

Plan for Shared Student Achievement

Union County Elementary School

Parental Involvement Policy

2016-2017 School Year

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What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Union County Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Union County Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Union County Elementary staff will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed?

In the spring of each year all parents are invited to attend Parent Review/Input Meetings, at flexible times, to assist in developing, planning, and reviewing the Schoolwide Title I Program Plan/Budget, School-Parent-Student Compact, Parental Involvement Policy, and use of parent involvement funds. Parents are notified of the meetings via letters (sent home with students in communication folders), flyers, posters, the local newspaper, the school website, social media, the school system's marquee sign and a reminder written in student agendas. The documents are posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. The school's Parent Engagement Liaison, Judy Hughes, is available to meet with parents, at their request, throughout the day and after school. We also conduct an annual survey asking parents for suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback at several parent meetings and activities throughout the school year.

Who is it for?

All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Union County Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan will be shared and discussed during parent-teacher conferences scheduled in September. It will be posted on the school website and in the front office.

Union County Elementary School's Engagement Activities are planned to:

- ❖ provide assistance to families in understanding state standards, local and state assessments, Title I requirements, and how to monitor student progress and work with educators
- ❖ present materials and training to help families work with their children to improve their children's achievement
- ❖ accommodate families' busy schedules by providing meetings at various times and being accessible on line
- ❖ offer transportation to events and/or home visits, if needed.

Union County Elementary School Goals

- Increase students' reading and writing skills.
- Support students in reaching math grade-level targets.
- Employ best practices to incorporate literacy skills in science and social studies to improve students' classroom performance.

****Family Engagement Activities****

Union County Elementary will host the following events to support a partnership with families to improve student academic achievement.

Open House – 5:30 pm

Third Grade – August 23

Fourth Grade – August 15

Fifth Grade – August 22

Parent-Teacher Conferences – September 26

Research Support 101 – September 27 – 8:00-9:00 and 1:00-2:00

Fourth and Fifth Grades

Annual Title I Parent Meetings – 5:30

Third Grade – October 4

Fourth Grade – October 3

Fifth Grade – October 13

Fall Student Showcase - October

Winter Student Showcase - December

Spring Student Showcase - May

Parent Review/Input Meetings – May

Assist in developing the schoolwide plan, parental involvement plan, parental involvement policy/budget, and school-parent compacts

FAMILY COMMUNICATION

Project Resource Center

Call Kristin Collins (# below) to schedule time to work with your child to complete projects for school.
Supplies provided!

If you are interested in volunteering contact Kristin Collins, UCS Parent Engagement Liaison, at kcollins@ucschools.org or (706)745-5450

What is Title I?

Union County Elementary is identified as a Title I school. Title I is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle and high schools. Through Title I, money is given to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. The focus of the Title I Program is on helping all students meet the same high standards. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

- Parents may contact their teacher directly via e-mail or they may call the front office (706-745-9615) and leave a message. Teacher e-mails are accessible on the school Web site. (<http://elementary.ucschools.org>).
- Families will receive information about student performance on basic math and reading measures three times each year. The notifications include explanations of each assessment, the students' scores, target scores, the interventions being provided at school, and suggested activities for home to improve student achievement. Parents are invited to schedule meetings to further discuss strategies for improvement and participate in developing plans that best meet the students' needs.
- In addition to parent-teacher conferences, parents have opportunities to participate in decisions relating to their child's education in Annual Review and 504 meetings.
- Families will be informed throughout the school year of ways to monitor their child's progress, including, but not limited to, using PowerSchool, progress reports, and letters explaining benchmark results.
- Families will be kept up to date on what their children are learning, how they are progressing, and how to work with the school via letters, newsletters, teacher Web pages, flyers, and family-school events throughout the school year.
- As practical, the school will provide information in a parent's native language upon request. Our ESOL Coordinator is available to attend meetings as needed.
- Staff will receive training on how to reach out to, communicate, and work with parents as equal partners in order to build strong ties between families and the school.

Transition Support

All second grade students and their families will be invited to an orientation with third grade teachers and parents. All fifth grade students and their families will be invited to an orientation at the middle school. The Union County Enrichment Center After School Program will offer academic support and transportation for students.