

Covington County School District District Drop Out Prevention/Restructuring Plan 2017-2018

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CCSD 4-Year Graduation Rates for SY 16-17

District – 77.2%

Collins High School – 69.7%

Mt. Olive Attendance Center – 93.2%

Seminary High School – 78.2%

The graduation rate goal set by the Mississippi State Board of Education to comply with Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-13-80 is 81%. The following district plan is implemented in pursuit of that goal for School Year 2017-2018.

District Goal One: Implement fully the Literacy Promotion Act to reduce retention in grades Kindergarten through second grade.

Professional Learning Communities

- Professional Learning Communities will meet weekly in the all elementary schools to continually review the School Literacy Plan and the progress of implementation of that plan.
- Teachers will meet monthly in district wide PLC's to communicate outcomes of the implementation of the School Literacy Plan at each school.

Assessment Strategies

- All students in grades Kindergarten through third grade will be assessed using the state mandated MKAS2 assessment.
- Progress of all Covington County students in grades Kindergarten through 11th grade will be assessed; classroom instruction will be designed based on the progress monitoring data
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Common Planning by Grade Levels

- Common planning for teachers will continue for literacy teachers in grades Kindergarten through third at all elementary schools
- Elementary Principals will coordinate scheduling meetings and acquiring resources etc. for implementation of the School Literacy Plan

90 minute Literacy Block

- All elementary schools will provide a 90 minute uninterrupted block of time built into the Master Schedule for grade Kindergarten through Third grade for Literacy instruction.
- The Literacy Block will include whole group instruction, literacy centers instruction, writing instruction, and listening and speaking instruction.

District Goal Two: The Covington County School District has set a graduation rate goal of 81% for School Year 2017-2018.

- Covington County School graduation data will be reviewed and all rates per subgroup will be determined.
- Each high school will implement action steps within the School Restructuring Plan that addresses each subgroup.(see school plan)
- The proposed changes to graduation requirements will be color all decisions of implementation of this plan throughout 17-18 school year.

District Goal Three: To provide an avenue for students ages 17 - 21 to access a GED curriculum.

- Children ages 17 – 21 who are no longer required to attend school under the Compulsory School Law may attend GED preparation courses at the Collins Site of the Jones County Junior College Center.

District Goal Four: To provide an avenue for students who are returning to Covington County School District from a youth detention center.

- Each student will be interviewed by the Covington County School District Readmission Committee to determine the best course of action to meet the individual needs of the student and the district.
- An individual plan will be designed for that student. Covington County School District Policy JDG – Readmission and Denial of Admission will be used as a guideline for designing the student’s plan. Whenever possible students will access all programs provided to Covington County School District students.