

## **2024-2025 Union Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

The faculty and staff of Union Elementary believe that parent participation is a crucial part of the education and growth of our students. We believe that parents are vital partners in the education process that takes place at school. Every effort will be made to involve and invite parent and community input to ensure the success of our school and its students. Additionally, we believe that a collaborative effort should be made to solicit ideas and involve parents in the education process of their children. The parent involvement policy below outlines the procedures that we, the faculty and staff of Union Elementary, have in place to meet our goals.

1. Parents will be kept informed about instructional objectives for his/her child by teachers sending home newsletters every two weeks. Teachers will create e-mail distribution lists to send school-related information to parents of students in their class.
2. All students will get a mid-term progress report each grading period. Third through fifth grade parents are encouraged to use the Parent Portal as a means to keep updated on their children's grades. Kindergarten through second grade parents use the Parent Portal to check attendance.
3. Conferences between parents and teachers will be scheduled for every child at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> grading period and additional conferences will be scheduled thereafter as needed. At these conferences, we will discuss your child's academics and well-being.
4. Training, suggestions, and materials for parents to promote education in the home will be provided at Curriculum Nights twice per year. The Parent Resource Room houses materials that parents may use at home to help their children with reading and math.
5. Information concerning the Title 1 program at Union Elementary will be provided to parents at the first PTO meeting.
6. Parent representatives will be included on the site-based committee to give suggestions and feedback about the whole school environment.
7. PTO will provide opportunities for parents to participate in school activities. The PTO and school will offer a variety of events that family members are encouraged to participate in such as Muffins/Doughnuts for Families, book fairs, tradition days, field trips, and curriculum nights.
8. A calendar of events will be published monthly in the school newsletter to notify parents of meetings and events.
9. The NC School Report Card is published by the state on a yearly basis to inform parents of Union Elementary's academic progress and performance.
10. Parents are encouraged annually to complete a volunteer application. Once approved, parents will be able to volunteer in their child's education at Union Elementary School. (Chaperoning on trips, duty free lunch, etc.)
11. Each grade level has an annual tradition during the school year that parents are invited to attend.
12. The school will use social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter/X) to promote events and positive stories about the school.
13. The school will provide information to parents about technology resources.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PORTION OF THE UNION PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER TOMORROW. THANK YOU!

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_