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# **Dowell Elementary Annual Title I State of the School Meeting**

**September 3, 2021**

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# What is a Title I School?

Title I is the largest federally funded education program in the United States.

Title I provides supplemental funds to assist eligible schools with meeting their educational goals.

Schools are identified by the percentage of students who qualify for the *Free and Reduced Lunch* program – currently 61% at Dowell.

Dowell has received school-wide Title I funding since SY12.

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# *How does Dowell use the Title I funds?*

Total Budget - \$343,140

Academic Coach, Parent Facilitator, part-time tutors - \$206,013

Staff Development - \$6,600

Family and Community Engagement – \$4,406

Instructional Resources and Supplies –\$130,527

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*How does Dowell participate in the Title I program?*

- Data is used to identify areas of weakness (Overarching Needs)
- Corresponding goals are identified.
- The plan supports the need and the goal through:
  - **Coherent Instructional System** - Research-based strategies are identified/implemented to support improvement in the identified areas
  - **Effective Leadership**
  - **Professional Capacity** – Professional development is planned/implemented to support improvement in the identified areas
  - **Family & Community Engagement** - Opportunities for parental involvement are planned and monitored
  - **Supportive Learning Environment**



## *What are Dowell's Title I requirements?*

Improve student achievement (focus on identified needs - refer to previous slide)

Increase opportunities for parental involvement and engagement

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# Looking at the Milestones End-of-Grade Data 2020 - 2021

Milestones EOG is administered to all 3rd – 5th graders each Spring. It is a standards-based assessment. Students are tested on English Language Arts and Math. Fifth graders are also assessed in Science and Social Studies (SS is not being tested in May 2021).

Note: Due to COVID-19, the EOG assessments were optional.



2021 EOG	English Lang. Arts		Math		Science		Social Studies	
	% Level 1	% Level 2-4	% Level 1	% Level 2-4	% Level 1	% Level 2-4	% Level 1	% Level 2-4
Dowell 3rd	34.5%	65.5%	29.2%	70.8%				
Dowell 4th	41.7%	58.3%	31.3%	78.7%				
Dowell 5th	34.1%	65.9%	40.9%	59.1%	46.2%	53.8%	N/A	N/A



### Comprehensive Needs Assessment Summary of Findings

Data Types	Identified Strengths	Identified Challenges (Highlight 2-3 as Priority)	Multiple Data Sources Used																																	
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# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - GOALS



**GOAL #1:** INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERFORMING AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL ON THE READING INVENTORY BY 5% FROM AUGUST 2021 TO AUGUST 2022.



**GOAL #2:** INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERFORMING AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL ON THE MATH INVENTORY BY 5 FROM AUGUST 2021 TO AUGUST 2022.



**GOAL #3:** INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERFORMING PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED (LEVELS 3 & 4) ON THE SCIENCE MILESTONES BY 5%.

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# Georgia Standards of Excellence

*For more information about the academic standards your student is learning, you may visit the two websites listed below.*

Cobb County Schools: [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org)

Georgia DOE  
Standards: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/>

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## *What tests will my child take this year?*

- Kindergarten – GKIDS, common assessments, Reading Inventory
- First Grade – CogAT, common assessments, Reading & Math Inventory
- Second Grade – common assessments, Reading & Math Inventory
- Third Grade – CogAT, Iowa, GA Milestones, common assessment, Reading & Math Inventory
- Fourth Grade – GA Milestones, common assessments, Reading & Math Inventory
- Fifth Grade – Iowa, GA Milestones, common assessments, Reading & Math Inventory
- ACCESS Testing for all students receiving ESOL services



# *What is required by law for Parental Involvement?*

## LEBA – Parental Involvement in Education

The Cobb County Board of Education recognizes the importance and legal requirements for implementing programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in the Title I program. In compliance with the parental involvement provisions of the ESSA, the Cobb County School District and all Title I schools shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents of participating students, a written parent involvement policy.

## SCHOOL

- Dowell ES Parent Involvement Policy
- School-Parent Compact
- Both documents were created jointly with input from staff, parents, and administration at Dowell ES



*Is my child's teacher  
highly  
qualified?*

- Dowell employs 79 fully certified staff members
- 98% of certified staff are highly qualified

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# *How is Title I parent engagement money spent?*

Translation equipment and resources

Home-School Communication resources –Thursday folders

Workshops/Training for parents

Technology

Light refreshments

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*What opportunities does Dowell provide have for parent involvement?*

- PTA – membership, event volunteers, executive board
- School/classroom volunteers – room mom/dad, production lab, media center
- Academic Nights/Parent Workshops
- Various school events – Cosmic Bowling, Science Night, International Night, Spirit Nights
- Parent Teacher Conferences – Oct. 19-22
- Completing Title I Parent Involvement Survey, GA Star Climate Survey & AdvancEd Survey
- Attending Title I Annual Parent Meetings



- Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Title I program at Dowell.
- Please take the time to complete the following form to provide feedback:

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# *How can I contact the school when I have questions?*



Phone: 678-594-8059



Communication: Email and messaging through CTLS Parent, communication folder, phone call



Email: [firstname.lastname@cobbk12.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@cobbk12.org)



(go to [www.cobbk12.org/dowell](http://www.cobbk12.org/dowell) – Faculty/Staff –



find email link by teacher's name)

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