

Cascade Elementary School
International Baccalaureate World School
2025-2026 School Year



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SCHOOL – PARENT COMPACT

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

Effective Compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom

APS Mission

Through a caring culture of equity, trust, collaboration, every student will graduate ready for college, career, and life.

APS Vision:

A high-performing school district where students love to learn, educators inspire, families engage, and the community trust the system.

District Goals for Student Achievement:

- Atlanta Public Schools set goals for the entire district. Below, you will find several goals for the 2025-2026 school year:
- Aims to maintain and improve the graduation rate, to ensure that graduates are prepared for their next step
- Focus on growing a district and community of readers and building teacher capacity to implement best practice in reading instruction
- To build capacity in literacy, math, and expand opportunities for teacher collaboration
- Foster a positive and inclusive school culture for students, staff, and families
- Extend its focus on bi-literacy through implementation of dual immersion and world language programs
- Inform and engage the entire school community about curriculum, programs, and events

Cascade Elementary School

Mission: Cascade Elementary School will prepare students for life, college, and careers by providing rigorous, equitable, culturally relevant, and real world learning experiences in order to become fully engaged and realized citizens of the global community.

Vision: Our vision is to become the premier elementary school within Southwest Atlanta that provides students with a broad and balanced education.

Beliefs: The following are the key beliefs of the stakeholders of Cascade Elementary:

- All students can learn when provided with opportunities and resources that align with their learning styles
- School is an extension of the home environment and provides a safe space when students are away from home
- The success of students is a collaborative approach from school staff, students, parents, and community partners

International Baccalaureate Primary Years program (IB PYP) - Cascade Elementary is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program World School. As an IB Primary Years program (IB-PYP) school, we provide an internationally respected approach to teaching and learning that, along with the Georgia Standards of Excellence, will prepare students for challenging learning experiences now and in their future.

School Goals:

Cascade Elementary School administrators and leadership team have studied our performance data. Goals taken from our school-wide plan are highlighted below. By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, we will:

By June 2026 at least 75% of students will meet expected annual goals on the Winter or Spring MAP Assessment in Reading Growth and Math Growth.

By June 2026, proficiency rates at Cascade Elementary School will improve by 5% in Reading and Math on the Spring 2026 Georgia Milestones Assessment.

School Home Communication:

Cascade Elementary School is committed to providing regular two-way communication with families about student learning. Below you will find some ways families can expect us to reach out:

- Parent Portal
- School Website
- Progress Reports
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Robo-Calls
- Emails
- Class Dojo
- Twitter

Parent Outreach Opportunities:

There are many opportunities for parents to learn about and engage with Cascade Elementary School. Please contact our school to learn more about the opportunities listed below:

School Events: Open House, Curriculum Night, Workshops, Fall and Spring Title 1 meetings, Parties with Parents, Literacy and IB Talks, Parent Appreciation, Parent Feedback Meeting, and more

Parents may schedule conferences, classroom visits, and observations by emailing the teacher or calling the school.

Parent Center:

Contact: Mrs. D. Potter doris.potter@apsk12.org 404.802.8114

Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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