

Kenwood Academy is a four-year high school with an Academic Center for gifted students in grades 7 and 8 and a 9-12 Accelerated Magnet Program in partnership with the University of Chicago.

Academic Center: Gifted students from throughout the city apply to Kenwood's Academic Center upon the completion of 6th grade. Students in the program take accelerated high school classes, including the option of enrolling in classes at the University of Chicago.

Coursework: Kenwood offers more than 20 AP courses in all academic subject areas and fine arts in addition to honors classes. College Bridge courses are offered in partnership with several colleges and universities.

Accreditation: Kenwood Academy is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It has also been awarded full recognition status by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Illinois.

Post-Secondary Attendance: Over 80% of the Class of 2009 continued on to a four-year institution. Kenwood graduates earn millions of dollars in merit scholarships.

Partnerships: Kenwood partners support Kenwood's mission statement. Partners include: University of Chicago Network for College Success, GEAR UP, IDS, AVID, and Hyde Park Art Center.

Mission Statement:

Kenwood Academy is committed to building collaboration with all students, parents, teachers, and the community to provide a rigorous educational program that prepares all students, including students with disabilities, for college success.

Vision Statement:

Kenwood Academy is a community of students, parents, teachers, and local citizens committed to preparing students, including students with disabilities, to succeed as intelligent, creative, and socially responsible global citizens with a lifelong passion for learning.

Defining Excellence: The Five Fundamentals of School Success model is used to focus school planning on what matters most. This model was built on research developed and refined by CPS practitioners and stakeholders and is used to guide the SIPAAA process.



2008-2010 Kenwood School Improvement Plan (SIPAAA) Priorities:

- **Literacy:** Improve instruction and achievement through targeted plan of teacher development, coaching, and standardized assessments.
- **Mathematics:** Improve math instruction and achievement by increasing student access to technology and through targeted plan of teacher development, coaching, and standardized assessments.
- **On Track to Graduation:** Increase course and credit completion rate by providing academic supports, teacher collaboration, and parent communication.
- **Learning Climate:** Improve the school climate by personalizing learning environment, promoting academic success and citizenship, expanding opportunities for student voice and leadership.

Join Us!

SIPAAA is the plan that sets school goals and determines use of resources over a 2-year period.



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Local School Council invites participation in the 2010-2012 SIPAAA planning process.

- WHO:** All stakeholders are welcome
- WHAT:** Participate at the level you are able –
- ✓ Attend a one-time event
 - ✓ Complete a survey, or
 - ✓ Volunteer for a workgroup on targeted areas.

The SIPAAA represents the voices of all contributing stakeholders: Students, Parents, Teachers, and Community Members.

The Local School Council will host workgroups and community meetings to gather input before adopting a SIPAAA.

All contributions of time are valued!

WHEN: The timeline for completion is as follows:

January	Set working timeline, conduct stakeholder meetings, gather initial data for review
February	Review and analyze feedback/data, workgroups draft priorities
March	Link to budget, draft SIPAAA, present to CAO, present at Town Hall Meeting
April	Revise and present to LSC for approval, submit to CPS

HOW: Contact SIPAAA Chairperson, Ted Feters at 773-667-0550 or Efeters@gmail.com
Or Megan Hougard, New Leaders Resident at 773-535-1417 or Mjhougard@cps.edu.

Check the Kenwood website (www.kenwoodacademy.org) for updates.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kenwood Academy High School received Silver Status and was named one of the top high schools in the US by US News and World Report.

Help lead the movement **to go for the GOLD!**