

**Cook Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement
Policy/Plan for Shared Student
Success**

2019-2020 School Year

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Title I Information

Cook Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). 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. Cook Elementary holds its annual Title 1 Parent Meeting at the beginning of the year.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Cook Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Cook Elementary 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 Elementary supports 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 Elementary 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. Parents are invited to a Title 1 informational meeting at the beginning of the year, usually in August. 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 Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year the plan is given to all students. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the secretary at the school or on the school website.



District Goals

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.

2019-2020 School Goals

- Move 3% from below Lexile Measure to on or above Lexile Measure in grades 3, 4, and 5.
- Increase by 3% the number of students scoring in Level 3 & 4 on the Math section of Georgia Milestones Assessment

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Cook Elementary 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 compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher and a copy is sent home. The compact is also available on the school's website for retrieval.

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 understand their needs/ideas.
- And finally, the number one reason to join us...WE NEED YOU!

First PTO/ Title 1 Meeting: August 29, 2019

Let's Get Together!

Cook Elementary 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

Open House – August 1 (4:00 – 6:00)

Annual Title I Meeting – August 29, 2019

PTO Meeting- August 29

Parent Conferences- September 12

School Council Meeting – September 27

Family STEAM Night-October 10

Renaissance Rocks- October 11

Fall Break – October 14-18

Red Ribbon Week- October 28-November 1

School Council Meeting – November 15

Thanksgiving Holidays- November 25-29

Renaissance Rocks- December 19

Christmas Break-December 20 (1/2 day)

Christmas Holidays- December 20 – January 7

Winter Break – February 14 & 18

Dr. Seuss Week- March 2-6

Student Holiday- March 13 & 17

Renaissance Rocks- March 20

Family Literacy Night- March 26

Spring Break- April 6-10

Georgia Milestones Testing- April 20-29

Renaissance Rocks - May 14

Field Day – May 15

Honor's Day – May 19, 20 & 21

Last Day of School- May 22 (1/2 day)

Parental Involvement

Cook Elementary 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Parental Opportunities to Join the CES!

Cook Elementary 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, and posted on the school website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Partner with school counselors and faculty to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and through social media 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, such as 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.
- ✓ Provide CES faculty and staff with training in engaging families in the learning process, listening and responding to parents' and families' request for additional support, and ensuring that communication sent home will be in a language they can understand.

Cook Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Call if you need assistance with childcare/transportation in order to participate in our programs. Our Parent Coordinator is available to help as needed.

School Council

Cook Elementary 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 three times during the school year. Parents may contact the council representatives to submit their ideas or suggestions.

Council Members are: Tony Betts, Kim Boling, Scott Freeman, Anthony Morris, Deidre Thompson, Kathy Jones, Kelley Felts, Leigh Moore, Gabe Hammock, Tiffany Clemons, and Karen Taylor.

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 information in the Main Office.

Name :(optional) _____ Telephone Number:(optional) _____
