

**UINTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Student/Parent Policy Guide  
2008-2009**



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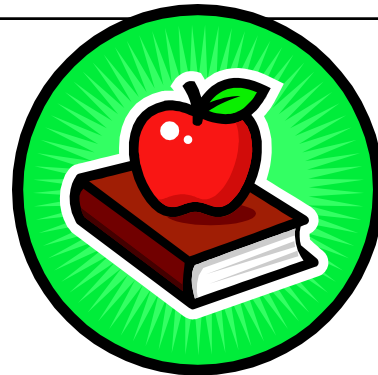
Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents should sign this form and students should return the form to their homeroom teachers.**





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**UINTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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## Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year

It is important for parents and students to know about the fees, policies, and requirements that are expected of each student in Uintah School District's schools. This document has been prepared by the Student Services' Office so that you will be better informed as you register for the coming school year. You and your students are encouraged to read the information in this document and refer to it as questions arise.

Included is important information regarding school fees. Please read carefully to see what fees you can expect and also whether you might qualify for fee waivers. It is our intention that no student will be left out of a quality educational experience.



### PARENTS:

*Additional information about the policies in this brochure and other student policies is available at the school office, media center, the district office, or by logging on to the school district web site at <http://www.uintah.net/>*

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## Attendance Guidelines

Students in Uintah County School District will be expected to be in attendance a minimum of 93% in any and all classes. This allows parents to excuse students up to six (6) days a semester or four (4) days a trimester. After students have been excused the maximum allowable days—it is recommended that parents meet with administration for any further absences to verify that the student will not be adversely affected academically. Students must be excused by their parents within 24 hours of the absence by phone or in writing.

No person shall be allowed to remove a student from school during the school day unless that person first reports to the principal or the school's Administrative Office. Parents may not excuse a student leaving class or campus during the school day without permission, after the fact.

**TRUANCY:** A student not properly excused will be considered truant. Truancy is defined as missing part of or a full day of school without authorization. When a student is truant, the principal or his/her designee is authorized to issue a school truancy citation and may provide for administrative penalties, strict attendance by the student, monitoring by the school and possible referral to the court after persistent effort.

**Please refer to Uintah School District Policy 007.0810 for additional information regarding student attendance. The entire policy can be found at each school or on the internet at [www.uintah.net](http://www.uintah.net) under student policies.**

## Education Records Access

It is the policy of Uintah School District to protect the privacy rights of students and families in education records and to provide access to those records pursuant to the provisions of Section 53A-13-301 et.seq, Utah Code Annotated and the Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and related provisions under Section 20 USC 1232 G and H.

Parents or eligible students (students who have reached the age of 18) have the right to inspect and review all of the student's education records maintained by the school. Parents and eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records believed to be inaccurate or misleading. The request must be in writing and given to the principal clearly identifying the request and why the information is inaccurate or misleading. If the record is not amended you have a right to request a hearing.

Schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student before releasing any information from a student's record. However, schools may disclose records, without consent, to the following parties:

1. School employees who have a need to know;
2. Other schools to which a student is transferring;
3. Certain government officials in order to carry out lawful functions;
4. Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
5. Organizations conducting certain studies for the school;
6. Accrediting organizations;
7. Individuals who have obtained court orders or subpoenas.

Schools may also disclose, without consent "directory" type information such as a student name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities or sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent previous school attended, and photograph. Schools may also disclose "directory" information to military recruiters.

**A parent of an eligible student who does not want any or all of the directory information about the student designated as directory information must notify the School District in writing on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of enrollment, or the right to refuse release will be considered waived.**

**You have a right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.**

The name and address of the Office administering FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
600 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

**Please refer to Uintah School District Policy 007.0305 for additional information on student records. The entire policy is available for review at each school or on the internet at [www.uintah.net](http://www.uintah.net) under student policies.**

## Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Students who meet the eligibility standards set forth in this policy and the eligibility standards established, where applicable by the Utah High School Activities Association, are eligible to apply/compete for and participate in extracurricular activities if selected. Eligibility of all participants shall be ensured and verified by their coach/advisor.

- **Health/Physical Examinations:** A health examination must be performed and the Pre-Participation Athletic Health Examination (Form A) plus a Disclosure and Consent Form must be on file at the school before any student may participate in athletic activities which includes conditioning, tryouts, practices, specialty activities requiring physical stress and exertion, games, meets, matches, etc.

### Academic Requirements:

- Must be a full time student in the school he or she intends to represent, or otherwise comply with all Utah State Board of Education dual enrollment requirements.
- Cannot fail more than one subject in the preceding grading period (for purposes of this rule, a failure in a multi-period subject shall be counted as the number of failures equal to the number of periods in the class).
- Must have obtained a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or its equivalent in that same grading period.

**Please refer to Uintah School District Policy 007.0605 for additional information regarding eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities. The entire policy is available for review at each school or online at [www.uintah.net](http://www.uintah.net) under student policies.**

## Student Enrollment Options

Each student shall attend the school designated according to his/her primary residence (the place where the student actually resides with his/her parent or legal guardian). If during the school year, the parent or guardian of a student changes residence to a different attendance area within the school district, the student has the choice of staying in the school in which he/she originally registered for the remainder of that school year only or going immediately to the school in the new attendance area. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian if the student attends outside the student's assigned attendance area.

Students who desire to attend a school outside their attendance area shall make application prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, of the year preceding the school year in which admission is sought. Completed applications must be submitted to the Director of Student Services.

