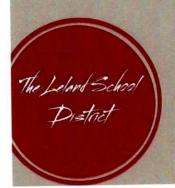
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Leland School District 2025 - 2026

Dropout Prevention Plan



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Leland School District Dropout Prevention Plan 2025 – 2026

Vision

To establish an effectively diverse organization that provides students with exceptional global skills to be competitive in college and the workforce.

Instructional Mission

The district will increase at least one achievement label by the end of 2024-2025 and make annual increases in the percent of students scoring proficient and above on the State Test.

Strategic Objectives

By the end of the school year 2024 - 2025:

- 1. Each student will master all academic standards set forth by the District and State.
- All students will continually identify personal interests, pursue them actively and independently, and produce evidence of positive growth as stated in the Core Values.
- 3. All students will continually volunteer for and complete service to the community.

Mission

To provide students with ongoing evidencebased systems with accountability, academic excellence and a safe environment ensuring high performance.

Core Values

We Believe that:

- Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship are essential to the well-being of individuals and society.
- 2. All individuals have intrinsic value.
- 3. Every individual can contribute something of worth to society.
- 4. Individuals are responsible and accountable for their choices and decisions.
- In order to grow and thrive, individuals need caring relationships and a nurturing environment.
- Supportive family relationships are the foundation of the community.
- 7. High expectations lead to higher performance which, in turn, empowers the individual and strengthens society.
- 8. Continuous learning is a lifelong process that is essential to a productive and enriched life.
- 9. A safe and orderly environment is conducive to learning.

LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEE

DATE: 9.14.2025

SUBJECT: LSD Dropout Prevention Plan

RELATED PAGE (S):

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INFORMATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Mississippi Code 37-13-80

Section 31-13-80 mandates each school district implement a dropout prevention program approved by the Office of Dropout Prevention of the State Department of Education annually. The plan must be approved by the local school board.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Yes

Superintendent/Date

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LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DROPOUT PREVENTION-SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING PLAN 2025 – 2026

PURPOSE:

In accordance with state law, each school district shall implement a yearly Dropout Prevention Plan that is board approved and posted on the district website homepage. The plan must include goals, activities, and services for: reducing retention rates in kindergarten, first, and second grades; targeting subgroups that need additional assistance to meet graduation requirements; developing dropout recovery initiatives that focus on students age17 through 21 who have dropped out of school; addressing transition plans for students returning to school from juvenile detention centers; and identifying students at-risk of dropping out and providing support via analyzing strong predictors such as but not limited to student attendance, behavior, and course performance.

A comprehensive Dropout Prevention Plan has been devised for Leland School District to address District and community concerns for students at risk of dropping out of school. The plan encompasses goals, objectives, initiatives, and action plans to help all students meet or exceed the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards. The plan is intended to serve as a resource guide and to explain what the district is doing to address factors that may cause students to drop out of school.

According to a report for the Office of Research and Statistics, Mississippi Department of Education as of 2025, the Leland School District has a student dropout rate of 10.9 percent and a current graduation rate of 84.8. The district currently has a Performance Classification of a B Leland Elementary has a Performance Classification of an A; Leland School Park has a performance of a D while Leland High School have Performance Classifications of a B. Participations Rates are 95, 95, and 95 percent, respectively.

Overarching Strategies and S.M.A.R.T. Goals	Action Steps
I. Reduce the retention rate of students in Grades Kindergarten-2 nd by 20% by 2027.	1) Provide intensive professional development to Pre-K-2 teachers on best practices for providing high quality Tier 1 instruction around the five components of reading instruction: phonics, phonemic
	awareness, vocabulary, fluency, and reading comprehension. 2) Intervene early and often when data indicates that students are at risk of retention.
	 3) Administer intensive Tier 2 support through a substantial focus on teacher-led small groups within classrooms. 4) Utilize specially trained interventionists to
	provide targeted, supplemental learning and support to identified students in small groups. 5) Work in tandem with local childcare providers to ensure that students are Pre- K ready through joint professional
	development and shared instructional resources. 6) Address the needs of students with disabilities and other special needs
	through specific safety nets designed to close learning gaps. 7) Implement multiple Pre-K classes at elementary sites to provide quality
	learning environments at an early age. 8) Provide summer enrichment and after- school programs in early grades to close learning gaps.

