

Utica Community Schools
Graebner Elementary
Title I Parent Involvement Plan
2023-2024

Graebner Elementary School believes that parent involvement is critical to the success of each student. Strong partnerships exist between staff, parents, and community members. Our Graebner Parent Teacher Organization (GPTO) exists to support and extend classroom learning.

Graebner Elementary encourages parental involvement through programs designed to increase parent-school communications. Parents will be involved in evaluating Title I programs and services. Another important component is the Home/School Compact. This compact is given to parents after the students have gone over it with their teacher. The compact is an agreement that the parent, the teacher, and the student provide a partnership for learning between school and home. Title I meetings that include parents are planned throughout the year. Parents are always welcome to help in the classroom when it is safe and to offer suggestions regarding activities to enrich the education of our students.

Graebner Elementary School has developed a parent involvement plan which is based on the Utica Community Schools' Parent Involvement Rules and Regulations Policy #5510 mandated by Every Child Succeeds Act of 2015.

I. The involvement of parents and community members is an essential component within the educational process. We will make every effort to invite and consider parent and community input to ensure the success of our students.

II. Graebner Elementary shall maintain web access through the Utica Community Schools website <http://www.uticak12.org> as well as distribute documents in paper form if requested regarding the following:

- A. Kindergarten through 6th grade Michigan Academic Standards
- B. Annual Report Information
- C. District Events Calendar
- D. Graebner Elementary School website

III. Graebner Elementary and /or Utica Community Schools will continue to provide the following to parents through paper copy, email, or other technology:

- A. District Newsletter – Focus for the Community
- B. Graebner Newsletters – Dolphin Dispatch
- C. Annual Reports
- D. Parent/Student Handbooks available online
- E. Community access to internet and cable television

We will continue to coordinate and integrate opportunities for parental involvement with

- A. Academic Support Programs
- B. Extra-Curricular Opportunities

V. Our staff will assess parent involvement through the Annual Title 1 Parent Involvement survey. The information from the survey will be used by the Graebner staff to evaluate the effectiveness of the parent involvement plan

VI. Parents can be involved in the school by:

- A. Volunteering at the school
- B. Helping their children with homework
- C. Attending Open Houses
- D. Attending conferences
- E. Joining our parent organization

VII. Graebner Elementary will do the following to build the capacity for strong parental involvement in our school:

- A. Help parents understand the state's academic content standards; state and local assessments; the requirements of Title 1 part A.
- B. Educate staff members on how to communicate, work, and collaborate with parents as equal partners.
- C. Coordinate parent meetings and activities at convenient times
- D. Strive to bridge the communication between our school and English Language Learner families.