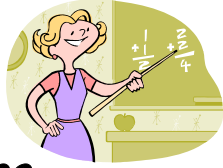


**Transition Programs:
Ensuring Success for Every Student**



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- 25 percent of students who enter high school will not earn a diploma.
- Standards to graduate from high school are higher than ever.
- As much as two-thirds of ninth graders enter high school unprepared for college preparatory work.
- Students who are held back are 20-30 percent more likely to drop out.
- Placing students in low level courses does not increase their chances of passing the course.

UNION GROVE CLUSTER

The Real 3 R's

- Rigor
- Relevance
- Relationships

UNION GROVE

- 3 feeder elementary schools
- 1 feeder middle school
- Approx 1800 students 9-12
- Freshman class size 410
- 96% pass rate into 10th grade
- Has had a 9th grade program for 8 years
9th graders are on teams- Teamed subjects
Math, Science, English, Social Studies. We
have an Honors team and a collab team.
- Traditional 6 period day with embedded
study period (IF) during 4th.

TRANSITION STARTS BEFORE THEY EVER GET TO YOUR BUILDING

Typical Calendar

- January 29th -Parent meeting at middle school
 - Feb. 29th- Mail 8th grade letter
 - March 4th - visit 8th grade teachers (advisement books and procedures)
 - March 18th -8th graders visit high school
 - March 18th- 8th grade parent night- all high school teachers attend
 - March 20th - 8th grade honors parent meeting
 - March 25& 27th - 8th grade registration 4pm and 6 pm
 - April-May- graduation coach visits middle school at lunch time
 - May 13-15th- graduation coach meets with 8th grade team teachers- "the good, the bad and the ugly" visits
 - May 30th - 8th grade walk over middle school principal hands over the class of 2012 to our principal. All up coming freshmen receive a t-shirt
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- Aug. 19th- 1st monthly parent meeting- all 9th grade team teachers share info
 - Sept.-Dec- Monthly parent meetings various topics: time management, test taking skills, experience a 9th grade class.
 - January 2009- 9th grader advisement, hand out 1st transcripts

8th GRADE VISIT & PARENT NIGHT

- All 8th graders come over for a visit. We put them in various locations and then have speakers move in to see them.
 - a. administrator
 - b. counselor
 - c. transition team- myself or 9th grade teacher and 2 or 3 students
- We have a program that evening for the parents- all the teachers attend, they have booths set up by department with student work samples, text books, All the elective courses are represented, as are all the clubs and organizations available.

GRADUATION COACH & MIDDLE SCHOOL VISITS

- I visit the middle school
 - a. I visit during the lunch period to meet the students. April and May –after my students have completed the spring GHSGT.
 - b. I visit the teachers to discuss issues, who needs to be in a certain class, who needs to be kept apart or kept together
(I am on the master scheduling committee so I schedule the teams and hand schedule the students when necessary)

8th GRADE WALK-OVER

- We make this a big event
- We make shirts for every upcoming 9th grader. (middle school shares cost) I order extra for new students through out the year.
- The middle school principal leads the students in parade fashion across to the high school and she formally presents the class of “20__” to our principal.
- The students and parents then have a social time out by the stadium that is being set up for graduation. (visualize the possibility)

FRESHMAN YEAR

- 2nd week of school meet with all freshmen during IF time and review information from 8th grade visit
- Monthly parent meetings
- Weekly 9th grade team teacher meetings
- Monthly graduation coaches meeting from all county high schools and middle schools
- Daily lunch detention-Lunch and Learn, ZAPP
- Before and after school tutoring
- In January 9th grade counselor and graduation coach meet with all freshmen and review 4 year plans and 1st official transcript.
- 9th grade credit recovery- 2nd Chance

**UNION GROVE-
OTHER ASPECTS**

- We use assessment for learning, ½ the faculty were trained last year the remaining ½ this year
- Common planning by department, collaborative lesson plans by subject
- We have IF period- all assemblies and grade level meetings held during this time, as is GHSgt tutoring and remediation and peer tutoring.