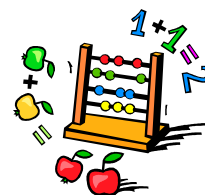
Once enrolled, the student shall be permitted to remain enrolled in the school subject to the same rules and standards as other students without filing renewal applications, unless one of the following occurs:

- The student graduates;
- The student is no longer a Utah resident;
- The student is suspended or expelled from school; or
- The student moves to a grade not contained in the current school (i.e. 5th grade in an elementary to 6th grade in a middle school).

## Entrance Age - Kindergarten

Consistent with State Law, no student may enter kindergarten from any program unless he/she is five years old by Sept. 1st of his/her kindergarten year - even if transferring from another kindergarten or private school program inside or outside the state.

**Please refer to Uintah School District policy 007.0115 for additional information on en-rollment options. The entire policy is available for review at each school or online at [www.uintah.net](http://www.uintah.net) under student policies.**



## Official School Fee Notice

### For Families of Children in Kindergarten Through Sixth Grades

**The Utah Constitution prohibits the charging of fees in elementary schools.** That means that if your child is in kindergarten through grade six (even though the grade may be part of a middle school), you cannot be charged for textbooks, classroom equipment or supplies, musical instruments, field trips, assemblies, snacks (other than food provided through the School Lunch Program), or for anything else that takes place or is used during the regular school day.

**If you wish to purchase school pictures, yearbooks, or similar items through the school, those costs are not fees and will not be waived. Also, if your student loses or damages school property, the costs of replacement or repair are not fees and need not be waived.**

Federal law permits schools to charge for food or milk provided as part of the School Lunch Program. If you cannot afford to pay, you may be eligible for free or reduced price meals or milk. Your school will give you information about applying for free or reduced price meals and milk. **All information which you provide in your application will be kept confidential.**

State law and State Board of Education rules **do not permit schools to charge fees for anything that takes place during the regular school day!** Fees may only be charged for programs offered before or after school, or during school vacations. *If your family's assets do not exceed the statewide fee waiver asset limits and your child is eligible for free school lunch or receives SSI payments, or if you are receiving AFDC or if the child was placed in your home by the government as a foster child, the school must waive the fees.* A school administrator may require your family to complete a *Statewide Fee Waiver Assets Questionnaire* even if you satisfy the income eligibility guidelines for fee waivers. The conclusion of this asset test may determine your student's eligibility for fee waivers. If you are having a financial emergency caused by job loss, major illness, or other substantial loss of income beyond your control, you **might** be eligible for a waiver even if other eligibility criteria are not met. **If your local school board allows your school to charge fees, a Fee Waiver Application (Grades K-6) and, if required by your district, a Statewide Fee Waiver Assets Questionnaire, are enclosed.** Your school will give you additional information about fee waivers if you ask.

School funds are limited, and your school may need help. As a result, **the school may ask you for tax-deductible donations of school supplies, equipment, or money,** but the school **cannot require donations** or tell anyone else the names of those who have or have not made donations (except that the school may honor those who make major donations). **No child may be penalized for not making a donation.** For example, if donations are used to pay for a field trip, every student must be allowed to go on the trip even though some may not have made a donation.

2005 legislation, H.B. 183, requires schools or school districts to require DOCUMENTATION of fee waiver eligibility if parents must "apply for fee waivers." Local boards will have policies and/or guidelines for determining eligibility for fee waivers.

School district administrators shall request documentation of fee waiver eligibility from those who apply for fee waivers if fees or charges are required for non-regular school day activities, such as after-school music or foreign language programs or Friday ski programs.

**Fee waiver eligibility documentation is NOT required annually. Also, documentation shall NOT be maintained for family privacy reasons. Schools may transfer fee waiver eligibility information to other schools to which students advance or transfer.**

NOTE: If your district does not require parents in the entire district area or parents and students in specific schools or sections of the district to "apply for fee waivers," district administrators NEED NOT require verification of eligibility under this section.

If you have questions, first talk to your school or school district representative listed below. If you still need help, contact one of the other agencies listed.

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**Mark Dockins**  
**Uintah School District**  
 635 West 200 South  
 Vernal, UT 84078  
 (435) 781-3100 x 1010

**Utah State Office of Education**  
 250 East 500 South  
 PO Box 144200  
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4200  
 (801) 538-7830

**Utah Legal Services, Inc.**  
 254 West 400 South, 2nd Floor  
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84101  
 328-8891 (Salt Lake area)  
 or 1-800-662-4245 (other areas)

**Utah Issues Information Program, Inc.**  
 330 West 500 South  
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84101  
 521-2035 (Salt Lake area)  
 or 1-800-331-5627 (other areas)

## Official School Fee Notice

### For Families of Students in Grades Seven Through Twelve

Utah law permits the charging of fees in grades seven through twelve. This means that your student may be charged fees for school materials, supplies, activities and programs. **Except for common household articles and common articles of clothing, your student cannot be required by a teacher or other person to pay fees or provide any materials, money, or any other thing of value unless that requirement has been approved by the District Board of Education and included in the school or district fee schedule.** In addition, no teacher, coach, or other person acting as a representative of the school may invite or require your student to participate in any summer camp or other activity unless the costs have been approved by the District Board of Education and placed on the fee schedule.

**If your family assets do not exceed the statewide fee waiver asset limits and your student is eligible for free school lunch or receives SSI payments, or if you are receiving AFDC, or if the student was placed in your home by the government as a foster child, the school must waive the fees** (meaning that you will not be required to pay the fees). A school administrator may require your family to complete a *Statewide Fee Waiver Assets Questionnaire* even if you satisfy the income eligibility guidelines for fee waivers. The conclusion of this asset test may determine your student's eligibility for fee waivers. If you are having a financial emergency caused by job loss, major illness, or other substantial loss of income beyond your control, your child might be eligible for a fee waiver even if other eligibility criteria are not met.

