

United Township High School District No. 30 Annual Notices Newsletter

The following pages contain important information that United Township High School is mandated to provide to you as the parent/guardian of a student in our school district. These mandates are in place for your protection and the protection of the school district. If you have any questions about any of these policies or statutes, please contact the General Office at 752-1633.

Sincerely,



Jay Morrow, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Board of Education Policy Parent/Guardian Notifications

In accordance with State law, the UTHS District 30 Board of Education has developed the following policies and which require parental notification. Please refer to our website: <http://uths.net> (Parents/Required Notifications) for the complete policies or call the Administrative Center at 752-1611 to view the policies.

- 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media Usage; and Conduct
- 7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:340 Student Records

Sharing of Directory Information

From time to time military recruiters, colleges, local businesses and other interests request information about our student body. They have the right to do so. However, the school district is careful to follow the statute and only release information that has been determined by state and federal governments to be "directory information." This includes name; address; gender; grade level; place and date of birth; parents' names and addresses; academic awards, degrees, and honors; information in relation to school-sponsored activities, organizations, and athletics; major field of study; and period of attendance in the school.

You may find additional information regarding "directory information" in your student's planner located under Student Records. You may call 752-1650 for information about lists the district has sent out over the last year. If you wish to remove your student's name from any such list, you must provide a letter to the school district stating your request. Please keep in mind that sometimes these lists generate employment and/or scholarship opportunities for our students.

Highly Qualified Teachers and Paraprofessionals

Federal law requires the school district to keep on file a list of all our highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals for review by the public. You may visit the UTHS Administrative Center to view the current list.

A highly qualified teacher is one providing instruction in the area for which s/he is certified. From time-to-time a district cannot find a teacher certified for a particular class; however, the district may find someone working on their certification or someone certified in a related area. The NCLB legislation requires United Township High School to notify you if this is the case for any of your student's classes. These letters are sent out in the fall of each year.

Media Relations

Several times each year news media, both newspapers and television stations, visit the school to do stories related to student activities, school events, and community issues. As a rule, students volunteer to be a part of such news stories. When filming for television, students sometimes are asked questions for background or opinions even if they are not a part of the story directly. Other times students become part of the "shot" simply by where they are standing. Please discuss with your students whether or not you want them to be a part of such a news story and how you would like them to handle a situation where a classroom or hallway "shot" is being taken. Let the school district know if there are special circumstances that may affect your students' involvement in such stories or if you would like us to do our best to keep them out of such articles.

Legally, there is no expectation of privacy when in the classroom or hallway and news media have a limited right to access; however, we certainly respect and try to control situations where students may be involved in ways they or their parents do not want them to be or when a student's personal privacy may be invaded.

Contact Numbers for United Township High School

Attendance	A-K	752-1630
	L-Z	752-1665
General Office		752-1633
Guidance Office		752-1640
Registrar		752-1650
Athletic Office		752-1621
Administrative Offices		752-1622
United Township Education Center (UTEC)		752-6810

Physicals and Immunizations

The Illinois School Code, Chapter 122, Section 27-8, requires that all students must have a physical by a physician and show proof of this examination upon admission to ninth grade. All students must present documented evidence of immunization against each of the following illnesses:

- at least three diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus (DPT) vaccines and a booster after the fourth birthday and every ten years (TD) thereafter;
- at least three oral polio vaccines and a booster after the fourth birthday (OPV); and
- two measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines (MMR).

If the ninth grade physical form is not complete and if these immunizations are not up-to-date at the time of registration, your child will not be allowed to register for school.

If you object to this requirement on religious grounds, your child will not be required to comply if you present to the principal a statement of objection signed by you. However, your child will be excluded from school should an outbreak occur.

Medication in School

United Township High School District #30 policy states that medication will only be given at school when a physician states that the medication or treatment must be administered during the school day to allow the student to attend school. **No medication will be administered by the school nurse unless the medication has been ordered by the physician and a copy of the prescription is on file in the nurse's office. No over-the-counter medications will be administered at school including, but not limited to, medications such as aspirin, Tylenol and Midol.**

Spraying Pesticides

A law passed by the Illinois General Assembly in 1999 requires that school districts maintain a registry of parents and guardians who have requested to receive written notice prior to the application of pesticides on school grounds. If you are interested in being added to this registry and receiving notification prior to pesticide application on school grounds, please inform Curt Pratt, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, at 752-1620.

Asbestos Information

This is to notify you that United Township High School District No. 30 has submitted its Asbestos Containing Building Materials Management Plan pursuant to the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA, 40 CFR 763). Copies of the management plan are available for inspection at the Administrative Office of the school Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and other times through special arrangement. Appointments are necessary. Arrangements to review the plan may be made by contacting Curt Pratt, Director of Facilities, at 752-1620 or by email at cpratt@uths.net.

Sex Community Notification Laws

State law requires a Building Principal or teacher to notify parents/guardians during school registration or parent-teacher conferences that information about sex offenders and violent offenders against youth is available to the public.

You may find the Illinois Sex Offender Registry on the Illinois State Police's website at: <http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/>

You may find the Illinois Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry on the Illinois State Police's website at: <http://www.isp.state.il.us/cmvo/>