



PAC Meeting

WELCOME!

October 9, 2024



Mission- EMBRACE-ENCOURAGE-EMPOWER

VISION- Embrace all children and their unique talents. Encourage them to reach their full potential. Empower them to meet the world.

Collective Commitments:

Embrace all children and their unique talents. Encourage them to reach their full potential. Empower them to meet the world.

We are committed to maintaining a positive school culture to grow as educators and promote student success.

We are committed to getting to know our students. We will motivate and inspire them to become lifelong learners and productive members of society.

We are committed to respecting each other's differences and accepting new ideas.



GA Early Literacy Act- New Changes

Understanding the Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538)

In state legislatures across the nation, there has been a recent trend of adopting state policies to address early literacy. In the 2023 legislative session, state legislators passed the *Georgia Early Literacy Act* ([House Bill 538](#)) which addresses kindergarten through third grade reading in five parts: (1) high-quality instructional materials, (2) screeners, (3) interventions, (4) professional learning, and (5) teacher preparation.

Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) Components	
Key Components	Key Highlights
Instructional Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligned to the science of reading; instruct students in foundational literacy skills and State Board of Education (SBOE)-approved English Language Arts (ELA) standards; approved by SBOE for grades K-3.
Screeners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administered three times per year to K-3 students; measure foundational literacy skills; identify characteristics of dyslexia; used for progress monitoring.
Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiered reading intervention plans for K-3 students who exhibit significant reading deficiency; use of evidence-based strategies.
Professional Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for all K-3 teachers on the science of reading, structured literacy, and foundational literacy skills.
Teacher Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) aligned with developmentally appropriate evidence-based literacy instruction; creation of standards to ensure students completing teacher certification programs graduate with the knowledge and skills to teach reading.

Georgia's K-12 English Language Arts Standards: Implementation Timeline

2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource development, instructional supports, professional learning, and assessment updates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource development, instructional supports, professional learning, and assessment updates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Implementation – Georgia students tested on updated ELA assessments.

What we did before...	What's changed?
Identified students' progress through <u>reading Levels</u>	There are various pieces of data used to determine progress, with a much bigger <u>emphasis on skills in phonics and phonemic awareness</u>
Focused on learning a prescribed number of sight words	Teach/ assess students on the words in the english language that cannot be sounded out (red words)
Have students consider the pictures, initial letters, and guess what word could make sense in the text.	Explicitly teach the phonics rules that will help students decode (read) and encode (write) with correct spelling patterns
Utilized the RTI process to help diagnose potential learning disabilities in students that struggle	Use a diagnostic assessment for every kindergarten through 3 rd grader to screen for possible learning disabilities/ dyslexia
Local school decisions on the professional learning for teachers in the building.	Prescribed professional learning modules for all certified staff in the county on the components of teaching reading

[Literacy – GaDOE](#) - Click this link for more information

SHINE/ZONES of Regulation

NEW SHINE procedures in specials and lunch!

**FREY FLAMES
SHINE BRIGHT** 

S	Show kindness.
H	Have a good attitude.
I	Inspire others.
N	Never give up.
E	Embrace the day.

The ZONES of Regulation

			
			
Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

Safety Procedures

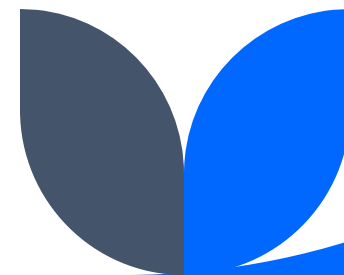
Cobb SHIELD- [Cobb Shield \(cobbk12.org\)](http://cobbk12.org)

View the Podcasts/Videos regarding Safety on CCSD website

New Process for ID Checks

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[Thoughts and Prayers for Barrow County and Safety Supports for Cobb Families \(cobbk12.org\)](http://cobbk12.org)



Updates/ Upcoming Dates

Please take the Cognia Parent Survey- We would love your feedback!



- Oct. 7th-11th- Public Safety Appreciation Week
- Oct. 10th- 5th Grade Musical
- Oct. 11th- End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 14th- Digital Learning Day/Duck Donuts Spirit Day and Night 7-5
- Oct. 15th-18th- Conference Week/Early Release
- Oct. 21st- TOTY Peprally! Way to go Mrs. Gulley!
- Oct. 21st-25th- National School Bus Safety Week
- Oct. 26th- Car Show/Fall Festival





Thank you!
Please reach out if
you have any
questions!