

The Six Guiding Principles

1. **Physical**-Students need proper nutrition, sufficient sleep, exercise, a stress free environment, regular check-ups.
2. **Cognitive**-Rigorous curriculum/expectations help the brain re-wire itself.
3. **Language**-Students need to be able to listen attentively, express their thoughts and feelings appropriately, and speak for all occasions.
4. **Social**-Students need to learn how to act socially.
5. **Psychological**-Students need to manage their emotions in a socially accepted manner.
6. **Ethical**-Respect and integrity for self and respect for others.



Students learn how to act socially

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The Comer School Development Program

The Comer Process provides a structure for adults to support students' learning and overall development. It replaces traditional school organization and management with an operating system that works for schools and the students they serve.



“Our program promotes development and learning by building supportive bonds that draw together children, parents and school.”

James P. Comer, M.D.

The following **three teams** comprise the basic framework on which the Comer Process operating system is built:



The School Planning and Management Team develops a comprehensive school plan, set academic, social and community relations goals and coordinates all school activities, including staff development programs. Members of the team include administrators, teachers, support staff and parents.

The Student and Staff Support Team promotes desirable social conditions and relationships. It connects all of the school's student services, facilitates the sharing of information and advice, addresses individual student needs, accesses resources outside the school and develops prevention programs. Serving on this team are the principal and staff members with expertise in child development and mental health, such as a counselor, social worker, psychologist, or nurse.

The Parent Team involves parents in the school by developing activities through which the parents can support the school's social and academic programs. Composed of parents, this team also selects representatives to serve on the School Planning and Management Team.



All teams operate under three

Guiding Principles:

- **No Fault**– Maintains the focus on problem solving rather than placing blame.
- **Consensus Decision-Making**– Dialogue and understanding builds agreement about what is good for students.
- **Collaboration**– Encourages the principal and teams to work together.



The Comer SDP focuses on the needs of all students.

*Students achieving success
by developing skills that last
a lifetime.*