**You may apply for fee waivers** by submitting the **Fee Waiver Application (Grades 7-12)**. A copy of the application is included with this notice. Additional copies may be obtained from the school office. As soon as you have sent in the completed application, the fee requirement will be **suspended until a final decision has been reached about your student's eligibility for fee waivers**. If the application is denied, the school will send you a **Decision and Appeal Form**. The form will tell you why the application was denied, and explain how to appeal the decision. The form for starting an appeal is on the same page as the form for the decision. Remember to always keep a copy for yourself. **If you appeal a denial of fee waivers, you will not need to pay the fees until the appeal is decided.**

**If your student is eligible for fee waivers, all fees must be waived** including-but not limited to-the following: Fees for registration, textbooks, textbook and equipment deposits, school supplies, activity cards, extracurricular activities, and school lockers; lab and shop fees; gym and towel fees; costs for uniforms and accessories; field trips and assembly fees; costs for class or team trips; and costs of musical instruments used in school classes or activities.

**There is no such thing as a "non-waivable" or "optional" fee, but alternatives to fee waivers may be arranged in some cases, but not for textbook fees. Alternatives to waivers are not permitted for textbook fees.** Alternatives to simply waiving school fees may include such things as a reasonable requirement for community service or an assignment to help on a fundraiser, **but may not include installment payments, IOU'S, or other delayed payment plans.** Community service requirements and fundraisers must be appropriate to the age, physical condition, and maturity of the student, and must be conducted in such a way that students are not subjected to embarrassment, ridicule, or humiliation. In addition, community service requirements and fundraisers must avoid excessive burdens on students and families and give proper consideration to a student's educational and transportation needs and other responsibilities. **Your school will inform you if it will be requiring community service as an alternative to fee waivers.**

All students involved in a program for which funds are being raised must be invited to participate in the fundraiser, not just those who are eligible for fee waivers. All participants in the fundraiser should share in the earned benefits. Participation in the fundraiser may be required for those who have requested fee waivers. If a fee-waiver eligible student has already performed a community service requirement covering all of the fees in question, then additional fundraising shall not be required of that student unless all students are subject to the same requirement.

Since people in low-income areas usually have less discretionary income and so may be less able to donate or spend money on fundraisers than those in higher-income areas, quotas should not be used. The question should be whether a student made a good-faith effort, not whether a particular student met a sales quota. If a student makes the requested effort, but sufficient money is not raised in the fundraiser to cover all charges for the school activity and the activity goes forward anyway, then the difference between the fee-waiver eligible student's share of the proceeds and the actual amount of the fee must be waived.

School funds are limited, and your school may need help other than fees. As a result, **the school may ask you for tax-deductible donations of school supplies, equipment, or money, but the school cannot require donations. No student may be penalized for not making a donation.** For example, if donations are used to pay for a field trip, every student must be allowed to go on the trip even though some may not have made a donation.

**Regardless of whether you have paid fees, donations, and contributions or not, or have applied for, received, or been denied waivers, your name is confidential** and cannot be disclosed to anyone lacking both a right and a need to know the information. The school may, however, with the consent of the donor, give appropriate recognition to any person or organization making a major donation or contribution to the school.

**Charges for class rings, yearbooks, school pictures, letter jackets, and similar items are not fees and need not be waived. Also, if your student loses or damages school property, the costs of replacement or repair are not fees and need not be waived. Students may be required to pay fees for concurrent enrollment or advanced placement courses. The portion of the fees related specifically to college or post-secondary grades or credit is not subject to fee waiver.** In addition, only those students who have paid a textbook or equipment deposit are eligible to receive a deposit refund at the end of the year.

The school and school staff **cannot** withhold, reduce, or enhance grades or credit, or withhold grades, credit, report cards, transcripts, or diplomas to enforce the payment of fees. However, the school may withhold **official** copies of report cards, transcripts, or diplomas if fines or other charges for lost or damaged school property have not been resolved.

**If you have questions first talk to your school principal. If you still need help, contact the Uintah School District representative listed below or one of the other agencies listed:**

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**FEE WAIVER APPLICATION (GRADES 7-12)**

**Please read the School Fees Notice before completing the application!**

**All information on this application will be kept confidential**

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if applicable:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Student is eligible for Free School Lunch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Family receives Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student is in Foster Care (under Utah or local governmental supervision)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student is in State Custody

Parent(s)/guardian(s) shall provide income eligibility documentation in the form of income tax returns or current pay stubs demonstrating compliance with requirements consistent with state law and school district policies and/or guidelines for all the above qualifiers.

If none of the above apply, or you believe your family assets exceed the Statewide Family Assets Test, but you wish to apply for fee waivers or other help with school fees because of serious financial problems, please state the reason(s) for the request:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please check the school fee schedule and list all fees that you wish to have waived. If your student is eligible for fee waivers, all of those fees will be waived. **Please note that costs for yearbooks, class rings, letter jackets, school pictures, and similar items are not fees and will not be waived. Students may be required to pay fees for concurrent enrollment or advanced placement courses. The portion of the fees related specifically to college or post-secondary grades or credit is not subject to fee waiver.** If you wish to have all applicable fees waived, please write "all" in the "Fee Description" column.

