

2015-2016 School Year  
Parental Involvement Policy  
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## WHAT IS TITLE I?

UCMS is identified as a Title I school part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY – WHAT IS IT?

This is a plan that describes how Union County Middle School will provide opportunities for parent engagement to support student learning. This plan describes the different ways that UCMS 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 REVISED?

Union County Middle School invited all parents to attend the April and September 2015 School Governance Team Meetings to review and revise this parent involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan and our school-parent compact. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year and can be sent to [aroxbury@ucschools.org](mailto:aroxbury@ucschools.org). The plan is posted on our school website, posted in our school lobby and will given to all students in September 2015. All parent feedback received throughout the school year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. Parents may give feedback on conference days and at monthly parent events. We also conduct an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement.

## DISTRICT/SCHOOL GOALS

### GOALS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

#### **District goals for the 2015-2016 school year include:**

- Establish a consensus-driven approach to integrate literacy across the district and within the community.
- Increase mathematics reasoning through critical thinking and problem-based learning.
- Increase school climate by building relationships with students, parents and the community.

#### **School goals for the 2015-2016 school year include:**

- Incorporate a literacy session into the school day in an effort to improve literacy in all academic areas and extend exposure to literacy into the community.
- Provide supplemental instruction for at-risk students in the area of math focusing on acceleration and individualized support.
- Continue to include clubs during school, integrating careers/academic skills each month. Concentrate on discussing career options and building relationships with community.

### Parental Involvement

UCMS believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

## WHERE IS IT AVAILABLE?

The Policy will be distributed to parents at the September parent conference day, posted and copies available in the front office at Union County Middle, posted on available bulletin boards in the community; and published on our school website. Title-I related documents are translated to the extent possible utilizing translation software and TransACT. Printed and translated copies are also available by contacting Anna Roxbury at [aroxbury@ucschools.org](mailto:aroxbury@ucschools.org) or (706) 745-2483.

## TITLE I ANNUAL MEETING

***Annual Title I Meeting – September 8 @ 5:30 PM, September 11 @ 7:45 AM, September 15 @ 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM (Please pick one)***

We invite you to a meeting regarding our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent home with weekly progress reports and posted on the school website and a reminder phone call.

## SCHOOL PARENT COMPACTS

As part of this plan, UCMS with parent/student/teacher/community input and feedback will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers and students to explain how parent and teachers will work together to make sure all compacts will be reviewed and updated annually. Homeroom teachers maintain the school-parent compact signature pages. Parents may keep the compact for reference. Additional copies are available by contacting Anna Roxbury at [aroxbury@ucschool.org](mailto:aroxbury@ucschool.org) or from the front office.

Union County Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our district/school goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on the school Web site, sent as a phone call and included in special event brochures and with weekly progress reports.
- Provide trainings for staff during faculty meetings on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices.
- Partner with elementary and high schools to help prepare parents and child for the next step in child's education and improve school transition.
- Share information to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

UCMS will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. The calendar as several Title I Annual Meetings – please choose the ONE that works best for you.

| <i>Parent Engagement Activities</i>   | <i>Date</i>   | <i>Time</i>  |
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| <i>Meet Your Teacher</i>  | <i>August 6, 2015</i>   | <i>3:00 – 6:00 PM</i>  |
| <i>Open House</i>   | <i>September 8, 2015</i>  | <i>6<sup>th</sup> grade 6:00 PM<br/>8<sup>th</sup> grade 7:00 PM</i> |
| <i>Annual Title I Parent Meeting<br/>**Please choose the meeting that works best for you.</i> | <i>September 8, 2015</i>  | <i>5:30 PM</i>   |
| <i>Annual Title I Parent Meeting<br/>**Please choose the meeting that works best for you.</i> | <i>September 11, 2015</i>   | <i>7:45 AM</i>   |
| <i>Annual Title I Parent Meeting<br/>**Please choose the meeting that works best for you.</i> | <i>September 15, 2015</i>   | <i>11:00 AM<br/>5:30 PM</i>  |
| <i>Open House</i>   | <i>September 15, 2015</i>   | <i>7<sup>th</sup> grade 6:00 PM</i>                                  |
| <i>Fall Festival – Hosted at UCES (all grades invited to attend)</i>                          | <i>September 19, 2015</i>   | <i>4:00 – 7:00 PM</i>  |
| <i>Parent Conference Day</i>  | <i>September 28, 2015</i>   | <i>All Day – as scheduled<br/>by parent and teacher</i>              |
| <i>PTO at UCMS and Internet/Device Safety</i>   | <i>October 12, 2015</i>   | <i>6:00 PM</i>   |
| <i>GA Milestone Score Interpretation (District wide)</i>                                      | <i>November 3, 2015</i>   | <i>6:00 PM</i>   |
| <i>Information Sessions</i>   | <i>December 8, 2015</i>   | <i>Session @ 5:30 PM</i>   |
| <i>Winter Band/Chorus Concert</i>   |   | <i>Concert @ 7:00 PM</i>   |
| <i>Information Sessions</i>   | <i>January 12, 2016</i>   | <i>6:00 PM</i>   |
| <i>8<sup>th</sup> grade transition meeting @<br/>Union County High School</i>                 | <i>February 2, 2016</i>   | <i>6:30 PM</i>   |
| <i>PTO at UCMS</i>  | <i>February 8, 2016</i>   | <i>6:00 PM</i>   |
| <i>TBA</i>  | <i>March 8, 2016</i>  | <i>6:00 PM</i>   |
| <i>Community Resource Fair</i>  | <i>April 12, 2016</i>   | <i>5:30 PM</i>   |
| <i>5<sup>th</sup> grade transition night</i>  | <i>May 12, 2016</i>   | <i>6:00 PM</i>   |
| <i>PTO Meetings</i>   | <i>Monthly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday<br/>Meeting rotate to each school<br/>building</i> | <i>6:00 PM</i>   |