



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Roberto J. Santos
Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to United South High School! We are delighted at the prospect of the new school year. The teachers, staff and administration look forward to working with you and your child during the 2009-2010 School Year. The beginning of the academic year is always filled with anticipation. Hence, we are committed to making every effort in ensuring the success of your child. As you know, summer is almost over and very soon your child will walk into the doors of our campus. We have devoted a lot of time preparing for the start of the school year; and we eagerly look forward to providing an education that will build on academics and character development. We look forward to another great year, and we encourage your child to join the many extra-curricular activities that are available at our campus.

This will be the first of many newsletters that I will send you each month. In addition, I have included some important information with this packet. Please read it and review it with your children. Moreover, you can find the latest information about the school activities at our website <http://ushs.unitedisd.org>. I strongly encourage you to pay close attention to the teachers' class pages and the many helpful school resources.

United South High School does enforce the uniform/dress code policies, so please make sure before you send your child to school that he/she is following the district's guidelines. In addition, all shirts must be tucked in before he/she reports to campus. **We will enforce the dress code on the first day of school.** I have included the district's guidelines and policies over the color schemes that are acceptable for our campus. This may be especially helpful when buying clothes for the new school year. Remember the state's sales tax holidays are August 21st-23rd, and you can find more information on the allowable expenditures at our website.

At the beginning of the school year, your child will bring home a District's Student Code of Conduct/ Student Handbook to be read and signed. Please make sure to return all the signed forms as per teacher's deadline within 10 days of receipt. It is important that your child return the signed forms on or before the allowable 10 days period. In addition, this will be a great opportunity to review the do's and the don'ts together over your child's rights, expectations, and responsibilities.

Please pay close attention to the attendance policy. In order for a child to earn credits for a class, the child must pass his/her class and meet the state's required attendance expectations. Please review this information and share it with your son/daughter. Again, this information is in the Student Handbook. On a side note, it is important as parents that you **bring your children to school on time**. Students must be **on their seats by 8:30 a.m.**

On September 10th, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers between 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We look forward seeing you soon.

I have included a memorandum from our campus police on traffic patterns and pedestrian safety procedures. The first week of school is usually hectic, so please be patient with the traffic pattern until everyone understands the normal traffic flow. One way to avoid the lines is to drop off your child before 8:00 a.m. and pick up your child after 4:00 p.m.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. We wish you and your child another great year of learning.

Cordially,

David R. Canales

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