healthy

(SH)-Climate/CultureProvide:Overarching Need number/Action Step number(s)New or ContinuingName/Description of ActivityMeasurable Goal/Intended Outcome

Overarching Need 2, Action Step: 1

Continue to focus on mental health and support for our most fragile learners with professional learning on adolescent mental health and trauma. The intended outcome is to support student mental health, academic success, school dropout prevention, reduction of exclusionary discipline practices, and trauma informed classroom management.

Overarching Need 2, Action Step 3

Continued implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) with the support of a PBIS Coordinator and PBIS Consultant to provide professional learning to schools. The intended outcome is increased student achievement and a reduction of exclusionary discipline practices.

Overarching Need 2, Action Step: 5

Continue to focus on mental health and support for our most fragile learners based on CNA data. Students will be supported by a Title IV Student Success Coach, MTSS Coordinator and MTSS Specialist(s). The intended outcome is to support student mental health, academic success, school dropout prevention, reduction of exclusionary discipline practices, and trauma informed classroom management.

4.6 Title IV Part A

Title IV, Part A – Activities and ProgrammingLEAs must provide a description of each activity/program to be implemented during the fiscal year of allocation and as identified in the District Improvement Plan by focus area and include program objectives/goals/outcomes. (ESSA Sec. 4106)

C. Effective Use of Technology (ET)-Professional LearningProvide:Overarching Need number/Action Step number(s)New or ContinuingName/Description of ActivityMeasurable Goal/Intended Outcome

Overarching Need 1, Action Step:9

Effective use of technology is supported with continued professional learning opportunities during the summer. The focus of the professional learning is on blended learning and how to use available technology resources to maximize student learning and achievement.

D. Effective Use of Technology 15% (ET15)-InfrastructureProvide:Overarching Need number/Action Step number(s)New or ContinuingName/Description of ActivityMeasurable Goal/Intended Outcome

NA

Title IV, Part A – Ongoing Consultation and Progress Monitoring

Describe how and when the LEA will consult any stakeholders/community-based partner in the systematic progress menitoring

stakeholders/community-based partners in the systematic progress monitoring of Title IV, Part A supported activities for the purposes of implementation improvement and effectiveness measurements.

Ongoing consultation takes place via website, surveys, and regularly scheduled meetings. Different stakeholder meetings take place bi-monthly, monthly, and bi-annually. Progress on district improvement goals, interventions, and activities are discussed within the stakeholder meetings.

4.6 Title IV Part A

4.7 Reducing Equity Gaps

Required Questions

Reducing Equity Gaps: Reflect on the previous year's LEA Equity Action Plan

Equity Gap 1Was the LEA Equity Action
Plan effective in reducing the equity gap
selected for the year?Intervention
Effective – Equity Gap
EliminatedIntervention Effective –
Maintain Activities/StrategiesIntervention
Effective – Adjust
Activities/StrategiesIntervention Not
Effective – Adjust
Activities/StrategiesIntervention Not

Effective – Abandon Activities/Strategies

Equity Gap #1- District Mean Growth Percentile
• Intervention Effective- Adjust Activities/Strategies

Provide a brief description of LEA's success in implementation of the prior year LEA Equity Action Plan and effectiveness/ineffectiveness in addressing the selected equity gap.

For Equity Gap #1, the equity intervention for 2024-25 is to focus on District Mean Growth Percentile to meet the student achievement gap by meeting the needs of diverse learners.

In regards to providing the equity interventions, the action steps were implemented and monitored for effectiveness. In analyzing the equity gaps, the team reviewed student achievement data, TKES data, CCRPI data, parent surveys, CTAE data, and district student behavior data to determine the effectiveness of the interventions.

Pertaining to Equity Gap #1, The Hall County Schools District will continue to adjust activities and strategies as well as the interventions being used to ensure fidelity in order for student achievement to increase.

For FY25, Hall County will use new interventions and strategies while providing professional development to teachers. In Hall County, the percentage of students at the proficient level (Level 3- Proficient Learner and Level 4 Distinguished Learner) on the EOGs and EOCs decreased in academic areas by at least 1% at the lowest and at a 5% decrease at the highest. Percentage of Student at the Proficient Level including Levels 3 and 4 (Level 3 Proficient Learner and Level 4 Distinguished Learner on the EOC and EOG.

• Third grade EOG English Language Arts showed a 1%increase of students in the proficient level difference between SY2022 and SY2023.

Reducing Equity Gaps: Reflect on the previous year's LEA Equity Action Plan

- Third grade EOG Mathematics showed a 4% increase of students in the proficient level difference between SY2022 and SY2023.
- Sixth grade EOG Mathematics showed an increase of 4% of students in the proficient level difference between SY2022 and SY2023.
- Seventh grade EOG English Language Arts showed a 7% increase for student in the proficient level difference between SY2022 and SY2023.
- Seventh grade EOG Mathematics showed a 1% increase for students in the proficient level difference between SY2022 and SY2023.
- Eighth grade EOG English Language Arts showed a 3% increase for students in the proficient level difference between SY2022 and SY2023
- EOC American Literature showed a decline of 5% for students in the proficient level difference between SY2022 and SY2023.
- EOC Algebra I showed a decline of 4 percent for students in the proficient level difference between SY2022 and SY2023.
- EOC Biology showed a decline of 2% for students in the proficient level difference between SY2022 and SY2023.
- EOC United States History showed a decline of 4% for student in the proficient level difference between SY2022 and SY2023.

