



Cirrus Education Group

Minutes

CEG - Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday July 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Location

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89220676131?pwd=utqr9FSbaaahoaCCffCWf1P68n6Hd.1>

Committee Members Present

L. Taylor (remote), R. Finley (remote), S. Kelly (remote)

Committee Members Absent

L. Golphin, T. Olagunju

Guests Present

N. Brinson

I. Opening Items**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

R. Finley called a meeting of the Academic Committee of Cirrus Education Group to order on Thursday Jul 16, 2026 at 10:03 AM.

B. Record Attendance**C. Approve Agenda**

L. Taylor made a motion to Approve Agenda.

S. Kelly seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Academic

A. Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Nyla Thornton presented the academic priorities and instructional framework for the 2026–2027 school year, highlighting:

- Introduction of the **CIRRUS instructional framework** to guide teaching and learning.
- New instructional blocks, including Family Huddle, Reading Lab, Writing Lab, WIN (What I Need), Word Analysis, STEAM Exploratory, and Social Reset.
- Expanded intervention model using data-driven small groups across grade levels.
- Increased teacher planning time with dedicated coaching and collaboration.
- CLIP revisions were completed and resubmitted.
- Academic growth goal adjusted from **10% to 6%** to establish a realistic and measurable target while maintaining high expectations.
- Reviewed Georgia Milestones baseline data and instructional strategies designed to improve scholar achievement.
- Introduced updates to Special Education and MTSS, including new leadership, intervention processes, and collaborative supports.
- Shared curriculum rollout status, technology readiness, professional learning initiatives, and transition to the Georgia LEADS evaluation platform.

B. Culture Updates

Academic leadership also shared several initiatives supporting school culture and scholar success, including:

- Restorative approach to In-School Suspension (ISS).
- College and career readiness initiatives, including college-themed homerooms.
- Campus improvements, classroom modernization, and donated furniture.
- Expansion of STEAM experiences and instructional resources.
- Partnership with Upchieve to provide virtual tutoring for middle school scholars.
- Updates on upcoming professional development, Open House, PTA development, culture calendar, and after-school intervention planning.

Committee members discussed the instructional vision, academic goals, campus improvements, and readiness for the upcoming school year.

III. Updates

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Expansion Program

Mr. Barry Williams briefly updated the committee on expansion efforts and noted that portions of the leadership team would depart the meeting early to participate in the school's accreditation overview meeting.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Finley