Fee Description	Amount	Fee Description	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Please give this application to the Principal, Assistant Principal, or the School Fee Counselor when you have finished filling it out.** All fee payments will be suspended until the school has determined if your student is eligible for fee waivers. You will then be given a written notice of that decision. **The school shall require you to present proof of eligibility.** 2005 legislation, H.B. 183, requires schools or school districts to require DOCUMENTATION of fee waiver eligibility if parent must "apply for fee waivers." H.B. 183 also requires that school districts provide alternatives in lieu of fee waivers, "to the fullest extent reasonably possible according to individual circumstances of both fee waiver applicant and school," consistent with local board policies and/or guidelines which may include tutorial assistance to other students, assistance before or after school to teachers and other school personnel on school related matters, and general community or home service. If your student is eligible for a waiver, the school cannot require you to agree to an installment payment plan or sign an IOU in place of a waiver.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION I HAVE PROVIDED IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I ALSO GIVE SCHOOL OFFICIALS PERMISSION TO USE THIS FORM AS A RELEASE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY.**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's or Guardian's Signature

**Elementary and VMS Fees****General Registration**

*Yearbook .....	\$20.00
*Elementary Pictures	
Basic Pkg. ....	Not to Exceed \$10.00

**Fine Arts**

*Instrument Rental .....	Not to Exceed \$30.00
*Art Packet .....	\$25.00

**VJH Fees****General Registration**

*Activity Fee .....	\$15.00
Textbook Rental .....	\$55.00
Textbook Deposit (refundable) .....	\$10.00
*Yearbook .....	\$25.00

**Computer Science**

Computer Lab .....	\$1.00
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*Fine Arts*

*Art Projects .....	\$20.00
*Art Packet .....	\$25.00
Instrument Rental .....	Not to exceed \$30.00

*Healthy Lifestyles*

P.E. 9th Grade Girl's Fitness .....	\$5.00
P.E. Class Golf .....	\$7.50

*Math/Science*

Science/Biology Lab (9 <sup>th</sup> grade) .....	\$10.00
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*Vocational*

*Clothing I Projects .....	\$30.00
FACS Exploration .....	\$5.00
Foods I Lab Fee .....	\$10.00
Foods II Lab .....	\$10.00
Keyboarding Lab (9 <sup>th</sup> grade) .....	\$4.00
Manufacturing Technology .....	\$25.00
*Woods Project .....	Actual Cost
(To be paid before taken home)	

**UHS and Adult Ed Program****General Registration**

*Activity Fee .....	\$20.00
Class Fee .....	\$5.00
Comp Guidance Processing .....	\$3.00
Parking Sticker .....	\$2.00
High School Credit Retrieval (.5 cr) .....	\$75.00
Adult H.S. Completion (per 1.5 cr) .....	\$55.00
Lost or Unreturned Packet .....	\$5.00
Security Fee .....	\$15.00
Textbook Rental .....	\$55.00
Textbook Deposit (refundable) .....	\$10.00
Locker Deposit (\$5 refundable) .....	\$10.00
Writing Lab (one time only) .....	\$3.00
*Yearbook .....	45.00

**\*\*Schedule Changes**

(Before semester begins) .....	\$10.00
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**Computer Science**

Computer Lab .....	\$8.00
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**Drivers Education**

(Behind the Wheel) .....	\$175.00
(Driving Only) .....	\$110.00
(Summer class) .....	\$200.00

**English**

*A.P. Book .....	\$70.00
*AP. Test .....	\$90.00

**History**

*AP Book .....	\$117.00
*AP Test .....	\$90.00

**Fine Arts**

Basic Drawing .....	\$5.00
Art Packet .....	\$25.00
Ceramics Lab .....	\$20.00
Ceramics Lab (Advanced) .....	\$25.00
Commercial Art Lab .....	\$15.00
Dance Class Uniform .....	\$20.00
Instrument Rental .....	Not to exceed \$30.00
Painting Lab .....	\$20.00
Sculpture Lab .....	\$15.00
Studio Art Lab .....	\$20.00
Vocal Music Group Costume .....	\$100.00

Marching Uniform Rental .....	\$10.00
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**Healthy Lifestyles**

P.E. Equipment .....	\$5.00
P.E. Bowling .....	\$7.50
P.E. Golf .....	\$12.00

**Math/Science**

*A.P. Biology .....	\$10.00
*A.P. Biology Book .....	\$100.00
*A.P. Biology Test .....	\$90.00
Chemistry Lab .....	\$15.00
Chemistry II Lab .....	\$15.00
Math Lab .....	\$3.00
Physics Lab .....	\$15.00
AP Calculus .....	\$78.00

**Vocational**

Accounting I Lab .....	\$20.00
Accounting II Lab .....	\$20.00
Administrative Procedures .....	\$8.00
All Ag. Science Courses .....	\$15.00
(\$7.50 per sem) .....	\$15.00
Animal Science (\$7.50 per sem) .....	\$15.00
Greenhouse/Floriculture .....	\$30.00
(\$15 per sem) .....	\$15.00
Natural Resources 1A, 1B .....	\$15.00
(\$7.50 per sem) .....	\$15.00
Biology Ag. Science Tech. 1A, 1B .....	\$15.00
(\$7.50 per sem) .....	\$15.00
Nursery/Landscape 1A, 1B .....	\$15.00
(\$7.50 per sem) .....	\$20.00
Auto Lab .....	\$8.00
(once per year) .....	\$20.00
Banking and Finance .....	\$8.00
Building Trades Book .....	\$20.00
Business Lab .....	\$8.00
Business Law .....	\$15.00
Business Math .....	\$8.00
Computer Lab .....	\$8.00
Commercial Art .....	\$15.00
Drafting/Design Lab .....	\$10.00
Economics .....	\$8.00
Equine Science .....	\$5.00
Entrepreneurship Business .....	\$8.00
Foods & Nutrition 2 .....	\$10.00
Graphics Lab .....	\$20.00 (+\$7.50 screening fee)
Graphics Advanced Lab .....	\$25.00 (+\$15.00 screening fee)
Interior Design .....	\$8.00
Market .....	\$8.00
Marketing II .....	\$7.50
Metals Lab .....	\$10.00
Travel & Tourism .....	\$8.00
Principles of Technology Lab .....	\$15.00
*Welding Gloves, Coveralls .....	\$40.00
Woods Lab .....	\$15.00
*Woods Projects .....	Actual Cost
(To be paid before taken home)	

