

Russom Elementary School

School Improvement Plan at a Glance



Overview

Russom's School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been created to identify areas of academic growth and professional development. Multiple data sources were used to create the goals and action steps within our SIP at a glance.

Mission	Vision
At Russom Elementary we will engage, inspire, and prepare all students to be dedicated, active learners while maintaining a high standard of academic excellence and mutual respect for all.	Russom Elementary School will provide a safe, inviting learning environment where staff, students and parents demonstrate mutual respect. The learning process will be enhanced by a multitude of instructional resources, technology, and parental and community involvement. Our classrooms will encourage cooperative learning, produce quality work, and student self-assessment. Through collaborative planning, teachers will create engaging lessons and data-driven assessments to monitor student progress and guide the learning of our ever changing and diverse population for success today and tomorrow.
Goals	
<p>Goal 1: Students in grades 3rd – 5th grade will achieve a performance level of 5 or 6 on extended writing (purpose and organization, evidence and elaboration) as measured by the GMAS in the Spring of 2026. A score of 5 -6 is grade level proficient and above. Grade level target: 3rd – 45%, 4th – 37%, 5th – 57%.</p> <p>Goal 2: We will improve our monthly PLC process through guided data analysis to change and differentiate curriculum. By May 2026 the reading status (midpoint of Lexile band) on the GMAS will improve by 3%. Achieving this goal will improve student comprehension. Grade level baseline: 3rd – 73%, 4th – 61%, 5th – 72%</p>	

Russom Snapshot

Opened in 2004, Russom Elementary School is located in the northern part of Paulding County Georgia. Russom is one of the four largest elementary schools in the county, out of a total of nineteen elementary schools. The school is ranked in the top 20% of Georgia elementary schools with a rating of 9/10 based on test data. Russom Elementary School is a safe, inviting learning environment where staff, students and parents demonstrate mutual respect. The learning process is enhanced by a multitude of instructional resources, technology and parental and community involvement. Our classrooms encourage cooperative learning, producing quality work, and self-assessment. Our climate star rating is an evaluation of the school's environment, focusing on safety, relationships, and conditions that support student learning.

Demographics

Russom has 950 students with 4th grade as our largest grade level and 1st as our smallest. Our race ethnicity is composed of 51% white, 21% black, 15% Hispanic, 7% Asian, 6% and 6% multiracial. 36% of our students are on a free or reduced cost lunch.

Honors/Awards/Certifications

- Georgia APBS (Association for Positive Behavior Support) Innovative Practices Award. This recognition for Bus Wars, a Star Wars themed PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) initiative to increase positive behaviors on the bus.
- Ready Georgia Seal of Preparedness - Awarded by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), the Ready Georgia Seal of Preparedness recognizes schools that have gone above and beyond in the area of school emergency preparedness.
- John Handcock Award - a special recognition for elementary, middle, and high schools demonstrating excellence in cursive writing in 2025.