



Parental Involvement

Union County Primary School

Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2015-2016 School Year

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What is Title 1?

Union County Primary School is identified as a Title 1 school. Title 1 is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle, and high schools. Through Title 1, 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 1 Program is on helping all students meet the same high standards. All Title 1 schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is the Student Achievement Plan?

This is a plan that describes how Union County Primary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Union County Primary 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 Primary 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?

Every spring, parents are invited to attend a Parent Review Meeting to assist in developing, planning, and reviewing the School wide Title 1 Program Plan, School-Parent Compact, Parental Involvement Policy and budget. In addition, the documents will be made available for review by parents in the office throughout the day, making it available to anyone that can't attend the Review Meeting. Follow up meetings will be scheduled as needed and/or requested. The Parent Engagement Liaison, Kristal Hemphill, will be available to meet with parents on an individual basis, if required. Ms. Hemphill may be contacted by phone at 706-745-5450 or email at khemphill@ucschools.org. Parents will also be encouraged to serve on School Improvement Teams, and the Parent-Teacher Organization through which they will have opportunities to contribute in planning, reviewing, and improving Title 1 programs. This includes involvement in decisions regarding how funds for parental involvement will be used. In addition, parent survey results will guide the planning of parent involvement opportunities.

Who is it for?

All students and their families are encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Union County Primary will provide opportunities 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.

FAMILY COMMUNICATION

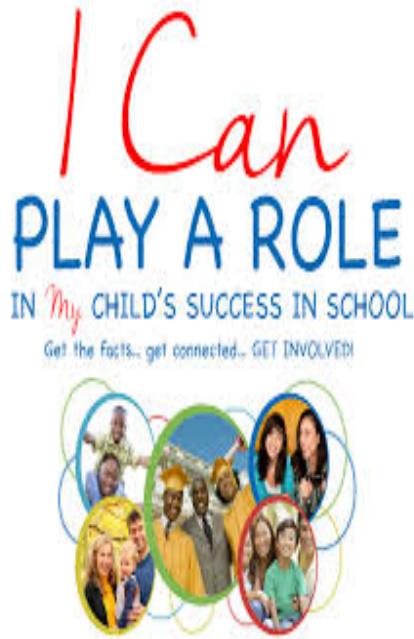
- Parents will be notified that they are invited to attend the Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting with letters sent home with students, automated phone calls, communication folders, in the local newspaper, school marquee sign, social media, and the school website.
- Parents may contact their teacher directly via e-mail or they may call the front office (706-745-5450) and leave a message. Teacher e-mails are accessible on the school Web site. (<http://primary.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 student's 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 Power School, 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 year.
- As practical, the school will provide forms, programs, meeting notifications, and parental involvement activity information in a parent's native language. Spanish speaking families will be provided a handbook in their 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.



Pledge to Parents

Union County Primary School Pledges to:

- Provide timely information about Title 1 Programs
- Provide parents with descriptions and explanations of the curriculum in use at school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- Provide opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child, and respond to any suggestions as soon as possible.
- Accommodate families' busy schedules by providing meetings at various times and accessible online.
- Present materials and training to help families work with their children to foster academic success.
- Provide assistance to families in understanding state standards, local and state assessments, Title 1 requirements, and how to monitor student progress and work with educators.



Resources for Parents

- GaDOE website www.gadoe.org
- GaDOE's "CCGPS" Brochure
- "Parent's Guide to Title 1" Brochure
- "Get Involved" Brochure
- Parent Resource Center located in the UCPS lobby
- Contact Kristal Hemphill, UCPS Parent Engagement Liaison, at khemphill@ucschools.org or (706)745-5450



Union County Primary School Goals

- Using the Dibels benchmark, 90% of students in Kindergarten, 75% of 1st graders, and 80% of 2nd graders will meet benchmark using Composite scores.
- UCPS will foster communication to for parents by building relationships with students, parents, and the community through communication folders, positive notes/phone calls, webpage updates, and parent involvement activities.
- Using the SMI data, the number of students in Advanced or Proficient will increase by 70%.

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”
- Jane D. Hull

Family Engagement Opportunities

Open House- September 14th

2nd grade-5:00

1st grade-5:30

Kindergarten-6:00

Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting –September 14th

Union County Primary School Cafeteria 4:30, 5:00, or 5:30, Parents can choose the time slot that is the most convenient for their schedule.

Fall Festival- September 19th

The Festival will be held at Union County Elementary School and Union County Primary School will provide “Make and Take” Math activities to assist in improving their children's success.

Parent-Teacher Conferences- September 28th

Conferences will be held in individual classrooms at “personalized” scheduled times to explain ways parents can help improve their child's reading, writing, and math.

Parent Hour- November Date

Activities presented by the teachers to help connect parents to their child's curriculum.

Dr. Seuss Literacy/Math Night-March

Join us for an evening of engaging literacy and math fun activities.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration-April

Registration will be held for a week in the spring and will be advertised in local newspapers. The school counselor will meet with parents of preschoolers as needed prior to, during, or after the registration process.

Kinder Kamp-May

Preschool children making the transition to Kindergarten, whether it is from a private institution or the Union County Head Start/Pre K, will be invited to attend a “Kinder Kamp” following their registration. Children will attend a two-hour session that will represent a typical day in the kindergarten classroom. A kindergarten teacher will provide the experience for the student and parents will be asked to attend a parent session during the time the students are with the teachers. This session will provide parents with procedures and expectations for the soon-to-be kindergartners.

School Governance meetings:

All meetings are held in the UCPS at 11:00. The dates are as follows: Sept. 15th, Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th, Dec. 8th, Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th, Mar. 8th, April 12th, and May 10th.

