

# Cherokee County School District

## Strategic Plan Summary 2020-2025

# Our Beliefs

*We believe* that everyone can learn.

*We believe* that education is essential for the advancement of society.

*We believe* that excellence is always worth the effort.

*We believe* that children are always our first priority.

*We believe* that every individual has equal value.

*We believe* that learning is a lifelong process.

*We believe* that the family is the foundation of society.

*We believe* that a safe environment is a basic human need essential for learning.

## Our Mission

The mission of Cherokee County School District, steeped in pride and tradition, in partnership with all stakeholders, is to ensure that all students have the education necessary to succeed as responsible, productive citizens by providing excellent opportunities in academics, athletics, and the arts.

## Strategic Goals

- 1 Gifted and Talented: Academic**  
By the end of 2024-2025, at least 70% of GT students in grades 3-8 will demonstrate mastery by scoring a level 4 on the state ELA reading performance level. GT teachers will progress monitor the students, according to district guidelines, at least three times per year to determine student progress toward meeting this goal.
- 2 Gifted and Talented: Social and Emotional**  
By the end of 2024-2025, all GT students in grades 3-8 will receive at least 90 minutes of counseling, either in small group or whole group, every nine weeks.
- 3 School Climate: Parent Involvement, Safe, and Healthy Schools, etc.**  
By the end of 2024-2025, CCSD will reduce the yearly number of student expulsions from school to 5% or less
- 4 School Climate: Parent Involvement, Safe, and Healthy Schools, etc.**  
By the end of 2024-2025, the percentage of students, parents, and teachers that report satisfaction with the learning environment at their school, as measured by an annual survey reported by the state report card, will increase 95%.
- 5 School Climate: Parent Involvement, Safe, and Healthy Schools, etc.**  
By the end of 2024-2025, CCSD will reduce the student dropout rate in grades 9-12 to 5% or less.
- 6 Student Achievement**  
By the end of 2024-2025, 49.4% of students in grades 3-8 will meet and/or exceed proficiency expectations as determined by state ELA summative assessments.
- 7 Student Achievement**  
By the end of 2024-2025, 52.7% of students in grades 3-8 will meet and/or exceed proficiency expectations as determined by state MATH summative assessments.
- 8 Student Achievement**  
By the end of 2024-2025, Cherokee County School District will have 70% or higher passage rate on all state End of Course assessments.
- 9 Student Achievement**  
By the end of 2024-2025, 80% of diploma-earning students will graduate college or career ready as defined by the state accountability system.
- 10 Student Achievement**  
By the end of 2024-2025, Cherokee County School District will have an 86.7% graduation rate.
- 11 Teacher/Administrator Quality**  
By the end of 2024-2025, 100% of the District's teachers will hold a valid SC state certificate for the grades and content areas they are assigned to teach. This will verify that these teachers have demonstrated subject-matter competency, as determined by passage of state certification exams.
- 12 Teacher/Administrator Quality**  
By the end of 2024-2025, the district's annual teacher retention rate will increase 100%.