

# **UTVA Parent Involvement Policy**

*Utah Virtual Academy regards parent involvement vital to the academic success of students. Parents serve as partners with the school in helping their children achieve academic success.*

## **Utah Virtual Academy will involve parents in the development of its school plan.**

- The school will involve parents, in an organized, ongoing and timely way, in the planning, review and improvement of the school parent involvement policy and the joint development of the Title I Schoolwide Plan, as well as the Utah Consolidated Application Schoolwide Plan.
- Parents will be given time to review information, attend scheduled meetings and then may be asked to give input into the development of the school plan.
- The UTVA School Board will give final approval of the school plan.

## **Utah Virtual Academy will involve parents in the process of school review and improvement.**

- Share the achievement data from all schools with parents.
- Invite input from parents for the school review process and improvement plan.
- Provide parents with information on scientifically-based research instructional practices.
- Provide families with research-based curriculum materials that align with goals.
- The school will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. This may include translation software for websites and documents, as well as the use of a professional translator for face to face meetings.

## **Utah Virtual Academy will provide coordination and technical assistance to promote quality parent involvement activities.**

- At least twice during the year, school leadership discuss parent involvement in school leadership meetings across departments to maximize coordination and effective use of resources.
- Provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to train school administrators and teachers on effective parent involvement strategies.
- The school will provide other reasonable supports for parental involvement activities as parents may request.

**Utah Virtual Academy will build school and parent capacity for strong parent involvement.**

- Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encourage to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation in Title I and their right to be involved.
- Convene an annual parent involvement seminar to build effective parent involvement strategies.
- Parent school meetings will be offered at flexible meeting times, including mornings or evenings if necessary.
- The school will allocate Title I funds to support a parent engagement coordinator.

**Utah Virtual Academy will coordinate parent involvement strategies with other programs.**

- Representatives from other programs (i.e. ALP, ELL) will be encouraged to cosponsor the annual parent involvement seminar with Title I.
- School leaders who have responsibility for overseeing parent involvement activities will meet at least twice a year to discuss plans and coordinate efforts.
- The school will provide a Learning Coach University as a primary parent involvement strategy program. Learning Coach University will be used to train parents on necessary programs to assist in their student's learning. The school will also, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate other parent involvement programs in the community.
- The school will provide other materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement as Learning Coaches in the school.
- The school will provide parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- Provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State and local academic assessments.

**Utah Virtual Academy will conduct an annual parent involvement evaluation.**

- The school will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served.
- Every six to eight weeks, parents will be asked to complete a Parent Pulse Check Survey and provide input on how the school might improve support for parents and students.
- During the school year, the leadership team will review quarterly summaries of the Parent Pulse check surveys that are done four times per year.

**Utah Virtual Academy will ensure that UTVA is involving parents in a variety of school activities.**

- The school will involve parents in activities including, but not limited to, Booster Club, Community Council, Parent Panel, school audits, accreditation meetings, and outings.
- Periodically require each school to submit a report of successful parent involvement activities.
- In the annual training for administrators and teachers, the school will share identified successful parent involvement activities. They will be encouraged to share ideas with PTSO Presidents.
- Principals will annually report to the school how they use Title I funds to support effective parent involvement strategies.