

Upper Lake Union High School District

Title I Parent Involvement Policy

2015-2016

Upper Lake Union High School District is a single comprehensive high school district. We provide a variety of learning options that include a continuation school, community day school, independent study program, and an adult school. Upper Lake High School is a school-wide Title I program school. (All learning options, including the continuation school, community day school, independent study program and adult school are referred to as *Upper Lake High School District*, inclusively, throughout this policy.)

Upper Lake High School District believes in the importance of good communication between parents/guardians and the school staff in order to build a successful learning environment for all students. It is our desire to provide multiple opportunities for parents, students, and school staff to establish strong, meaningful, and lasting connections.

Parental involvement means the participation of parents, students, and school staff in a variety of activities that support student academic and social wellbeing. Opportunities include: volunteering on campus, Parent Advisory, Booster Club, extra-curricular events, support drivers to events, tutoring, and School Site Council. Upper Lake High School District believes:

- *That parents play an integral role in assisting their student's learning.*
- *That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their student's education.*
- *That parents are partners in their student's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.*

This Parent Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with input from staff, students, and parents. It has been reviewed by the School Site Council and Board of Education. Parents are encouraged to review its contents and make suggestions as appropriate.

School Parental Involvement Policy:

Upper Lake High School District encourages parent involvement in the development of its Schoolwide Plan for Student Achievement, as well as the Title I Parent Involvement Plan and Compact. This is accomplished on a quarterly basis through the School Site Council, Parent Advisory Committee, and Student Advisory Committee. It is provided to all parents at registration and approved annually.

To involve parents in the programs at *Upper Lake High School District*, the *Upper Lake High School District* acts as follows:

- Annually during registration, *Upper Lake High School District* convenes a meeting to inform parents of Title 1 requirements and the right of parents to be involved.
- *Upper Lake High School District* holds monthly Parent Advisory and Student Advisory meetings at flexible times to meet the needs of the parents (mornings and evenings). *Upper Lake High School District* maintains a School Site Council comprised of certificated and classified staff, parents and students, and meets quarterly. If requested, regular meetings are held to focus on the educational decisions related to Title 1 students.
- The parent and student advisory meetings involve Title 1 parents and students in the planning, review and improvement of *Upper Lake High School District's* Title 1 programs and the parent involvement policy which is available in hard copy and online at ulhs.net.
- *Upper Lake High School District* provides parents with timely information regarding Title 1 programs.
- The Site Council is responsible for reviewing student academic assessment data as it pertains to *Upper Lake High School District's* five adopted goals and nine essential components. The Council makes recommendations for improving student success through the development of programs as well as fiscal support. Recommendations are made involving the development of the Single School Plan for Student Achievement, and forwarded to the Board of Education for final approval.
- *Upper Lake High School District* provides parents with an explanation of the curriculum used, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- During registration a review of the Parent Involvement Policy will be conducted and suggestions forwarded to the School Site Council. Prior to being approved, a copy will be sent home and posted on the District/School website. Upon registering your student in our district, you will be informed of the following:

Requirements and rights to be involved in Title I

The resources provided students in a school-wide Title I Program

Parental involvement opportunities

Time and place of Parent Advisory, School Site Council, and District Board meetings

Shared Responsibility and the School Site Compact:

Upper Lake High School District has an approved Title I compact that provides all parents/guardians an outline for student success through a commitment to education by students, parents, and staff. These compacts are distributed annually at registration and filed in a student's cumulative folder. **(See attached for copy of Compact)**

The School-Parent Compact outlines how parents, the entire staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and describes the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State content standards. The Compact addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title 1 Students.

- The responsibility of *Upper Lake High School District* to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning
- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports on student progress, access to staff, opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's classes, and opportunities to observe classroom activities.

Building Capacity for Parent Involvement:

Upper Lake High School District is committed to building parent involvement to support a partnership among the school staff, parents, students, and the community to improve student success through the following activities:

- *Upper Lake High School District* provides parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children. Information nights will be held twice a year to provide student progress data regarding the student's proficiency level as it pertains to State standards.
- *Upper Lake High School District* provides parents with assistance in working with their children to improve achievement.
- *Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement.*

- ***Upper Lake High School District*** will hold monthly Parent Advisory meetings to review progress towards the school goals.
- The School Site Council will hold quarterly meetings to review student progress on benchmark assessments related to State standards.
- Staff will be provided appropriate professional development opportunities (with the assistance of parents when applicable) on the value of parent contributions, how to work with parents as equal partners to increase teacher effectiveness, as well as successful classroom management strategies.
- ***Upper Lake High School District*** provides support for parental involvement activities as requested by Title 1 parents. Parent involvement programs and policies are integrated throughout all activities in the school/district including but not limited to: School Site Council, Parent Advisory, Boosters, classroom involvement, parent and student resource center, assemblies and sports events to support parents to more fully participate in the education of their children.
- ***Upper Lake High School District*** will disseminate information in a variety of ways including: quarterly newsletters, daily bulletins, quarterly report cards and progress reports. All information will be available upon request as well as posted on our website at ulhs.net.
- ***Upper Lake High School District*** will coordinate and integrate parental involvement with other programs and conduct activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
- ***Upper Lake High School District*** will distribute information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to the parents of participating students in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents understand.
- ***Upper Lake High School District*** will provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request.

Accessibility:

Upper Lake High School District will provide opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. This includes providing information and school reports in a format that is clear and understandable, in a language that parents can understand when reasonable.