

# 2026-27 Cotter School District School Improvement Plan

Cotter Public Schools provides each school with the resources to allow each student to reach his or her full potential.

## Collective Commitments

- We will monitor each student's learning to inform and improve instruction.
- We will provide families with resources, strategies, and information to keep them engaged in their child's education.
- We will work collaboratively and take collective responsibility for each student's success, whether students are in a traditional school, a virtual setting, or a blended setting.
- We will hold each other accountable for student learning and developing each student's potential.
- We will model everything we expect from our students, including life-long learning, positive behaviors, and respect.

The Cotter School District School Improvement plan is a continuous cycle of studying data, planning for improvement, following the plan, checking on the success of the plan, then starting all over again by studying the data, planning for improvement, following the plan, and checking for success of the plan, etc.

## PLAN

- Data
  - Explore all data to make decisions

## DO

- People
  - Maintain
    - Paraprofessionals at each K-6 grade level continue to assist classroom teachers for student success
    - After-school tutoring in the elementary buildings for math and third-grade reading

- Summer enrichment camp to build foundational skills
  - Summer tutoring for grades kindergarten through eleventh grade
  - After-school tutoring in the high school for core subjects
- Software
  - Current
    - Continue IXL, Brainpop, Renaissance Learning, Burst
    - A K-6 and 7-12 Interventionist will be utilized

## CHECK

- People
  - Check for data in order to determine the successful use of paras in each building for student success
  - Check for data in order to determine the success of tutoring on student improvement in literacy and math.
- Software
  - Check for success via ATLAS testing, STAR Reading and STAR Math

## MODIFY

- People
  - Adjust tutoring, software and teaching styles as needed
  - Modify/adjust for new plans if something is not working

The Title I allotment for 2025-26 for Cotter Public Schools is \$232,552. Funds are utilized to supplement, not supplant, programs to help meet the learning needs of our students. Funds will be budgeted at the district level for the Homeless set-aside, and the federal coordinator salary and benefits.. Amanda Gist Elementary School will budget funds for a classroom size reduction teacher, paraprofessionals' salaries and benefits, various technology items, classroom library books, classroom learning materials, technology software, and websites to support student devices. A Title IIA allotment of \$32,852 and a Title IV allotment of \$18,688 will be transferred to the Title I budget. The Title V allotment of \$23,115 will pay partially for a paraprofessional.

The allotment of ESA for 2025-26 is \$252,358. ESA funds are used to meet the needs of the students we serve. These funds allow the district, Amanda Gist Elementary, and Cotter High School to hire for positions including an Instructional Facilitator, paraprofessionals, the After School Achievement Program, after-school tutoring, classroom library books, classroom learning items, technology support, software, and websites to help support student learning.

The Alternative Learning Environment has an allotment of \$36,327, which is utilized to partially fund the salary and benefits for a grades 1-4 ALE teacher on campus and partially pay for

grades 7-12 student slots at the Guy Berry School of the Mtn. Home School District. The Professional Development allotment is \$26,983 and is utilized to help provide high-quality professional development to assist staff in meeting the learning needs of our students.