**Extra-Curricular Activities Participation Fee - All****Schools:****\$300 maximum per family****(Includes sport and non-sport activities)****Sport Activities:**

Boys' Basketball, Football, Girls' Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling, Baseball, Boys' Tennis, Boys' Soccer, Cross Country, Girls' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, Golf, Softball, Swimming, Track, All Middle School/Jr. High Sports .....	(per activity) \$50.00
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**Non-Sport Activities:**

Band: Marching, Jazz, Concert;	
Debate, Drama/Speech, Vocal Music .....	(Per activity) \$35.00

**\*Meals for Competitive Activities .....**

..... Cost of Meals

Rooms for Overnight Travel (per student per night)

..... Not to Exceed \$20.00

Meals for Travel .....

..... Student's Discretion

\*Traveling/Competition Clothing (i.e. T-shirts, Hats, Shoes, Jackets) .....

..... Not to Exceed \$150.00

**National Conventions/Competitions**

..... All Costs

Wrestling Head Gear .....

..... \$50.00

Cheerleader Uniforms (Varsity) .....

..... \$400.00

Cheerleader Uniforms (J.V.) .....

..... \$200.00

Close Up Trip .....

..... Travel Cost

Drill Team Uniforms & Equipment .....

..... Not to Exceed \$600.00

Student Council (Sweater/Jacket) .....

..... \$250.00

**Club Dues:****All School Clubs**

Not to Exceed .....

..... \$15.00

**Additional Fees:****Graduation Cap and Gown**

..... Not to Exceed \$20.00

**\*Graduation Invitation**

..... Student Discretion

**\*Senior Trip**

..... Not to Exceed \$100.00

**\*Transportation for Students (Including Field Trips) Per Trip**

..... Not to Exceed \$20.00

**\*Formal Dances**

..... Not to Exceed \$30.00 ea

**\*Informal Dances**

..... Not to Exceed \$5.00 ea

**\*Admissions to Plays, Musicals, Concerts Not to Exceed \$15.00 ea****\*Admissions to Banquets**

..... Not to Exceed \$22.00 ea

**Admission to Utah High School Athletic Association sponsored activities may not exceed limits established by UHSAA.****Non-Resident Student Tuition:**

K-8 .....

..... \$4000.00

9-12 .....

..... \$4570.00

**Saturday Sessions – All schools****Saturday Sessions 1<sup>st</sup> Offense**

..... (Per year) \$15.00

**Saturday Sessions 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**

(And any additional offenses/per year) ... \$30.00

Parking Rule Violation .....

..... \$25.00

..... or 1st Offense as listed above

Tobacco Violation... \$50.00

or Court Referral

**\*Summer School—K-8**

..... (per class) \$50.00

**\*Summer School—9-12**

..... (per 1/2 credit) \$75.00

**\*After School Remediation K-8**

..... per class \$30.00

**Connections Fees for K-12 Students****Attending During Regular School Year**

3 or more days a week .....

..... \$50/semester

1 or 2 days a week .....

..... \$30/semester

**Attending During Summer Sessions**

3 or more days a week .....

..... \$20.00

1 or 2 days a week .....

..... \$10.00

Students eligible for free lunch may have fee waived.

**\*Optional charge, not needed to participate in required school program.****\*\*Exceptions for schedule changes at UHS at no cost to the student:**

1. Student fails course and/or is not recommended to continue;

2. Illness or injury prevents participation;

3. Student is placed inappropriately;

4. Course is overcrowded or cancelled;

5. Student needs to add to an incomplete schedule.

## 2008-2009 UTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

August 7 & 8	Thursday & Friday	Registration
August 18	Monday	New Employee Orientation
August 19	Tuesday	Professional Development
August 20	Wednesday	Professional Development
August 21 & 22	Thursday & Friday	Employee Work Days
August 25	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School
September 1	Monday	Labor Day (schools closed)
September 3	Wednesday	1st Day of Kindergarten
October 16	Thursday	SEP/SEOP Trade Day (schools closed)
October 17	Friday	Fall Break (schools closed)
October 31	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends
November 14	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Ends
November 26,27, & 28	Wednesday – Friday	Thanksgiving Break (schools closed)
December 22	Monday	SEP/SEOP Trade Day (schools closed)
December 23- January 2	Tuesday—Friday	Christmas Break (schools closed)
January 5	Monday	School Resumes
January 19	Monday	Martin Luther King Day (schools closed)
January 23	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends
February 13	Friday	Professional Development (no students)
February 16	Monday	Presidents' Day (schools closed)
February 27	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends
March 27	Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends
April 9	Thursday	SEP/SEOP Trade Day (schools closed)
April 10	Friday	Spring Break (schools closed)
April 13	Monday	Professional Development (no students)
April 21	Tuesday	Minimum day for Uintah High School only - <i>Sterling Scholar Regional Host</i>
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day (schools closed)
May 29	Friday	Minimum school day (1/2 day) for students Last day of school - Graduation

### PPRA Notice and Consent for Specific Activities

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, requires **Uintah School District** to notify you and obtain consent prior to your child participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas (“protected information surveys”):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This requirement also applies to the collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes (“marketing surveys”), and certain physical exams and screenings.

