

Why be involved?

Parental involvement is essential to a child's education. Studies repeatedly show that involved parents help their children succeed. Your attention and interest in your child's education can help him or her:

- Earn better grades
- Score higher on exams
- Miss fewer days of school
- Develop better social skills
- Complete homework assignments
- Graduate and continue education after high school

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

- Jane D. Hull
Former Governor of Arizona

U-46 Strategic Plan Priority #5

We will partner with families and the greater community to foster shared ownership and aligned support for our priorities.

Sources:
PTO Today & Project Appleseed

What can I do?

There are many ways to be actively involved in your child's education.

Supporting your child at home:

- Make sure your child attends school every day, on time, ready to learn
- Make sure your child has a good night sleep
- Read at least three times a week with your child
- Visit the library often
- Teach your child how to make a plan & follow through with the plan such as finishing coloring a picture
- Include your child on home activities such as counting groceries, sorting laundry, etc.
- Talk with your child every day – ask about his/her school day, what was his/her favorite and least favorite thing of the day

Engaging in School:

- Be a part of the school's parent group (PTO/PTA)
- Attend the back-to-school event(s) and parent-teacher conferences
- Be a classroom helper or reader
- Help, cater, or volunteer at school events (fundraising activities, book fair, etc.)
- Chaperone field trips
- Sew costumes or build sets for theatrical or musical productions
- Help out with visual arts, crafts and projects
- Translate PTO/PTA flyers, brochures, etc.

Engaging at the District:

- Attend a Citizens' Advisory Council meeting
- Attend a Board of Education meeting
- Be a part of the different parent opportunities offered at the District level such as Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC), African American Advisory Council, Gifted Advisory, Instructional Council, etc

To learn more about the advisory groups, please visit the *Advisory Council* webpage under the *Community* tab at www.u-46.org.

Now, tell us your plan:

We would like to learn how you promise to be actively involved in your child's education. It is encouraged that you select at least two items from each section.

At home (Please check all that apply):

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- Teach your child how to make a plan & follow through with the plan, such as finish coloring a picture
- Include your child on home activities – counting groceries, sorting laundry, etc
- Talk with your child every day – ask about his/her school day, what was his/her favorite thing of the day, what was his/her least favorite

At School (Please check all that apply):

- Be a part of the school's parent group (PTO/PTA)
- Attend the back to school event(s) and parent-teacher conferences
- Be a classroom helper or reader
- Help with fundraising activities
- Chaperone field trips
- Help out with visual arts, crafts and projects
- Other: _____

At District (Please check all that apply):

- Attend a Citizens' Advisory Council meeting
- Attend a Board of Education meeting
- Learn more about one of the District's advisory councils

Please complete and return this part to your child's



Volunteer Information

As a parent, grandparent or legal guardian...

I promise to make a commitment to my child's education and to show interest and support my child at home **and/or** to volunteer for five hours by May 1st this school year to enhance my child's education.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Kindergartner's Name:

School:

Phone:

Email:

Parent/Guardian Occupation:

Is it okay to contact you about your experience as Kindergarten parent volunteer? YES NO

Signature:

Date: _____

Six Components of Family and Community Engagement

These guide the work around family & community engagement in U-46.

1. Welcoming Families to Schools

Create a welcoming school environment for all families so they develop a sense of belonging and feel valued and appreciated, leading to active participation in children's education.

2. Communicating Effectively

Develop effective, meaningful two-way communication between families and school staff in order to share information about what students are learning.

3. Supporting Student Learning

Collaborate with families to strengthen their knowledge and skills so they can support student learning and development at home and at school.

4. Increasing Opportunities & Advocating for All Students

Educate families on how the school system works and empower them to become advocates for all children, to ensure equal access to learning opportunities that contribute to student success.

5. Sharing Decision-Making with Stakeholders

Engage families as equal partners and share the responsibility of influencing decisions on policy and programs that will affect all children.

6. Collaborating with the Community

Work with local businesses, community organizations, agencies and institutions of higher learning to connect students, teachers and staff to expanded learning opportunities and resources.

Please complete and return this part to your child's kindergarten teacher.



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FDK Parent Volunteer Promise

A promise to be an involved family

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