- II. Target subgroups that need additional assistance to meet graduation requirements; increase the four-year graduation rate of students with disabilities by 20% by 2027; increase the four-year graduation rate of English Learners by 20% by 2027; increase the four-year graduation rate of bottom quartile students by 20% by 2027.
- Implement learning support strategies in middle schools that are designed to prepare students to meet graduation requirements.
- 2) Improve the overall quality of Tier I instruction and Tier II and Tier III interventions to assist students with meeting grade level expectations, with enhanced support provided for special education, English Learners, and bottom quartile students. (See *Proactive Support Guide*, attached)
- 3) Regularly review the three strongest predictors of high school graduation beginning at the 6th grade level: student attendance, behavior, and course performance; develop and implement safety nets designed to bring at-risk students back on track for graduation.
- III. Implement dropout recovery initiatives that focus on students aged 16-21 who dropped out of school; recover at least 10% of dropouts each year through 2027 at least and beyond as needed.
- 1) Partner with the Achieve Academy to provide additional graduation options outside of the Leland School District.
- 2) Explore the possibility of establishing a district credit recovery program.
- Increase the number of CTE Programs offered to high school students to motivate students who may be career ready to graduate.
- IV. Continue to implement transition programs that support students who have been detained at Juvenile Detention Center each school year through 2027 and beyond.
- 1) Continue to implement procedures for Juvenile Detention Center to notify the district of students' detainment.
- 2) Continue to coordinate with Juvenile Detention Center to provide students' data, current assignments, and insight on students' academic and behavioral needs.
- 3) Hold mandatory TST meetings on students once they return from detainment at Juvenile Detention Center.

- V. Refine and enhance the district's existing MTSS program to improve the quality of Tier I instruction and interventions for Tier II and Tier III students; reduce the number of students referred for Tier III instruction beyond 7th grade by 20% by 2027; increase the number of students who exit the English Learners program within four years by 20% by 2027.
- 1) Implement the district's Proactive Support Guide (attached).
- 2) Provide focused language acquisition interventions within classes and through pull-out instructional support.
- 3) Provide tailored interventions tied to student's learning needs based on goals within students' individualized Education Plans (IEPs).

DROPOUT PREVENTION TEAM

School Team Members: Includes the middle and high school principal, middle and high counselor, career and technical center director, exceptional education director, curriculum, instruction, and assessment director, federal program director, and the district parent liaison. The school restructuring plan will focus on our at-risk students: (overage, attendance, low achievers, homeless, and English language learners)

Team Member	Position
Dr. Nehru Brown	Federal Program Director
Mrs. Tiffany Murrell	Exceptional Education Director
Mr. Ranald Johnson	High School Principal
Mrs. Ebonee Brownlee	CTE Director
Mr. Maurice Johnson	Middle School Principal
Mrs. Jessica Thomas	Elementary School Principal
Ms. Shamayel Patton	High School Counselor
Mrs. Teresa Brazil	Middle School Counselor
Ms. Gail Owens	Elementary School Counselor
Ms. Susie Williams	Curriculum Director
Ms. Debra Lunford	Attendance Officer

CURRENT DISTRICT STATISTIC

Student Population	651
Teacher	83
Free and Reduce Lunch	100%
Attendance Rate	96%
Graduation Rate	84.8%
Dropout Rate	10.9%
Disciplinary Infractions	13.9 % of the students have had at least one disciplinary infraction
Student with Disabilities	7%

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DATA

医生物的 医性内膜	Elementary	Middle School	High School
Number of Schools	1 st – 5 th (229)	Pk - K (78)	9 – 12 (197)
(3)		6 – 8 (147)	
Enrollment Count	229	225	197
Counselor/Student Ratio	1:229	1:225	1:197

ENROLLMENT DATA 5 YEARS

	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2025 - 2026
EMSE	288	265	254	239	229
LSP	275	249	261	245	225
LHS	200	174	189	201	197
TOTAL	763	688	704	685	651