Individual schools will notify parents of activities requiring parental notice and consent for the upcoming school year. (Please note that this notice and consent transfers from parents to any student who is 18 or older or an emancipated minor under State law.)

## Transportation

The Transportation Department of Uintah School District does everything within its power to ensure the safe transport of your children to and from school. In order to provide this service we choose the best possible drivers and equipment within accessible resources and incorporate the most comprehensive training available. Buses are equipped with video cameras to monitor the safety of the students.

Although we make every effort to ensure the safety of students on the bus and at the bus stop, there are situations that require your assistance and participation in order to ensure the safety of your children when walking to and from the bus stop. Sometimes, children can be exposed to a dangerous situation because of their own or others' behavior.

For example, your child will not be safe if he or she runs in the street without looking for cars or if he or she plays in the street while waiting for the bus to arrive. In both situations your child is vulnerable and in danger of being hit by a passing motorist. Other situations such as a reduced visibility caused by delivery trucks, construction vehicles or trash removal trucks, and the like may also endanger your child. In all these situations, it is essential that you review with your child your expectations regarding safety and behavior.

When walking to the bus stop or to school, please remind your child to follow a few basic safety tips:

- Cross streets at the corner
- Use crosswalks whenever possible
- Obey traffic signals
- Look both ways before crossing the street by using the "look, left, right and left again" approach
- Stay on the sidewalk

Here's a few safety tips for children at the bus stop:

- Stay on the sidewalk and don't play in the street.
- Stay back from the curb as the bus approaches.
- Always cross the street in front of the bus
- When you get off the bus, move away from the bus.



With your assistance and cooperation, together we can make every effort to ensure the safety of your children while they ride the bus and as they walk to and from the bus stop.

**Students in Uintah School District who ride buses are subject to rules and regulations designed to provide safe transportation to and from school. Any behavior, which distracts the driver, is a serious hazard to safe operation of the vehicle and as such, jeopardizes the safety of all passengers. Consequence of continued inappropriate behavior could result in your child being denied the bus riding privilege.**

### Transportation Rules and Regulations:

1. Students are subject to school regulations from the time they board the bus in the morning until they leave the bus in the afternoon.
2. The driver is in charge of all the pupils riding the bus the same as a teacher in the classroom.
3. There shall be no profanity, shouting, scuffling, whistling, disorderly or improper conduct of any kind on the bus.
4. Any damage to the bus must be paid for by the pupil responsible for the destruction.
5. Students who persist in being disorderly will forfeit their privilege to ride the bus.
6. Students must be seated while on the bus and shall take the seat designated by the driver.
7. Students shall not extend their head or arms out of the window at any time nor shall they receive or throw anything through the window.
8. No student shall ride any bus other than the one on which he/she is enrolled except by written permission of the principal and then only if the busload permits.
9. No eating or drinking shall be allowed on the bus.
10. Unless by special permission in writing or by "first hand" spoken word from the parent or principal, no student shall be permitted to leave the bus at any place other than their regular stop.

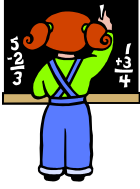
### Discipline Procedure

#### Minor Infractions

1. Driver will warn student verbally and try to work out the problem on a one-on-one basis with the student.
2. For repeated offenses, students will be given a warning ticket which he/she must return to the driver signed by **student's parent or guardian**. Students cannot ride the bus again until the ticket is returned.
3. Disciplinary action and temporary suspension is possible at this time. The driver will contact the parent by phone and will notify the supervisor of transportation and the principal of the problem.

#### Major Infractions

Students who refuse to follow the directions of the driver, indulge in fighting, profanity, use or in possession of forbidden substances shall be immediately suspended. Conference with the student, parent, driver, transportation supervisor, and/or principal will be required before riding privileges will resume. Suspension period will be determined by the supervisor of transportation and the principal based upon the severity of the infraction and other determining factors during the conference. **Refer to Uintah School District Safe School Policy 007.0225.**



## Special Education Child Find

Uintah School District is responsible for Child Find identification and evaluation for all students suspected of having a disability attending school in Uintah County. This includes students three to 21 years of age who are in public schools, private schools, are being home schooled, or are kindergarten eligible, but not enrolled. Early identification and intervention is essential to help ensure school success.

If your child is having unusual difficulty with vision, hearing, speech, behavior, is experiencing slow development typical for his/her age, physical impairments, or learning difficulty, your child may be a child with a disability. If you have a child you suspect may have a disability please contact your child's teacher or principal, or call the district office at 781-3100 for referral to the school team who can best assist you to determine if your child does indeed have a disability and what services are available through Uintah School District.

## Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

It is the policy of Uintah School District to provide opportunity for education to all qualified students. "No qualified individual with disabilities, shall, solely by reason of his or her disability be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." If you suspect your student may be disabled within the definition of Section 504, contact the school principal who will assist you in determining the need for accommodations or assistance.

## Special Needs Scholarship Program

### Carson Smith Scholarship Program for students with an Individual Education Program:

Uintah School District is required by Utah Code Section 53A-1a-704 (10) to inform you, as a parent of a student with an IEP enrolled in a public school, of the availability of a scholarship to attend a private school through the Carson Smith Scholarship Program. Further information and a list of approved private schools are available at [www.schools.utah.gov/admin/specialneeds.htm](http://www.schools.utah.gov/admin/specialneeds.htm). Application can be obtained by calling Shannon Deets at 781-3125 ext. 2821.



