



PARENTS

Why **PARENTS** Depend on MEF

- **Midtown Educational Foundation is a cost-effective resource for Chicago parents of modest means who want the best for their kids.**

At the heart of MEF's philosophy is the belief that every child is A.V.I.P, worthy of respect and deserving of every opportunity to succeed.

MEF helps academically average Chicago kids flourish in school and in life by integrating academics with virtues and individual attention with parental engagement.

Parents get the extra support their kids need during the school year and summer months for a nominal fee and small investment of time.

- **MEF employs full-time parenting coordinators dedicated to addressing parents' needs.**

Parents learn how to become more involved in their children's education through weekly parenting sessions.

Parents get practical help in extending the program's positive influence into their homes.

"From my perspective as a parent, Midtown knows how important it is to build character for students as well as encourage them academic-wise to prepare them for college and their adult life."

(Midtown Parent)

- **MEF offers a unique family/community.**

Parents and children alike are enriched by its racial and socioeconomic diversity and consistent belief that each individual is a very important person worthy of dignity and respect.



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HOW IT WORKS

- Each child receives up to **120 hours** of tutoring/mentoring help throughout the school year for as little as **\$2 an hour**. Staff and instructors guide students through test prep classes. They also counsel parents on the high school and college selection process.
- In addition to academic support, students also benefit from virtue-based mentoring and character development classes where they grow in confidence, perseverance, and integrity.
- Nearly **75%** of parents/guardians typically attend at least one parent session per semester. Many take full advantage of weekly sessions, an annual parenting conference that attracts more than 100 guests, and special events like Mother/Daughter Day at Metro and a Father/Son mixer at Midtown.
- **10%** of the **300** annual volunteers at Metro and Midtown are alumni who return as tutors or guest lecturers. They have succeeded at becoming competent professionals, responsible citizens and, often times, parents who want to be positive role models for their children.

"Not only does Metro serve our children by providing academic and character support and development, they also support parents in raising our children."

(Metro Parent)

PROOF THAT IT WORKS

- **92%** of Metro and Midtown students gain **acceptance to college prep high schools**.
- **100%** of MEF seniors have achieved **high school graduation and college enrollment** for the past **16** consecutive years.

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