



WE ARE #CENTRALSTRONG – 150 YEARS AND COUNTING!

Central High School 2016-17 Family Engagement Plan

Central High School: a partnership of students, teachers, parents, staff, community members, and alumni – will meet the educational needs of all students, one student at a time, by:

- Striving for academic excellence while providing a safe, caring, and welcoming environment.
- Ensuring equitable opportunities and extracurricular activities that encourage students to value education and develop strong life skills and high self-esteem.
- Acknowledging, respecting, and valuing members of the school community and utilizing the strength that comes from diversity.
- Promoting positive relationships among groups and individuals of all backgrounds in both the school and community.
- Gaining recognition for Central’s contribution to the community and for its high levels of success in preparing students for society.

The Family Engagement Plan (FEP) is organized into four impact areas. We will be working together this year to build positive and goal-oriented relationships in each area. Families and staff at school developed this plan together.

Welcoming Environment	
Our school has staff member(s) available for families to discuss this plan and ask questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Liaison: Scott Howell • Principal: Mary Mackbee • PLC/Data Coach: Daryl Parks
Our school communicates with families in many ways.	<p>Central High School will offer a flexible number of meetings/activities, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with Title I funds, transportation, child care, or home visits, as deemed necessary to help remove barriers to parent/guardian participation in these school activities and meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Title 1 Meeting September 2016 • Conferences in October (2) 2016 & March (2) 2017 • Newsletter that goes home with progress marks • School website • College Planning Nights

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Portal Training • District Parent Seminars • College Planning Workshops • PAC Meeting's – 1st Monday's (5 time a year) • African American Parent Involvement Day • Title 1 Informational Sharing Meetings – October 2016 (2) March 2017 (2) • School Wide Update January 2017 • After School Tutoring • Mid and End of quarter report cards to families
<p>The achievement gap, or rather the “opportunity gap,” between students of color and white students in Saint Paul Public Schools is unacceptable. Our school is working to change practices and systems by identifying the barriers that make it harder for students of color to succeed and for their families to support their learning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more about our work on racial equity, contact: • Principal: Mary Mackbee • Assistant Principal: Evelyn Nordquist • PLC/Data Coach: Daryl Parks • Teacher: Lindsay Peifer • Teacher: Luke Murchie • Title 1: Scott Howell
<p>Transitions between schools can be challenging, and we work to help families as their children start and leave our school.</p>	<p>For new students and families, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families “Back to School Night” • Registration Night • Family Showcase Night • Incoming student tours by request • Incoming 9th grade day long retreat at camp Kiwanis • Parent Portal Trainings • Middle School Shadowing <p>For students and families moving to the next school in their pathway, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly College Recruiters in our Career Resource Room • SAT/ACT Prep Courses • National College Fair • Financial Aid Nights • College Planning Night • District Parent Seminars • Avid • Admission Possible • SANNEH - Dreamline • Upward Bound

Family Partnerships

Our school-parent compact establishes the shared responsibility for student success between the school, families, and students. Families and teachers work together to develop the compact.

- **Copies of the compact are available:**
 Conferences October 2016 March 2017
 Title 1 Office
 Main Office
 School Website
 School Wide Events
 PAC Meeting's – 1st Monday's (5 time a year)
 All Title 1 Events/Meetings
 Registration Night
 District Parent Seminars
- **The compact will be updated:** January - April 2017

There are many opportunities for families to build connections to the school and to each other.

- **Title I Annual Meeting where we will share information about school programs:** September 2016
- Parent Conferences
- PAC Meeting's – 1st Monday's (5 time a year)
- National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) February 2017
- Back To School Night
- District Parent Seminars
- Parent Portal Trainings
- Cultural Events/School Events

We work to make these meetings and events available for every family in the school.

- **Describe the process for translation and interpretation** Central has onsite Hmong, Somali, and Spanish interpreters available during the day and during school activities i.e. Conferences, Back to School Night, and Orientation
- Central High School will offer a flexible number of meetings/activities. Meetings will be held in the morning or evening, and may provide, with Title I funds, transportation, as deemed necessary to help remove barriers to parent/guardian participation in these school activities and meetings

	<p>Describe the specific outreach strategies for families of English Learners Central High School will coordinate and integrate family involvement programs, school activities, and partner with other community organizations and programs with similar interests in supporting families as partners in their children’s education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Shadowing • Community Events • Community Meetings • School Events
<p>Our school supports families as advocates and provides opportunities for parent leadership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the process for parents to follow if they have concerns about their child's learning? Parents should make an appointment with the counseling secretary to schedule a meeting with their child’s guidance counselor • Contact student’s teacher via email. • Contact your child’s grade level Administrator • Describe how families will be involved in planning for school improvement and family engagement Through our school newsletter that is mailed to all families and our school website information regarding upcoming meetings dates as it relates to school improvement and family engagement for 2016-2017 is provided. Meetings will be held in September, October, January, February, and March. Dates to be determined • Describe how staff will receive professional development about working with families Central faculty have expanded their Professional Development opportunities. Professional Learning Communities will meet every day. Building wide staff development opportunities will throughout the school year.
<p>Parent Seminars provides the foundation of parents’ information and skills for becoming more involved in our school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Seminars will be held in: October - December

Teaching and Learning

<p>Our school shares information about student achievement with families in multiple ways</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report cards and progress reports will be distributed how, when? Central is on a quarter system. Progress reports will be mailed home at mid quarter followed by final marks also being mailed home at each quarter completion.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-Teacher conferences are held 4 times per year <p>Our school shares information about student achievement with families in multiple ways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Portal Trainings • Senior Honors Night • Undergrad Awards • A & B Honor Roll mailing with grades • Title 1 Student of the Month • Test score mailings • Student Portal • Quarterly Report Cards • Mid-Quarter Progress Reports • Yearly Credit Checks Mailed to Parents
<p>Our school will engage families in Personalized Learning as a key strategy to accelerate student achievement, as these changes come to our school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Portal is available by contacting: Counseling Office • Training is available at conferences and by parent request <p>High Schools implementing the Learning Platform: Share how parents will receive information about these changes N/A</p>
<p>Many before- and after-school enrichment and support opportunities are available for students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title 1 Tutoring • Upward Bound • College Possible • Saturday School Class Support • National Honor Society • Athletics • GSA • Asian Culture Club • African American Student Alliance

Community Partnerships	
<p>Our school develops community partnerships to provide additional support for students and their families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SANNEH Foundation – Student Support Group • St. Olaf College – College Readiness • Federal Reserve Bank – Student Workshops/Summer Internships

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This plan is available as part of our school's SCIP, or School Comprehensive Improvement Plan at scip.spps.org, is on our school website at school.spps.org, and printed copies are available in the office.