## Students' Dress Code

In the interest of health, safety, cleanliness, decency, and decorum among students in the Uintah School District, the school board has adopted the following regulations:

1. Student(s) working in areas where rotating machinery is used, shall wear appropriate head coverings or have his/her hair cut so it can not be caught in any part of a machine.
2. Students working in a cafeteria (or any other food service area) shall wear appropriate head coverings.
3. Immodest clothing, accessories, hairdos (abnormally colored hair) or personal adornments which result in the disruption of the educational climate (draw undue attention of students or staff) such as baggy, low-hanging pants, tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, tops that show the midriff (while sitting or standing), excessively tight or excessively short clothing (above the top of the knee) is prohibited. Administrators and staff will make the necessary judgment.
4. Clothing, accessories, and personal adornments which display inappropriate language or illustrations (such as sexual innuendos) or which promote violence, alcohol, drugs, or tobacco are prohibited at school or at school-sponsored activities.
5. Clothing, accessories, and personal adornments which display gang symbols are prohibited at school or at school-sponsored activities. *Definition:* Gang symbols include any article or color of clothing, badge, sign, lettering, hairdo, jewelry, emblem, symbol or other personal display or adornment, which is intended by a student, or is recognized or acknowledged by students, to designate a gang or to signify affiliation with, participation in, or approval of a gang.
6. No hats are to be carried or worn in the building except for special school activities.
7. In all matters relating to individual dress and grooming, students in the Uintah School District are required to exercise good judgment, exhibit responsible behavior, and endeavor to reflect respect for themselves, their school, and their community.
8. Nothing in these regulations is intended to intrude on the constitutional or statutory rights of any student, as long as, on the exercise of these rights, students do not create a threat to the good order of the school or cause the disruption of any recognized school function. The exercise of such rights by students must be consistent with the public purposes for which the public schools have been established.

Any student coming to school dressed inappropriately according to the Uintah School District Policy and the criteria listed above will be sent to the office, their parents/guardian called, and the unacceptable clothing will be changed so the student can stay at school. The entire policy (007.0215) is available for review at each school or online at [www.uintah.net](http://www.uintah.net) under student policies.

**Information on Utah Core Curriculum, required state testing, and  
No Child Left Behind can be found on the District Web Site at: <http://www.uintah.net>**

## Medication

School policy states that school personnel shall give no pupil medication during school hours except upon written orders from a licensed physician who has the responsibility for the medical management of the pupil, and a written statement from the parent or guardian asking the school to assist the student in taking the medicine. Parents are urged, however, to request that the physician develop a schedule so that the necessity for taking medication at school will be minimized or eliminated. Students shall not carry or self-administer medication on school premises unless it is expressly ordered by the student's physician and is included in a 504 plan. The Asthma Self-Administration Form is required and is available at the school office or on the district web site at <http://www.uintah.net>.

**Please refer to Uintah School District Policy 007.0720 for additional information on health requirements and services.**

## Sexual Harassment of and by Students

The Uintah School District prohibits sexual harassment of or by any student. This policy applies to conduct during and relating to school and school sponsored activities. Sexual harassment is inappropriate and offensive. All students have a right to be educated in an environment free from sexual harassment. All District employees have a right to work in an environment free from sexual harassment. Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Any student who engages in the sexual harassment of anyone in the school setting may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. The Board encourages and expects students to immediately report incidents of sexual harassment to any teacher, counselor, or administrator at the school site.

**Please refer to Uintah School District Policy 007.0235 for additional information on sexual harassment of and by students.**

## Safe Schools, Conduct and Discipline

For the safety of students, staff and visitors to our schools, the Uintah Board of Education has a strict "Safe School" policy. It provides guidelines for dealing with disruptive incidents at school and at school-related activities (A school-related activity means any activity or meeting sanctioned or supported by the school, either on or off the school grounds, including transportation of students in vehicles dispatched by the district). The intent of this policy is to give all students the right to attend school and school sponsored activities without undue concern for their physical safety.

The "Safe School" policy establishes penalties and procedures for student behavior within the school which includes but is not limited to the following:

- **Possession of any type of weapon (real, look-alike or pretend) regardless of intent;**
- Any form of organized gang activity;
- Destruction or defacement of school property;
- Disrespect for school authority or school staff;
- Use of vulgarity, profanity or gestures;
- Direct and willful disobedience of school rules and policies;
- Cheating;
- Fighting;
- Excessive absences or tardies;
- Truancy
- Disruption;
- Vandalism of private or public property;
- Harassment/bullying;
- Disruptive clothing;
- The use, possession, or exchange of a controlled substance on any school property, in any building owned or operated by the Board of Education, or at any activity sponsored by the school whether on or off school property, or within 1000 feet of a school campus, is a violation of the law and is prohibited.

Students who violate this policy may subject themselves to:

Automatic suspension from school, immediate referral to law enforcement officials, mandatory parent/guardian conference at school or district office, referral to the district Pupil Services Office, in cases involving severe or repeat violations for placement in an alternative program, expulsion from school, or other action to resolve the problem. A mandatory one-year expulsion may be imposed for any incident involving firearms. Parents will be notified of safe school suspensions.

