



# Cook County Schools

**2017-2018  
Strategic  
Plan**

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*Creating and Inspiring Lifelong Learners*

## Cook County Schools Five Strategic Focus Areas

Focus Area 1: <i>High Academic Achievement</i>	Focus Area 2: <i>College and Career Readiness</i>	Focus Area 3: <i>Quality Teachers, Administrators, and Staff</i>	Focus Area 4: <i>Supportive Learning Environments</i>	Focus Area 5: <i>Strong Parental and Community Support</i>
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## MISSION

Cook County Schools will provide an exemplary education to all students in a safe and positive environment.

## VISION

To stimulate learning and creativity that will prepare our students for success and lifelong learning.

## KEY STRATEGIES 2017-2018

- ✓ **Increase Lexile levels of all students across all grade levels and subject areas.**
- ✓ **Increase percentage of students scoring Proficient or Distinguished on Georgia Milestones.**
- ✓ **Increase college and career readiness and graduation rate for all students.**
- ✓ **Ensure that all teachers and paraprofessionals are well prepared and effective.**
- ✓ **Provide a safe and positive learning environment for all students and staff.**
- ✓ **Increase parental and community partnerships to promote student achievement.**

## TARGETS 2017 – 2018

Grad Rate +0.5/year	85.4 (Met SY17)
ES CCRPI +1.1/year	64.5 (Not Met SY17)
MS CCRPI +0.9/year	70.7 (Met SY17)
HS CCRPI +0.8/year	74.7 (Not Met SY17)

## CORE BELIEFS

- Student learning is the highest priority.
- Each student is unique and will be provided with a variety of instructional approaches to support and enhance learning.
- A positive, safe, and orderly environment enhances and promotes student learning.
- Students should be involved in decision-making, planning, and enhancing self-esteem that promotes positive relationships and mutual respect among and between students and staff.
- Students learn best when actively engaged with challenging work.
- Education is a shared responsibility of the entire school community, i.e. students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community members.
- A commitment to continuous school improvement is necessary for students to become lifelong learners.

## S.W.O.T. Analysis: Summary of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>	<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Talented, dedicated staff members</li> <li>❖ Strong community support</li> <li>❖ Strong commitment to students and families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Increased class sizes</li> <li>❖ Reduced resources</li> <li>❖ Limited technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Implementation of GA Standards of Excellence in Science/Social Studies</li> <li>❖ Implementation of Career Pathways</li> <li>❖ ESEA Waiver (CCRPI)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Reduction in federal, state, and local funding</li> <li>❖ Weak regional economy</li> <li>❖ Decreased local control</li> </ul>