

School-Parent Compact  
Cook Middle School  
School Year 2017-2018  
Revised June 27, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Cook Middle School students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards. This compact was jointly developed by all stakeholders (teachers, staff, parents, students, and community leaders) at Cook Middle School

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand our district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

**Cook County School System's 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.

**Cook Middle School's Goals:** To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together to:

- 100% of Cook Middle School students will pass all classes, including Connections classes, as indicated on the CCRPI.
- Longitudinally increase the number of students achieving levels 2, 3, or 4 in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade English Language Arts and increase the number of students achieving levels 3, or 4 in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Math.
- Increase the number of students achieving levels 2, 3, or 4 in 8th grade Science and maintain the number of students achieving levels 2, 3, or 4 in 8th grade Social Studies.
- Provide a positive, orderly, safe, and supportive learning environment for all students and staff.
- When possible, participate in school related activities such as parent conferences, PTO, clubs, Band concerts, and sporting events

***School Responsibilities:***

Cook Middle School will:

- 1. Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the state's student academic achievement standards by:**
  - Continually improve and update classroom instruction using Georgia's Common Core Standards
  - Use the best strategies to engage and support student learning while in the classroom
- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.**

The Title I Coordinator, faculty, staff, and administration will hold the initial meeting to present Cook Middle School's Parent Compact for the purpose of receiving parental/guardian input and approval. Teachers and/or parents may schedule parent conferences as needed. In addition, Cook Middle School provides an assigned day each grading period (TAPSS-Teachers and Parents Supporting Students) where extended time in the evening is

given for parent conferences. Open House and PTO also provide additional opportunities for parents to meet with teachers.

**3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.**

Parents can receive daily, weekly, or monthly emails about students' grades and attendance. Parents may also log on to the school's student information system, PowerSchool, to check grades and attendance. In addition, the school sends home a mid-term progress report half way between each grading period. A report card is sent home at the end of each grading period. If parents do not have internet access, the school will mail the progress reports. Teachers use various electronic methods, such as Remind and School Connect, to communicate with parents.

**4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff.**

Parents can access faculty and staff through email or by phoning the school. Parents may schedule parent conferences through the front office at any time.

**5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class and to observe classroom activities as follows:**

Parents are welcome to schedule opportunities to volunteer in the school and participate/observe in their child's class. These opportunities may be scheduled through the front office.

***Parent Responsibilities:***

I/We, as (a) parent(s), will:

- Make sure students arrive on time to school and stay the entire day
- Make sure students have the needed materials, supplies, and assignments to complete the school day
- Make sure students are dressed appropriately
- Ask your child each evening about what learning took place that day, as well as homework, projects, or assigned reading that may be due the next day
- Attend parent conferences and other school related activities
- Expect a midterm progress report and report card every grading period
- Check the school's website and student handbook for important dates and events

***Student Responsibilities:***

- Arrive to school on time
- Attend school everyday
- Try not to check out
- Be prepared with supplies, materials, projects, and homework
- Follow the dress code
- Pay attention in class and always do your best

Please review this School-Parent Compact with your child. This School-Parent Compact will be discussed with you throughout the year at different school-family events as we work together to help your child succeed in school.

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**Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read, received, and agree to this School-Parent Compact and Family Engagement Policy. Once signed, return to your child's teacher. We look forward to our school-parent partnership!**

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this Parent Compact or any other issue at Cook Middle School, please feel free to comment below or call the school and set up an appointment.

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