This policy has been adopted so that students and staff can feel safe and secure at school. **Please refer to Uintah School District Policy 007.0225 for additional information on safe schools, conduct and discipline.**

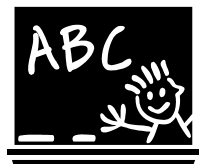


## Students' Cell Phone Policy

Uintah School District has adopted this policy (approved 6/20/06) regarding the use of cell phones and other communication devices by students in school. The following is the official policy:

- 1.0 Uintah School District has determined that cell phones have limited educational value and their use may create a distraction to the learning environment. Student possession of cell phones in the Uintah School District is only allowable subject to the following rules and regulations. Strict adherence to these rules and regulations is required.
- 2.0 Uintah School District prohibits the use of other communication devices (i.e. two-way radios, pagers) by students during the school day.
- 3.0 Uintah School District reserves the right to define the educational value of any new electronic wireless devices that may become available in the future and to prohibit their use if they have limited education value or if such use creates learner distraction or disruption.
- 4.0 Uintah School District has determined that possession of a cell phone by a student is a privilege which may be forfeited by any student not abiding by the terms of this policy.
- 5.0 Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones. Uintah School District shall not assume any responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of a cell phone, or unauthorized calls made on a cell phone.
- 6.0 Camera or Picture Cell Phones: While the use of cell phones by students is allowed subject to the following rules, the use of a cell phone to take, store or transmit pictures is strictly prohibited on school premises at all times. Students who violate this provision of the policy will have their cell phones confiscated and held until they are picked up by a parent or guardian or until the end of the school year, whichever comes first. It is the District's position that picture phones pose threats to freedoms of privacy. Additionally, picture phones can be used to exploit personal information and compromise the integrity of educational programs.
- 7.0 Use of Cell Phones on School Grounds: Students may use cell phones before and after school, as long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption. Use of cell phones during the school day is prohibited. Phones must be powered completely off, concealed and secured in lockers or vehicles during the academic day. (If there are no lockers available in the school, the school will provide a drop off point.) Cell phones are strictly prohibited in classrooms, locker rooms, restrooms and shower facilities, unless previously permitted in writing by the administration.
- 8.0 Use of Cell Phones on Buses: Cell phone usage by students while riding to and from school on the bus, or on the bus during school-sponsored activities is at the discretion of the bus driver. Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.
- 9.0 Disciplinary Action: It is the students' responsibility to ensure that their cell phones are turned off and out of sight during unauthorized times. Students who violate the restrictions shall be deemed to have created a disruption to the instructional environment and are subject to disciplinary action, including suspension as well as confiscation and return of the phone only to the student's parents or guardians.

The above Uintah School District Policy (007.0245 Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Communication Devices) is available for review online at [www.uintah.net](http://www.uintah.net) under student policies.





## Parent and Family Involvement Policy

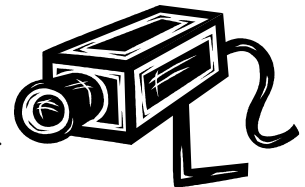
Uintah School District has adopted a new policy (approved 3/18/08) regarding Parent and Family Involvement. The following is the official policy:

- 1.0 The Uintah School Board recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by both the school and the family. Students will achieve and maintain a higher level of academic performance when cooperation between the school and home is encouraged. The intent of this policy is to promote greater, more effective parent involvement in each student's education as well as more effective school to home communication.
- 2.0 This parent involvement policy shall be reviewed annually by each school's community council for input or suggestions to improve parent involvement and/or the effectiveness of this policy. Such input and suggestions will be forwarded to the board for its consideration.
- 3.0 Uintah School District supports the establishment of a parent/family involvement program in each school within the district. Such programs may include but are not limited to:
  - 3.1 Establishing consistent and effective communication between parents and the teachers and administrators of the respective schools through:
    - 3.1.1 Providing for parent/teacher conferences (SEP/SEOP's).
    - 3.1.2 Publication of regular newsletters to parents.
    - 3.1.3 Timely notification to parents of students at risk of failing.
    - 3.1.4 Maintaining a school website providing current information to parents.
    - 3.1.5 Utilization of the district automated phone messaging system.
  - 3.2 Assisting parents in understanding the state's academic content standards, state and local academic assessments, and how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
  - 3.3 Providing information to parents about groups and organizations that may provide instruction and training to parents to help improve and support the academic success of their children.
  - 3.4 Promoting parent participation in the development and achievement of goals and expectations through:
    - 3.4.1 Active participation in the school's PTA/PTO organization.
    - 3.4.2 Providing opportunities for parents to serve as school volunteers.
    - 3.4.3 Encouraging parents to serve on the school's community council and/or its various ad hoc committees.
  - 3.5 Promoting responsible parenting by encouraging parents to:
    - 3.5.1 Provide a home environment that values education.
    - 3.5.2 Ensure that their children attend school regularly.
    - 3.5.3 Send children to school prepared to learn.
  - 3.6 Providing professional development opportunities for staff members to enhance their understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.
  - 3.7 Encouraging employers in the community to support parental and community involvement by allowing their employees opportunities for greater participation in public education during school hours where possible.

**Please refer to Uintah School District Policy 003.0900 Parent and Family Involvement.**

## Video and/or Audio Surveillance

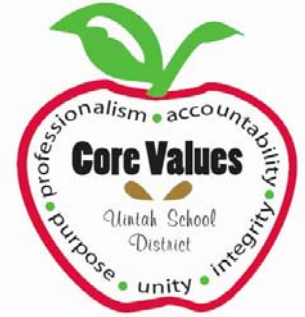
Video and/or audio recording devices may be used by Uintah School District to monitor the health, safety, and welfare of all students, staff, and visitors to district property and to safeguard district facilities.



**Please refer to Uintah School District Policy 010.0700 for additional information on video and audio surveillance.**

# Uintah School District

“Success for Every Student”



- Mission**
- Uintah School District students will acquire the critical skills and attributes of a productive citizen.

- Vision**
- As a learning community, we advocate for all students, provide quality education, and prepare our students for success now and in the future.

- District Goals**
- Increase every student's learning
  - Ensure physical and emotional well-being.
  - Create a positive school and district culture.
  - Improve public support and confidence.
  - Ensure financial responsibility.

*To view Uintah School District's full strategic plan, please visit our web site: [www.uintah.net](http://www.uintah.net)*