

Parental Expectations:

**Parent partnerships are
critical to student success**

**All parents will attend a parent
orientation to the academy at the
start of the year.**

**All parents will be involved in
developing a plan for assisting
their child's academic success. A
Parent Compact is required,
which is an agreement between
the student, parents, and staff
outlining chosen responsibilities.**

**Parents will be required to
attend monthly contacts with
staff to discuss student progress
and student's personal education
plans.**

7th and 8th grade application process:

Applications for the 7th and 8th grade
academy will be available for all Middle
School students in District 150.
Priority will be given to students living
in the Manual School area.

To apply:

- 1.) Complete application forms
- 2.) Students must complete a one page
essay on why they want to attend the
Jr. Academy.
- 3.) Parents must sign a parent compact
agreeing to partner with staff to help
their child to be successful in school.
- 4.) Complete a free and reduced lunch
form.

Applications will be available at
Central office and on the District
website by March 18, 2008.

The deadline for applications will be
May 1, 2008. Notices of acceptance
will be mailed on May 15, 2008.

Central Office Address:

3202 N. Wisconsin

Peoria, IL 61603



**MANUAL JR.
PREPARATORY
ACADEMY**

**PARENT
INFORMATION**

**7TH AND 8TH
GRADE STUDENTS**

*It is all about student
learning!*

The time is now!

2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Why a 7/8th grade Academy?

We believe that all students can succeed in high school given the appropriate student supports.

Currently, many students become disengaged at the start of middle grades, which reduces the chances that they will eventually graduate.

Research proves that reforms which focus on attendance, character building, and extra help interventions cause graduation rates to substantially increase.

Raising academic achievement requires consistent, concerted efforts from well trained, adequately supported staff.

The Jr. Academy will provide the resources, strategies, and ongoing professional development to help students achieve at world class levels.

7/8th grade components

- A school within a school concept (small learning community)
- A more relevant and rigorous curriculum and smaller class sizes.
- Increased professional development opportunities for staff.
- Students will stay with the same teachers for both years (looping).
- A Fine Arts program as part of the core curriculum.
- Parent Partnerships and Compacts
- Opportunities for community service and leadership development
- Career/College Counseling

- Smooth transitions from middle school to high school
- Student Portfolios
- Data Notebooks
- Frequent Assessments



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QUESTIONS MAY BE FORWARDED TO:

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