

**Cook Middle School Parental
Involvement Plan for Shared
Student Success**

2015-2016 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.

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.

2015-2016 CMS Goals

- All students at Cook Middle School will increase proficiency in all academic areas.
- Cook Middle School will provide a safe and positive learning environment.

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 the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Back to School Newspaper – August 5
Open House – August 4 6th grade (6:00 – 7:00)
Open House – August 6 7th & 8th grade (3:00 – 5:00)
First Day of School – August 7
Back to School Dance – August 21
School Council – August 27
Labor Day Holiday – September 7
Midterm Reports – September 8
Fall Sports PEP Rally – September 16
PTO Meeting – September 22
CHS Homecoming Week – September 14-18
School Newsletter – October 2
Fall Break – October 5-9
Annual Title I Meeting – October
PBIS Party -- October 16
Quarter 1 Report Cards – October 19
Awards Program for Quarter 1 – October 22
Red Ribbon Week – October 26-30
TAPSS – October 27
Lunch and Learn: October 28
Powder Puff Football Game – October 29
Washington D.C. Trip – November 3 - 7
School Council Meeting – November 12
Midterm Reports – November 16
Toys for Tots – November/December
Band & Chorus Concert – December 8
Lunch and Learn: December 9
Talent Show – December 15
PBIS Party – December 16
Quarter 2 Report Cards – December 16
Semester 2 Begins – January 5
Awards Program for Quarter 2 – January 12
TAPSS – January 12
MLK Holiday -- January 18
School Council Meeting – February 4
Midterm Reports – February 8
PTO Meeting – February 9
Career Day – February 10
Winter Break – February 15-19
PBIS Party – March 11
Quarter 3 Report Cards – March 14
Awards Program for Quarter 3 – March 17
TAPSS – March 22
Spring Break – March 28-April 1
Lunch and Learn: Test Prep – April 13
Georgia EOG Milestones Testing – April 18-29
Awards Program for Quarter 4 – May 3
Band/Chorus Concert – May 3
Lunch and Learn: CHS Registration – May 4
School Council Meeting – May 5
Math Celebration Day – May 5
8th Grade Dance – May 6th
PBIS Party – May 10
Hornet Pride Day – May 11
Decade Show – May 12
Last Day of School/Report Cards – May 13

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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.

Cook Middle is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

(229) 549-5999

Parental Opportunities to Join 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.

Come swarm with us!



Cook Middle School Parental Involvement Policy

Cook Middle School is a place where students are working to meet their full potential and to build PRIDE by becoming:

P = Productive

R = Respectful

I = Independent

D = Dependable

E = Ethical

School Council

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 2015-2016 members are Tracy Cornelius, Jenny McDaniel, Ron Mitchell, Michelle Stone, Andrew Dunn, Rachel Serrano, Lyn Martin, and Dr. David Boland.*** Call the school for members' contact information.

Discretionary Components

- Develop a district wide Parent Advisory Committee with parent representation from all levels.
- Parent Advisory Committee will meet a minimum of five times during the fiscal year.
- Announcement of the development of a District wide parental involvement plan will be made in the local newspapers, school websites, Power Announcement, and School Apps.
- Parent meetings will be held to allow parents the opportunity to provide input into the development of the district wide parental involvement plan.
- District wide parental involvement plan will be posted on the system and school websites.



CMS Hornets



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: