

**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.

# Cascade Elementary

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

## SMART Goals

Improve the proficiency rates of students in grades 3-5 by 6% in ELA by June 2022 on GA Milestones

Improve the proficiency rates of students in grades 3-5 by 6% in Math by June 2022 on GA Milestones

Improve family wellness survey question to exceed a 3.94 rating

## APS Strategic Priorities & Initiatives

**Fostering Academic Excellence for All**  
Data  
Curriculum & Instruction

**Building a Culture of Student Support**  
Whole Child & Intervention

**Equipping & Empowering Leaders & Staff**  
Strategic Staff Support

**Creating a System of School Support**  
Collective Action, Engagement

## School Strategic Priorities

1. Improve the percent of students achieving at proficient and distinguished levels on GA Milestones
2. Improve Tier 1 instructional strategies in ELA & Mathematics
3. Improve early identification procedures for Tier 2 and above
4. Become an authorized IB PYP World School by 2022
5. Implement a Tier 1 intervention block for ELA & Math
6. Build teacher capacity using effective instructional coaching strategies
7. Increase the amount of certifications and endorsements among staff
8. Create a positive and healthy school environment where students thrive, teachers enjoy coming to work, and the community trusts

## School Strategies

- 1A. School-wide implementation of Foundations, Lucy Calkins, and Eureka Math
- 1B. Provide professional learning sessions focused on curriculum programs
- 2A. Conduct weekly data meetings and rehearsals focused on Tier 1 content
- 3A. Hire and retain an intervention specialist to oversee processes Tier 2 and above
- 4A. Conduct professional learning sessions designed to increase program awareness and philosophies
- 5A. Observe and monitor the implementation of the Tier 1 instructional block
- 6A. Hire and retain turn around reading specialist and Math Master Teacher Leader to support teachers with instructional strategies
- 7A. Promote certification and endorsement opportunities in staff communications.
- 8A. Conduct weekly house meetings and host monthly events for families to engage in