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

	BLACK	WHITE	HISPANIC	OTHER	TOTAL
EDNA M SCOTT	200	19	10	0	229
LELAND SCHOOL PARK	196	11	16	2	225
LELAND HIGH	184	8	5	0	197

GRADUATION RATE 5 YEAR

	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Rate	87.3	91.7	94.1	92.3	75.7	84.8
% of Change	1.8	4.4	2.4	-1.8	-16.6	+8.7
	D	ROPOUT	ATE 5 YEA	R		
	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.9	13.5	10.9
% of Change	-4.8	3	+ .6	0	-9.6	-2.6

ACCOUNTABILITY RATING 5 YEAR

	SPR 2019	SPR 2020	SPR 2021	SPR 2022	SPR 2023	SPR 2024	SPR 2025
Edna M Scott	D – 294			D - 324	C- 347	B - 377	A - 443
Leland School Park	C – 328			D - 308	C- 336	C – 347	D - 316
Leland High	C - 604		100000000	B - 679	B - 692	B - 667	B - 700
District	D - 507			C - 575	C - 587	C - 596	B - 641

ACT COMPOSITE SCORES 4 YEAR

	SPR 2022	SPR 2023	SPR 2024	SPR 2025
	14.1	16	16	14.8
% Of Change	3	+1.9	0	-1.2

K READINESS

	FALL SCORE	SPR SCORE	GAIN
2017 – 2018	520	704	184
2018 - 2019	543	700	157
2019 – 2020			
2020 – 2021	-111		
2021 - 2022	545	655	110
2022 - 2023	563	701	138
2023 - 2024	532	656	124
2024 - 2025			.55555)

3 GRADE MAAP

YEAR	PASS %	
2018	92.9	
2019	85.2	
2020		
2021		
2022	55.7	
2023	55	
2024	70	
2025	81	

MAAP SPRING DATA RESULTS 5 YEAR

				EDN	A M SCOTT			
Year	Grade	Reading	Math	Science	Reading Growth Overall	Math Growth Overall	Reading Growth LPS	Math Growth LPS
2025	A - 443	39.6	46.3	87.8	59	69.2	65.2	76
2024	B - 377	25.2	35.8	68.8	54.1	58.8	52.7	66.1
2023	C -347	32.7	21.2	36.8	60.7	65	60.3	70
2022	D - 324	22.7	51	41.2	66.4	67.1	63.8	50
2021		13.5	3.1	10.4				
				LELAND	SCHOOL PAR	RK		
2025	D-316	29.2	34.7	21	60.8	53.9	60.3	56.1
2024	C - 347	21.7	43.9	51	47.1	69.6	38.5	80.2
2023	C- 336	23.3	25.7	41.9	48.6	65.2	60.6	70.2
2022	D - 308	22.6	13.7	41.7	55.7	50.6	67.8	55.4
2021		13.7	4.9	44.4				

MAAP SPRING EOC 5 YEAR

LELAND HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR	GRADE	TOTAL PT	Read	Math	Hist	Science	Reading GOA	Math GOA	Reading LPS	Math LPS	Accele	CCR	Partici	Grad Rate
2025	В	700	28.6	53.7	46.7	84.9	57.1	82.1	73.5	87.5	80.9	83.5	>=95.%	84.8
2024	В	667	21.7	43.9	52.3	60.5	42.4	100	79.2	100	74.9	70	>=95%	75.7
2023	В	695	35.7	37.2	66.7	69.8	58.3	104.5	52.5	107.7	46.3	39.9	>=95%	92.3
2022	В	679	31	71.4	60.5	68.9	48.1	85	45.5	85	64.8	54.5	>=95%	94.1
2021			22.9	14.8	10	5.9	56.7	74.4	62.5	73.7	42.9	28.6		91.6

SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING PLAN GOALS

	School Restructuring Plan Goals
Goal 1:	Increase Leland High School's graduation rate to above 95% by 2027.
Goal 2:	Personalize students' paths to graduation and increase positive post- secondary outcomes as evidenced by a 20% increase in students who have entered institutions of higher learning or the workforce by 2027.
Goal 3:	Begin students' paths to graduation and increase positive post- secondary outcomes earlier as evidenced by a 20% increase in the number of students who have taken and passed two MAAP areas by the time they enter 10 th grade; increase the number of students enrolled in 8 th grade Algebra I by 20% by 2027; implement ACT Prep course to improve students' opportunity to complete the American College Test before entering high school by 20%by 2027 and increase the number of students enrolled in middle college.
Goal 4: (If applicable)	Improve students' college and career readiness through focused professional development for teachers as evidenced by a 20% increase in the number of 6-12 teachers rated as Level 4 on the Mississippi Professional Growth System.

		SMART	Goal Planning Te	mpl	ate	
	crease Leland I : Attendance	High School'	s graduation rate to a		e 95% by 202	25
S	Specific	7.	lo? Who will carry itout? Whone? What do you need to	hat	Administrator Counselor Instructors Special Populations Coordinator	
M	Measurable	M – is the goal measurable? (How will the team know it has been achieved? How will progress monitor? How will you measure outcomes?)			Data Results	
Α	Achievable	What could	al achievable ? (By when? get in the way of task How will you overcome	500 MA		
R	Relevant	expectations?		To increase performance of LCTE towards accreditation and certification.		
Т	Time Bound	(How often	al time bound? will this task be nen will this goal shed?)		August, 2024	May.2027
Timeline	Action		Resources Needed/Source		rson(s) sponsible	Person(s) Involved
Ongoing	Conduct mo student adv meetings w character developme career read focus areas	risory ith nt and iness as	and teaching resources Get to College		rriculum rsonnel ncipals unselors achers	6th-12th Students
Ongoing	Ensure that students in 8-12 compl individual s plans; focus students' curriculum	grades ete uccess	Major Clarity Resource & GEAR UP Resources	Pei Pri	rriculum rsonnel ncipals unselors	8 th -12 th students

	on indicators in the success plan			
Ongoing	Increase the number of Career Exploration internship offerings by 20% by 2025; begin internships in 11th grade	Volunteers to serve as business mentors Students' Individual Success Plans	Principals Counselors Local businesses and community leaders	8 th -12 th students
Ongoing	Begin student exposure to career and life readiness through the Reality Fair for 9th - 10th graders; begin offering the program to 9th graders in the Spring 2025	Volunteer businesses GEAR UP Cohort	Principals Counselors Local businesses and community leaders	gth - 10 th students
Ongoing	Identify students who are at risk of dropping out using attendance, academic data, and behavioral data; provide ongoing Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions to identified students beginning in 7th grade; decrease chronic absences by 50% by 2023.	Curriculum Assessment measures Attendance data	Principals Curriculum personnel Counselors Teachers	7th-12th students
Ongoing	Advocate multiple paths to graduation for all students based on their individual needs beginning in 9th grade; implement intensive interventions for specified populations including special education students and	Data (academic and behavioral) Funding for Credit Recovery program	Principals Curriculum personnel Exceptional Education Director Counselors	7 th -12 th students

	English Learners; use Credit Recovery as a process to accelerate students' learning as well as to assist students in recovering missed credits due to course failure				
Ongoing	Provide intensive remediation services (after school and during summer) for students predicted to score below passing on MAAP exams and students who have previously failed MAAP exams	Funds for stipends for teachers	Principals Curriculum staff Teachers	9 th -12 th students	
	Plan	to Progress Mo	nitor		
Date	Evidence to Determine P Achieving Goal	Progress Toward	Potential Adjustments		
Ongoing	Increase in the number of MAAP exams upon first ad		Increase tutorial offerings to students as needed		
Ongoing	Increase in the number of graduate based on the us recovery and/or credit ac	e of credit	Adjust district policies and requirements as needed for the implementation of credit recovery/credit acceleration		
Ongoing	Increase in the number of participate in career inter		Bring mentors to schools as needed when students cannot go to actual companies (i.e., middle school students)		
August 2020- May 2023	Decrease in chronic abser	nces		udents to complete o excused absences	

SMART Goal Planning

Goal 2: Personalize students' path to graduation and outcomes as evidenced by a 20% increase in students who have entered institutions of higher learning or the workforce by 2027.

