

CPEO

Parent Academy Program





Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities

CPEO is a free five-week program that provides parents with the necessary tools and skills to develop strong and positive home-school partnerships and support the academic achievement of students.

The program brings schools, parents and the community together as equal partners in education so that all students can achieve their greatest academic potential. CPEO helps parents understand children's social and emotional development, develop skills for navigating the school system and collaborating with staff, create home learning environments and learn about post-secondary and college options.

CPEO is offered at over 30 MPS sites each year. Classes take place in the evening once a week. Language-specific sessions are offered in English, Hmong, Somali and Spanish. Classes are now offered virtually. Upon completing the program, parents will receive a certificate of graduation and certificates for free Community Education classes.

Over 5,000 parents have graduated from CPEO since 2007. The program received the 2012 Promising Partnership Practices Award from John Hopkins University.

“ I appreciated the focused curriculum and learned some extremely helpful strategies that will help ensure my children’s success in Minneapolis Public Schools. Thank you very much for this opportunity! ”

~ A Parent



Targeted topics by grade level

Elementary Grades

- Home and school collaboration.
- Communication and discipline.
- Home motivation and self-esteem.
- The importance of homework.
- Parent-teacher conferences.

Middle Grades

- Adolescence: A time of change and growth
- Stages of teen development
- Positive communication creates self-esteem
- How to motivate teenagers
- Obstacles that block school success
- Preparing for high school

High School Grades

- Final destination: The university
- Academically rigorous classes
- High school academic planning
- Important requirements and programs
- SAT and ACT
- Higher education options & financial aid



“ The CPEO program has been one of the best things we have done in the district in the last number of years. Our parents have increased their self-esteem, learned about the school system and how to better assist and advocate for their children, and how to be a real and functioning part of the school community. ”

~ A School Principal

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