

Cook Middle School Parental Involvement Plan for Shared Student Success

2019-2020 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.



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.

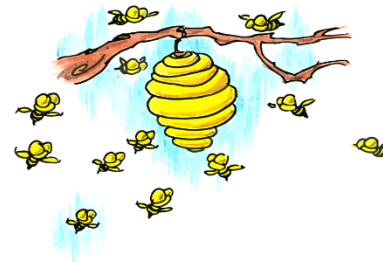
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Parental Opportunities to Join the CMS NEST!

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!



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 2019-20

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 2018-2019 members are Rusty Meadows, Penny Bullard-Eller, Brent Dixon, Samona Durr, Nick Griffin, Lyn Martin, Ron Mitchell, and Audrey Stacks. Meetings are scheduled for August 21st at 7:30 am, November 20th at noon, January 15th at 7:30 am, and April 15th 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!

Current PTO Officers:

Tanya Cone – President, Kelly Felts – Vice-President, Joni Fulp – 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:

Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Comments: _____

