M. AGNES JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Washington Cluster)

District Mission & Vision

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

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

Cluster Mission & Vision

The Washington Cluster will continue the legacy of excellence by supporting students in reaching their highest potential through a whole-child and community-centered approach to ensure college and career preparedness.

The Washington Cluster utilizes the support of parents and community to inspire, expose, and prepare students to continue the legacy of greatness by becoming active citizens who advocate for their local global community.

Signature Program: STEM Powered by STEAM, Led by STUDENTS!



School Mission & Vision

All M. Agnes Jones students (school-wide) in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade are engaged in daily rigorous STEM instruction and exposed to innovative practices to ensure 100% are PROFICIENT or DISTINGUISHED in all core content areas.

M. Agnes Jones will become a state of Georgia STEM certified school in the 2016-2017 school year.



The table below indicates the Median Growth Percentile for 4th and 5th graders in each subject area based on the 2015 GMAS. The goal will be to increase the Median Growth Percentile by 3% in each grade level and subject area.

ELA Math Sci. S.S. 4th grade 43% 46% 36% 31% 5th grade 61% 62% 48% 55%

3rd -5th grades - Increase the percentage of students in the Developing, Proficient and Distinguished categories by 3% in each of the core content areas based on GMAS (state standardized assessment).

K- 2nd grade –Increase the percentage of students in At/Above Grade Level, On Watch and Intervention by 3% while decreasing the percentage of students in Urgent Intervention by 3% according to STAR Early Literacy.

Increase the percentage of students scoring in the Distinguished level, in grades 3-5, by 3%.

Increase the percentage of third grade students with Lexile Scores of 650 or higher from 34% to 37% according to GMAS.

Increase the percentage of fifth grade students with Lexile Scores of 850 or higher from 59% to 62% according to GMAS.

Increase CCRPI score to from 64.1 to 70.

*Note-Attendance has become a major concern for the school. According to the 2015 CCRPI, 48% of students were absent 6 days or more. Goal: Decrease percentage of students with 6 or more absences from 48% to 45%.

School Priorities

Implement a STEM enriched curriculum to drive interdisciplinary and project based teaching and learning approaches



Academic

Program

Implement a research-based phonics program (Fundations) in grades Pre-K – 2 to improve early literacy

Implement a research-based comprehensive reading program (Journeys) in grades 3-5

Implement an intentional and rigorous writing initiative in grades 3-5

Implement effective technology integration

Implement school-wide engineering design process



Effective Teacher in EVERY Classroom

ALL faulty/staff focused on meeting the needs of All students



Title I Funds STEM Funds **Cluster Funds** Partnerships: Ga. Pacific/Truly Living Well/Ga. State University/Churches

General Funds



Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Culture

Quality extra-curricular activities

All spending of funds aligned to the school priorities

Faculty and staff trained on and implement SEL strategies, i.e. daily circling up, Second Step

Students take part in extra-curricular activities, i.e. Girl Scouts, Chess, Math Masters, Robotics, Gardening

Class schedules that reflect explicit ELA & Math teaching and learning followed by afternoon STEM integration

School Strategies

Implement Problem-based and Project-based Learning as well as the engineering design process through the four content areas

Implement Primary and Upper grade level Co-taught science lab classes focusing on school-wide initiative "We Are the World: Conquering Hunger Through Sustainability as well as district scope and sequence

Expose students to gardening, hydrponics, aguaponics and innovative practices in science and technology

Use technology effectively and ensure alignment to the standards, i.e. z spaces, coding

Teachers received on-going professional development aligned to the school priorities

Build capacity with faculty/ staff