Focus Area:	Atten	dance \sqsubset	Behavior	□ Course Performance	□ Ot	her		
	Specif	ic	S – is the goal specific ? (What will it do? Who will carry itout? What task			Administrator		
S						Counselor		
				What do you need to comple	ete this	Instructors		
			step?)					
	Maacı	Measurable M – is the go		FI 2 /0	Lab.	Data Result	ulations Coordinator	
NA	101 13 (11			al measurable? (How wil has been achieved? How		Data Nesare	,	
M			Section of the sectio	nitor? How will you meas				
			outcomes?)					
	Achievable		A – is the goa	al achievable? (By when?	What	Monitor cor	mpletions of goals.	
Δ				he way of task completio	n?			
				overcome them?)				
	Relevant R – is th		R – is the goa	– is the goal relevant to performance			To increase performance of LCTE	
R			expectations?			towards acc	creditation.	
1,								
	Time	Bound	T = is the goa	l time bound? (How		August, 2025-May.2026		
T				T – is the goal time bound ? (How often will this task be done? By				
			when will this goal be					
			accomplished	accomplished?)				
Timeline		Action		Resources	Perso	The second	Person(s) Involved	
				Needed/Source		nsible		
August 2024	-		oosure to	Funds for field trips	Curric		7 th -8 th students	
May 2027		post-seco		to colleges and	Princip			
		institutio		universities	Couns	elors		
August and	ing	middle so	quality Tier	Remediation	Princip	nals	6 th – 9 th students	
August-ongo			r III	curricula (example:	Teach		o ocadento	
		Intervent		Edgenuity, Progress		entionists		
		students who		Learning, iReady,	Curric			
		1	with grade-	etc.				
		level con						
		standard	s before					
		entry int	o 10 th grade					

August-ongoing	Provide Dual Enrollment Opportunities for eligible students; increase the number of students who earn a B or higher in dual enrollment courses by 20% by	Funding for courses	Moorhead Community College Principal Counselors	11 th and 12 th students	
August-ongoing	2027. Identify advanced middle school students to take the ACT each year	Funding for ACT costs	Curriculum Personnel Principals Counselors	6 th – 8 th students	
August-ongoing	Increase the number of Career Exploration internship offerings by 20% by 2027; begin internships in 8th grade	Volunteers to serve as business mentors Students' Individual Success Plans	Principals Counselors Local businesses and community leaders	8 th – 12 th students	
	Plar	to Progress Mo	nitor		
Date	Evidence to Determi	ine Progress Toward	Potential Adjustments		
Ongoing	Progress monitorin performance on MA		Increase remediation for students who are not on track to pass MAAP exams		
Ongoing	Student surveys after	er college visits	Expand college visits based on students' interest		
Ongoing	Student status surve	eys after graduation		s the following year us year's status reports	

SMART Goal Planning

Goal 3: Begin students' paths to graduation and increase positive post-secondary outcomes earlier as evidenced by a 20% increase in the number of students who have taken and passed two MAAP areas by the time they enter 10th grade; increase the number of 8th grade students who score 17 or above on the ACT by 20% by 2027.

S	Specific	Account of the last the second	Who will carry itout? W ? What do you need to	/hat	Administrator Counselor Instructors Special Populations Coordinator			
M	Measurable	M – is the goal measurable ? (How will the team know it has been achieved? How will progress monitor? How will you measure outcomes?)			Data Results			
Achievable		A – is the goal achievable ? (By when? What could get in the way of task completion? How will you overcome them?)			Monitor completions of goals.			
R	Relevant		R – is the goal relevant to performance expectations?			To increase performance of LCTE toward accreditation.		
Т	Time Bound	T – is the goal time bound ? (How often will this task be done? By when will this goal be accomplished?)			August, 2025-May.2026			
Timeline	Action		Resources Needed/Source		on(s) oonsible	Person(s) Involved		
the ACT; ir		prepare for curriculum Procrease the Tecores for Jumpstart		Curr Princ Teac	.*	10 th -12 th students		
August 2025 May 2027	Enrollment opportuniti eligible stud	Provide Dual		Colle	cc Community 11 th and 12 th student ege cipal nselor			

