

Parent & Family Engagement Policy

At Uintah River High School parental involvement is vital to the academic success of students. When URHS students have parents who serve as partners with the school, URHS students achieve academic success.

1. Jointly Developed

- a. URHS will communicate with parents and families regarding the development of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
- b. Parent and family input will be considered and included in this policy.

2. Parent/Family Input

- a. During the annual family meeting, parents and families will be given the opportunity to review and offer suggestions to improve this policy.
- b. URHS will provide meetings for parents and families to provide such feedback in the way of:
 - i. Annual URHS Parent/Family Back to School Event (August)
 - ii. Parent/Teacher Conference (every quarter)
 - iii. URHS Parent/Family Thanksgiving Feast (November)
- c. Parents and families will be informed of the school mission, vision, and current efforts and results. Parents will be able to give input in to what they would like to see from this policy.

3. Annual Title I Meeting

- a. The annual title one meeting will take place during Parent Teacher Conferences (Fall)

4. Communication

- a. URHS will notify parents of the URHS Parent and Family engagement policy in the following ways:
 - i. Verbally and handed out at the Title I Meeting
 - ii. It will also be on our school's website.
- b. Parents will be notified about Title I programs via email and/or phone call.

5. School-Parent/Family Compact

- a. The School-Parent/Family compact will be handed out during annual parent and family meetings. Parents, students, and staff will be given the opportunity to review it and submit questions and suggestions for improvements.

6. Capacity Building

- a. URHS will build parent and family capacity for strong parental and familial engagement by hosting activities that are accessible to parents and families. We will develop relationships where we can identify and communicate needs.

b. URHS will provide materials and training to help parents and families to work with their children to improve academic achievement:

i. Parent Teacher Conferences

ii. I-Ready

iii. Apex Learning

iv. URHS will educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents and families, in the value and usefulness of parent/family contributions. Topics will include:

v. How to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners;

vi. How to implement and coordinate parent programs; and

vii. How to build ties between parents/families and the school.

c. URHS will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs with Ute Family Services Head start, and other programs as necessary to encourage and support parents and family members in more fully participating in the education of their children.

d. URHS will distribute information related to school and parent and family programs, meetings, and other activities via email, handout, flyer, phone call, postcards, and or personal visit.

e. URHS will provide activities where staff, students, parents, and families can develop positive relationships. We will be available to provide additional support and activities as parents/families may request.

7. Annual Evaluation

a. URHS will annual survey parents and family members to conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy and identifies:

i. Barriers to engagement of parents and families

ii. Needs that parents and families have that may prevent them from helping with their children's learning and from engaging with school staff.

iii. Strategies to support successful family-school interactions.

b. URHS will discuss the findings of the annual evaluation with parents and families at the annual meeting and address strategies for more effective family engagement and to revise family engagement policies.