

Cook Middle School Parental Involvement Policy

Cook Middle School Parental Involvement Plan for Shared Student Success

2018-2019 School Year

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Title I Information

Cook Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy. The annual Title 1 meeting for Cook Middle School will be August 28th. Time to be announced.

Parents and Teachers who work together are Unstoppable

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Cook Middle will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Cook Middle values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Cook Middle will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? Cook Middle School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and with students to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Cook Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? During the year, the plan will be sent home with the students. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the secretary at the school or on the school website.



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District Goal

Students in Cook County Schools will receive differentiated instruction in all subject areas and will meet or exceed expected performance levels in grade specific standards as measured through classroom evaluations, local benchmarks, and state-mandated assessments.

2018-19 CMS Goals

- Longitudinally Increase the number of students achieving levels 2, 3, or 4 in all grade level ELA
- Increase the number of students achieving levels 3 or 4 in all grade level Math and EOC Algebra.
- Increase the number of students achieving Levels 2, 3, or 4 in eighth grade Science/HONORS Science and maintain the number of students achieving levels 2, 3, or 4 in eighth grade Social Studies.
- Provide a positive, orderly, safe and supportive learning environment by decreasing office discipline referrals.
- Create an environment that welcomes, encourages supports, and connects family and community members to Cook Middle School.

School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, Cook Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers. The school-parent compact is sent home at the beginning of each school year.

Let's Get Together!

Cook Middle will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

First Semester

Aug 2 – Open House
August 3 – First Day of School
August 28 – PTO/Parent Night/Title 1
August 31 – Back to School Dance
September 11 – What's APPing at CMS?
October 3 – Q1 Ends
October 5 – Eighth grade Field Trip
October 8 – 12 Fall Break
October 16 Report Cards go home
October 23 – TAPSS
October 25 – Awards Program for Q1
October 26 – Halloween Dance
November 6 – Painting with Sherri and CMS
November 16 – Sixth grade Field Trip
November 19 – 23 Thanksgiving Holidays
November 28 – 30 Jr. Beta Convention
December 4 – PTO/Make and Take Christmas
December 6 – 6th Band/Chorus
December 7 – Talent Show
December 11 – Seventh grade Field Trip
December 11 – 8th/7th Band Concert
December 12 and 13 – Winter Exams
December 14 – End of Q2 & Semester 1
December 14 – half day for students

Semester 2

January 7 – Quarter 1/Semester 2 Begins
January 8 – Report card goes home
January 15 –TAPSS
January 17 – Q2 Awards program
January 21 - MLK Holiday
January 29 – Science Night
February 1 – Dual Enrollment Brochure
February 6 – Career Day
February 8 – Valentine Dance
February 15 & 18 - Winter Break
February 28 – Winter Band Concert

March 4 – 8 Book Fair
March 6 – 20 PTO Fundraiser
March 8 End of Q3
March 15 – Student Holiday/Teacher In-service
March 18 Holiday
March 19 report Cards go home
March 26 TAPSS
March 26 – Are You Smarter than a Middle Schooler?
March 27 Q3 Awards Program
March 28 – 29 Spring Cumulative Exams
April 1 – 5 Spring Holidays
April 15 – 19 6th Grade Georgia Milestones
April 15 – 25 8th Grade Georgia Milestones
April 16 – Band Concert/Art Show at CHS
April 23 – 30 7th grade Georgia Milestones
April 26 Sixth Grade Field Trip
April 29 – May 1 8th HONORS ELA EOC Georgia Milestones
May 2 Q4 SOW Program
May 2 – 3 8th Grade HONORS Algebra EOC Georgia Milestones
May 6 – 7 8th Grade HONORS Physical Science Georgia Milestones
May 8 Fifth Grade Orientation
May 8 Faculty-Student basketball Game
May 9-10 8th Grade ELA Retesting Georgia Milestones
May 10 8th Grade Dance
May 13 8th Grade Math Retesting Georgia Milestones
May 14 MARS Day (Math & Reading)
May 15 Hornet Pride Day/Title 1 Parent Input
May 16 8th grade Extravaganza
May 17 Q4/Semester 2 Ends
May 17 Half Day for Students
May 17 Half Day for Students

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Parental Involvement

Cook Middle School believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- That activities are carried out as described in this plan.

Transitions Between Schools

Sixth graders are provided orientation to CMS in the spring of fifth grade and orientation during Open House for students and their parents. Eighth graders are provided a tour to Cook High School in the spring before they complete registration for ninth grade.

Cook Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you have questions, need more information about our programs, need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

(229)549-5999 or email
rmeadows@cook.k12.ga.us

Parent and Family Engagement Program and Activities at the CMS Hive!

Cook Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, as well as posted on the school's website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Partner with high school counselors and faculty to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for the high school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at events in order to respond to families' requests for additional support for family involvement activities.
- ✓ Provide CMS faculty and staff with training in engaging families in the learning process, listening and responding to parents' and families' requests for additional support, and ensuring that communication sent home to parents and families will be in a language they can understand.

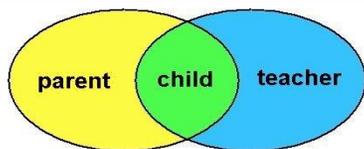
Come swarm with us!



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Cook Middle School Beliefs:

- *When provided the opportunity, time and resources, and with motivation, all students can succeed.
- *Our students share responsibility for their learning and take responsibility for their actions in the classroom and school environment.
- *An inviting, safe, inclusive, supportive school environment is essential to the teaching and learning process.
- *All stakeholders – teachers, family and community – are essential in the education of our students.



Parent – Teacher Organization

- Reasons to Join the School Parent Group!
- *To become a part of your children’s learning experiences.
 - *To help raise money for a great cause – your children’s education.
 - *To get to know the teachers at school and to understand their needs and ideas.
- +And finally, the number one reason to join us...WE NEED YOU!
- Current PTO Officers: Susan McLaughlin, Nikki Bennett, and Deena Griffin
2018-19 officers will be elected on August 28th. Time to be announced.

School Council 2018-19

Cook Middle School Invites all parents to share ideas and concerns with their School Council representatives for the purpose of building partnerships with school, families, and the community. The School Council will meet four times during the school year. Parents may contact the council representatives to submit their ideas or suggestions. The 2018-2019 members are Rusty Meadows, Penny Bullard-Eller, Brent Dixon, Samona Durr, Nick Griffin, Lyn Martin, Ron Mitchell, and Audrey Stacks. Meetings are scheduled for August 29, 2018, November 7, 2018, February 6, 2019, and April 10, 2019. Meetings are held at CMS at noon. Call the school for members’ contact information.



CMS Hornets



Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestion or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students’ and the school’s goals for the academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Comments: _____