	students who earn a B or higher in dual enrollment courses by 20% by 2027.	Tun din a fan	Fodoral Brogram	11 th & 12 Graders	
	Identify students eligible for middle college and increase enrollment with successful completion of the middle college program	Funding for middle college enrollment cost	Federal Program Curriculum Principals Counselors MDCC	11 & 12 Graders	
Ongoing	Identify advanced middle school students to take the ACT each year	Funding for ACT costs	Curriculum Personnel Principals Counselors	6 th -8 th students	
	Plan	to Progress M	onitor		
Date	Evidence to Determine P Achieving Goal	rogress Toward	Potential Adjustments		
Ongoing	Increase in the scores of 6-8 scores once students test of		Begin with the highest performing students; decrease the testing eligibility requirements each year until 50% of all 6-8 students are tested in a given year		
Ongoing	Increase in the number of seligible for dual enrollment increase in the number of searn a B or higher	courses;	Ensure that 9 th and 10 th grade students are on track to be eligible for courses by 11 th grade.		
Ongoing	Increase in the average ACT	score for juniors.	prep content and courses and addition	nts are exposed to ACT or format in the prep onal courses, i.e., tested area content	

SMART Goal Planning

Goal 4 (If Applicable): Improve students' college and career readiness through focused professional development for teachers as evidenced by a 20% increase in the number of 6-12 teachers rated as Level 4 on the Mississippi Professional Growth System.

ocus Area:	: 🗆 A	Attendance	□ Behavior	□ Course Performan	ce [□ Other		
S	Spe	ecific	S – is the goal specific ? (What will it do? Who will carry itout? What task will be done? What do you need to complete this step?)			Administrator Counselor Instructors Special Populations Coordinator		
M	Measurable Achievable		M – is the goal measurable ? (How will the team know it has been achieved? How will progress monitor? How will you measure outcomes?)			Data Results		
Α			What could g	al achievable ? (By when? get in the way of task How will you overcome			pletions of goals.	
Relevant		R – is the goal relevant to performance expectations?			To increase performance of LCTE towards accreditation.			
T	Time Bound		T – is the goal time bound ? (How often will this task be done? By when will this goal be accomplished?)			August, 2025-May.2026		
Timeline		Action		Resources Needed/Source		on(s) oonsible	Person(s) Involved	
Ongoing		Use Profess Learning Communities to discuss of specific stratim prove study academic achievement	es (PLCs) ontent itegies to idents'	Time for PLCs Grade Level Standards Consultant support as needed		iculum artment	6 th -12 th teachers	
Ongoing		Conduct free data meetin monitor stu progress an assess teac instructional practices	ngs to idents' id to hers'	Test item banks Data Planning Time	Curr	cipals iculum artment chers	6 th -12 th teachers	
Ongoing		Provide job		Funds for	Prin	cipals	6 th -12 th teachers	

	professional		Department	
	development to all		Consultants	
	tested area teachers			
	and intensive job			
	embedded			
	professional			
	development to			
	struggling teachers			
August-	Monitors progress	Biweekly/monthly	Dropout	Principal, CTE
ongoing	throughout the year	meetings	prevention team	Director,
	7.			counselor, special
				population
August-	Monitors progress	May 2023	Dropout	Principal, CTE
ongoing	throughout the year		prevention team	Director,
				counselor, special
				population
	Plan	to Progress Mo	nitor	
Date	Evidence to Determine	Progress Toward	Potential Adjustn	nents
	Achieving Goal			
Ongoing	Increased teacher cap	acity as evidenced		al teacher support
	by students' growth o	n assessment	methods as need	ed based on data
	measures and teacher	s' growth on	(including improv	ement plans as
	Mississippi's Professio	nal Growth System.	needed)	