

Sam D. Panter Elementary School Improvement at a Glance



Panter Snapshot

Sam D. Panter Elementary School is located in the city of Hiram in Paulding County, approximately 30 miles northwest of Atlanta. Panter Opened in 1996 and over the years the student population has continued to grow. Currently, student enrollment is about 450 students, kindergarten through fifth grade. With high expectations of all students and dedicated staff, Panter is committed to excellence and consistently outperforms similar schools.

Mission	Vision
<p>The mission of Panter Elementary School is simply stated in this prioritized order: Love kids. Work hard. Have fun. We are dedicated to nurturing a love of learning in a safe, academically rigorous, and joyful environment. We care deeply for every child, work with passion and integrity, and believe that fun and curiosity are essential to meaningful education. We believe that these three short and powerful statements are emblematic of our prioritized mission.</p>	<p>Panter Elementary School's vision is to empower students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We strive to create a school where students receive a strong academic foundation and are prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world.</p>
Goals	
<p>Accountability Goal 1: On the GA Milestones Assessment, we will increase our percentage of 3rd-5th grade students scoring proficient and distinguished in ELA from the Spring 2025 baseline of 41% to 50% by the 2026 Spring administration.</p> <p>Accountability Goal 2: On the GA Milestones Assessment, we will increase our percentage of 3rd-5th grade students scoring proficient and distinguished in Math from the Spring 2025 baseline of 49% to 55% by the 2026 Spring administration.</p>	

Beliefs

At Panter Elementary, we believe that every child deserves to be loved, challenged, and inspired to learn in a joyful and safe environment. Our commitment to academic excellence is grounded in deep care for each student, ensuring they grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. We believe that fun, curiosity, and hard work go hand in hand in fostering a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. Through this balanced and nurturing approach, we prepare students to succeed and thrive in a dynamic and ever-changing world.

Demographics

Panter's serves approximately 480 students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. We have a diverse student population with the following ethnic composition: 51% White, 25% Black, 17% Hispanic, 6% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Asian. Approximately 71% of students enrolled at Panter Elementary are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, which indicates a high population of economically disadvantaged families. Students with disabilities make up 14% of the student population. Gifted students make up 15% of the student population and English language learners make up 5% of the student population.

Honors/Awards/Certifications

Panter is proud to be a high performing school with a positive culture and low staff turnover rate. We work hard to recruit and retain highly qualified staff. New teachers engage in professional learning that offers early opportunities for teacher leadership. Our school leadership model is based on shared decision making. 100% of our teachers have been trained in the Science of Reading and implement best practices in Literacy instruction. Our Tier 1 Behavior management system is based on Capturing Kids Hearts (CKH) processes and over 90% of our teachers have been trained in CKH.

Panter is a district leader in the education of gifted and talented students. The talent development model that Panter uses has been used as an exemplar for other schools in the district. We boast the highest percentage of identified gifted students among *all* Title I schools in the district.

A culture of whole child development, academic rigor, and engaging instruction is at the forefront of our approach. Panter's Milestone scores indicate that we consistently outperform similar schools in both Literacy and Math. Simply put, we work daily to love kids, work hard, and have fun.