

Cook Middle School Parental Involvement Plan for Shared Student Success

2021-2022 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.



Cook Middle School Parental Involvement Policy

District Vision

- All students will succeed through **enrollment** in higher education, **enlistment** in the military, or **employment** in the workforce.

Cook County School System's Beliefs

- Cultivate a safe and positive environment.
- Optimize creativity and learning
- Offer support through family and community partnerships
- Kindle challenging opportunities

2021-22 CMS Improvement Plan/Goals

- Longitudinally increase the number of students achieving levels 2, 3, or 4 in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade English Language Arts and Lexile bands within and above grade level
- Increase the number of students achieving levels 2, 3, or 4 in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Math/Algebra on the GMAS
- Increase positive, consistent, and meaningful communication with all stakeholders

Parents and Teachers working TOGETHER are

UNSTOPPABLE!

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.

Semester 1

July 28 Orientation/Open House for 6th grade
July 29 Open House for 7th and 8th grade
August 4 - First Day of School
September 6 - Labor Day Holiday
September 8 - Progress Reports for Q1
September 9 - Open House for Parents
October 8 - 12 - Fall Break for Students
October 14 - Report Cards go Home
October 19 - TAPSS
October 20 - Quarter 1 Awards Programs
October 26 - Painting with Sherri
November 10 - Progress Reports for Q2
November 15 - 19 Washington Trip
November 22- 26 Thanksgiving Holidays
December 7 - Make and Take Christmas Crafts
December 17 - End of First Semester; half day for Students
December 20 - January 4 Christmas Holidays

Semester 2

January 5 - Students return to school; Report cards go Home
January 11 - TAPSS
January 12 - Quarter 2 Awards Program
January 17 - Martin Luther King Holiday
February 8 - Progress Reports go Home
February 18 - 21 Winter Break
March 11 - Quarter 4 Begins
March 16 - Report Cards go Home
March 18 - 21 Student Holidays
March TBA - CHS Registration for 8th graders
March 22 - TAPSS
March 23 - Quarter 3 Awards Program
April 4 - 8 Spring Break
April 12 - Testing/GMAS Program for Parents
April 20 - Progress Reports
April 25 - 29 GMAS Testing ELA and Math 6th - 8th grade
May 3 - 4 GMAS Algebra Testing - 8th grade
May 4 - Student of the Week Program for Quarter 4 (1:30)
May 5 - GMAS Science Testing - 8th grade
May 6 - GMAS Social Studies Testing - 8th grade
May 13 - 8th grade Dance
May 16 - Hornet Pride Day
May 17 - MARS Celebration Day
May 20 - End of 2021-22 School Term/ 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.

Parent Involvement in education is like the frosting on a cupcake, it makes it complete and oh so sweet.

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.

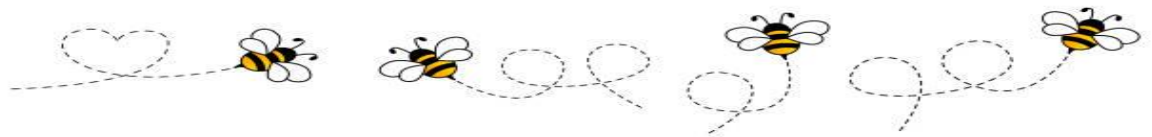
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Parental Opportunities to Join the CMS NEST!

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 all events in order to respond to families' requests for additional support for family involvement activities.

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.

School Council 2021-22

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 2021-2022 members are Rusty Meadows, Penny Bullard-Eller, Brent Dixon, Scott Freeman, Lyn Martin, Ron Mitchell, Phil Morris, and Audrey Stacks. Meetings are scheduled for August 12th, November 11th, February 10th and April 14th at noon. Call the school for members' contact information.



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!

2021-22 PTO Officers: Tabatha Jones – President, Lori Betts – Vice-President, Kim Cone – Secretary, Deena Griffin - Treasurer

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office or email your comments to rmeadows@cook.k12.ga.us:

Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Comments: _____