The number of CTAE Pathway Completers continues to increase each year. AP scores and IB Diploma rates continue to show steady progress. The parent surveys continue to show strong community relationships and communication.

For SY23, graduation rates increased slightly for the district (87.9%), yet remains 3.5% higher than the state average.

A concern remains with the narrowing of subgroup achievement. The district professional development pertaining to data analysis and progress monitoring should provide opportunities to close the achievement gaps. EOG and EOCs show a decrease in many areas. Overall, the interventions are showing positive trends in some areas but not in all; therefore, the Hall County School District will analyze the data and adjust the activities and strategies for Equity Gap #1.

Reducing Equity Gaps: Reflect on the previous year's LEA Equity Action Plan

Equity Gap 2Was the LEA Equity Action Plan effective in reducing the equity gap selected for the year?Intervention Effective – Equity Gap EliminatedIntervention Effective – Maintain Activities/StrategiesIntervention Effective – Adjust Activities/StrategiesIntervention Not

Intervention Effective- Maintain Activities/Strategies

Equity Gap #2- School Climate Star Rating

Effective – Adjust
Activities/StrategiesIntervention Not
Effective – Abandon Activities/Strategies

Provide a brief description of LEA's success in implementation of the prior year LEA Equity Action Plan and effectiveness/ineffectiveness in addressing the selected equity gap.

For Equity Gap #2, the equity intervention for 2024-2025 is to focus on tiered supports for behavior and resiliency skills in order to reduce behavior incidents and increase the school climate ratings. The HCSD added a part time PBIS Secondary District Coordinator to continue working with our middle schools and high schools. The district implemented a behavior universal screener to inform Tier I supports and to identify intrinsic and extrinsic behaviors for Tier 2 support. The district has CICO and DSG groups as interventions for identified students.

In regards to behavioral incidents, the HCSD has seen a reduction in the following:

- 55% (6/11) of PBIS schools decreased their ISS days from SY2022 to SY2023
- $\bullet~$ 45% (5/11) of PBIS schools decreased their OSS days from SY2022 to SY202

Safe and Healthy

Elementary Schools:

- 100% (11/11) of PBIS schools had a 90-100% of their students with 0-1 discipline incident for the SY2023
- 91% (10/11) of those PBIS schools have 96-100% of their students with 0-1 discipline incident for the SY2023
- 55% (6/11) of PBIS schools decreased their ISS days from SY2022 to SY2023
- 45% (5/11) of PBIS schools decreased their OSS days from SY2022 to SY2023

Secondary Schools:

- 100% (4/4) of PBIS secondary schools have 85-90% of their students with 0-1 discipline incident for the SY2023
- 25% (1/4) of PBIS secondary schools decreased both their ISS and OSS days from SY2022 to SY2023

Reducing Equity Gaps: Reflect on the previous year's LEA Equity Action Plan

System Wide:

- 93% of students in Hall County schools had 0 or 1 discipline incident for the SY2023
- 67% of our PBIS schools had a greater percentage of students with 0 or 1 discipline incident than the system wide percentage

PBIS Implementation and Data:

- Five schools began PBIS implementation for FY24: Chestnut Mountain Elementary, Chicopee Woods Elementary, Mount Vernon Elementary, Spout Springs Elementary, and Cherokee Bluff Middle
- 75% of all elementary schools are trained in the SWPBIS framework
- 30% of all secondary schools are trained in the SWPBIS framework
- Five additional schools (raising total to 64% of PBIS schools) attended PBIS tier 2 training
- Five additional schools (raising total to 86% of PBIS schools) attended PBIS Classroom training
- Walk-throughs were completed on 100% of PBIS schools
- PBIS schools completed fidelity assessments (SAS, TFI, Walk-throughs)
- 70% of elementary schools implemented the Sources of Strength curriculum in grades K-5 this year
- 100% of secondary schools conducted Sources of Strength campaigns within their school

Pertaining to Equity Gap# 2- The intervention is effective and the Hall County Schools District will Maintain Activities/Strategies.

4.8 Overarching Needs for Private Schools

In this section, summarize the identified needs that will be addressed with FY22 federal funds for private schools Include results from ongoing consultation with private schools receiving services from the LEA's federal grants (ESSA Sec. 1117 and 8501; 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(10)(A)(iii); and 34 C.F.R. §300.134). Information is available on the State Ombudsman website. (Add "No Participating Private Schools" as applicable.)

Title I, Part A	For FY25, there will be one school participating (Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School). Monsignor has one student that meets the requirement for Title I, Part A. The identified need for this student is math and reading intervention strategies. Tutoring for math and reading will be implemented as well as additional resources for math and reading.
Title II, Part A	There will be no private school participating in FY25 based on ongoing consultation and feedback.
Title III, Part A	There will be no private school participating in FY25 based on ongoing consultation and feedback.
Title IV, Part A	There will be no private school participating in FY25 based on ongoing consultation and feedback.
Title IV, Part B	There will be no private school participating in FY25 based on ongoing consultation and feedback.
Title I, Part C	There will be no private school participating in FY25 based on ongoing consultation and feedback.
IDEA 611 and 619	There will be no private school participating in FY25, but the Sped will continue to provide speech services via an ISP for students who are home schooled or parentally-placed in a private school for Proportionate Share fund.