



"We Are Community Builders"

UC TEAMS Charter School
515-517 West Fourth Street
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Mission Statement

The Union County TEAMS Charter School is a small learning community where all students will achieve high academic standards by using the "built environment" as a learning laboratory. Students, in grades K – 8, will gain the tools necessary for successful high school experiences, post-secondary education and the world of work. They will interact with professionals in the construction industry and manifest by their experiential learning, "We Are Community Builders".

PARENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Family Name _____

Through strong family involvement, community interaction and project-based learning, UC TEAMS Charter School will develop lifelong learners prepared to be innovative participants in the global community.

School and family collaboration is a key component of our school's vision and mission statement. For this partnership to work, the school commits to providing the best education for your child within the limits of its available resources, and the expertise of the staff. However, there is one additional vital component in this partnership and that is family involvement. **Your role in the success of UC TEAMS—and of your child—has two components: your personal commitment to your child's education and your active support of the school as a parent volunteer.** Simply put, we cannot possibly do our job as educators without your overt support of the school and its mission. We need you!

Our definition of family involvement means that each parent/guardian actively communicates the importance of a good education to his or her child. You demonstrate that education is a priority in your home when:

- **your child attends school daily unless sick.**
- **your child arrives at school on time, prepared to participate and learn.**
- **your child completes homework assignments and hands them in on time.**
- **your child follows school rules, showing respect to teachers, staff, parent volunteers, and fellow students.**
- **you personally communicate with your child's teacher if you have a question, a concern, or a suggestion that the teacher needs to hear.**
- **you attend teacher conferences, student exhibitions, and informational school meetings.**

Family involvement as it relates to your active support of the school and its mission can be accomplished in a variety of ways. We have a parent-teacher-community organization (PATCO) that helps each family discover its service niche within the school. The system is flexible so that every parent can find meaningful ways to contribute to the school and its mission (i.e. classroom support, help in the office, hot lunch servers, technology advisors, translation team, materials' preparation, data entry team, health aide, etc.). Ideally, each family will *commit to a few hours per month to help the school fulfill its mission*. We do not want our families to see family involvement as a burden, but rather, as an opportunity and a privilege. Your support is important to us and we truly **DEPEND** on family participation to accomplish our goals. Please partner with us to make this the best school that it can be for your child.

I want my child, _____ (enter name), to be a successful student at UC TEAMS and I want the school to flourish, as well. Therefore, I am willing to support my child in the ways noted above, and to support the mission of the school through my active participation as a parent volunteer.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date