

Union Street Charter

General information

Union Street Charter Offers:

- A unique and welcoming facility.
- Small class sizes with a maximum of 17 students.
- Experienced teachers with California teaching credentials.
- Art, music and Spanish classes.
- A free public charter school that requires no inter-district transfers.

Why Choose Union Street Charter?

Union Street Charter has a rich and diverse curriculum. Our highly qualified classroom teachers emphasize an interactive approach to language arts, social studies, science, and math. Supplementing the core curriculum are drama, physical education, computer literacy, positive social skills and cultural events. Camping and backpacking help to build the class culture. We believe in the unique value of each student, family, and teacher - both as individuals and as members of the school community. We work together to create an environment that minimizes the pressures of popular culture and the use of academic competition as motivation. Our ultimate aim is to turn a child's natural curiosity and desire to explore into a lifelong love of learning.

School Hours

Kindergarten: 8:30-1:45; Grades 1-3: 8:30-3:00; Grades 4-5: 8:20-3:00.
Mondays are early release at 1:45.

Extended Hours

The extended daycare program enables students to be on campus until 5:30 p.m. Afterschool daycare rates are currently \$4.00 per hour. Parents are billed each month for extended daycare fees based on usage. Afterschool daycare is free for qualifying families.

Lunch & Snack Programs

School lunch and morning snack are available to all students at no cost through the California Universal Free School Meals Program. Sunny Brae Middle School kitchen prepares our lunches and snacks under the nutritional guidelines of the National School Lunch Program. Afterschool snacks are available for \$1 and prepared on site by the Equinox Center for Education. Parents are billed for afterschool snacks. Reduced-price afterschool snacks are available for qualifying families.

Union Street Charter does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, race, color, gender, disability, religion, sexual orientation and/or association with individuals with one or more of the above actual or perceived characteristics.

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Parent & Student Responsibilities

You will be asked to sign this if your child is given a space in Union Street Charter. The vision of Union Street Charter is to offer an effective and supportive learning experience created by high quality curriculum, access to staff, regular reports and collaboration of students, parents, and teachers. Families of Union Street Charter students agree to contribute to the vision by becoming involved in the following ways.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES – In order for your child to be a Union Street Charter student, for continuing enrollment during the school year, and for re-enrollment in following years, we expect parents to agree to do the following:

- 1) Bring your student to school regularly and on time.
- 2) Participate in scheduled parent/teacher conferences and any special student intervention meetings requested by child's teacher.
- 3) Follow through with all plans made during conferences and special meetings.
- 4) Support the homework policies of the school.
- 5) Support your child in following the school's student conduct policies (see side 2).
- 6) Read the weekly classroom and school news.
- 7) Follow the rules and procedures described in the Parent Handbook.
- 8) Allow your student to take state tests.
- 9) Interact with staff in a calm and courteous manner.
- 10) Follow all COVID safety protocols & report positive cases.

PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- 1) Contribute talents and skills as a volunteer for classroom activities, field trips, camping trips, family social events, building projects, and/or donations to the ECE and school fundraising.
- 2) Participate in monthly Board of Directors meetings as a member, or visitor.
- 3) Attend school family events and celebrations.
- 4) Attend parent education programs presented at the school.

Student Conduct and Suspension Policy

The following behavior guidelines are intended to create an environment that is emotionally safe and academically supportive. Behavior guidelines are for the classroom, playground, field trips, and school events. Behavior guidelines apply to all programs on the campus including extended daycare. Teachers and other staff will give instruction, guidance, direction and counsel students regarding appropriate and safe behavior.

Students attending Union Street Charter have several basic responsibilities:

1. To accept staff guidance, direction, and authority.
2. To demonstrate cooperative, appropriate, respectful behavior toward other people.
3. To be willing to attempt and finish assigned work.
4. To demonstrate the growing ability to work independently and take responsibility for one's own actions.

Union Street Charter Playground Rules:

1. Use swings, slides and other playground equipment the way its meant to be used
2. Play chase games on the lower playground
3. No pushing, pulling or hanging on others while they climb
4. Welcome others into your game; be inclusive
5. Put away playground equipment when done
6. No pretend weapons or fighting at anytime

Any adult on yard duty may deem any activity unsafe or inappropriate regardless of prior approval.

The following behavior may result in intervention/suspension/expulsion:

1. Destruction/theft of school property or the belongings of other people.
2. Emotional, physical or verbal abuse of other people: students, staff, or parent. *Bullying or verbal abuse includes: put-downs, teasing, name calling, language or behaviors that excludes, hurts or belittles other people. This includes cyber-bullying in, or out, of school.*
3. See Ed code section 48900 for additional reasons for suspension or expulsion.

Intervention/Suspension/Expulsion Process:

1. Students will receive a consequence. Teacher, parent and principal meet to seek positive solutions and an action plan to address the problem and clearly delineate needed changes, including a time frame.
2. Suspension will result from violations of ed code section 48900.
 - a. Teacher/principal meet with the student and inform them of the reason for suspension and prior means of correction (such as 2nd step lessons, meeting with parents, counseling, etc.). If the pupil denies the charges, an explanation of the evidence that supports the charges and an opportunity for the pupil to present the pupil's side of the story.
 - b. Families may meet with the teacher/principal to review the incident.
3. Student repeats behavior: the consequence is suspension of one to three days. Parent and child will be informed if expulsion is a possible consequence for behavior.

Student is recommended for expulsion as a result due of a serious violation of ed.code. section 48900. Expulsion means involuntary disenrollment from the charter school.

For suspensions of 10 days or more and all other expulsions for disciplinary reasons, USC will:

- Provide timely, written notice of the charges against the pupil and an explanation of the pupil's basic rights.
- Provide a hearing adjudicated by a neutral officer within a reasonable number of days at which the pupil has a fair opportunity to present testimony, evidence, and witnesses and confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, and at which the pupil has the right to bring legal counsel or an advocate.
- Ensure that no pupil shall be involuntarily removed by the charter school for any reason unless the parent or guardian of the pupil has been provided written notice of intent to remove the pupil no less than five schooldays before the effective date of the action. The written notice shall be in the native language of the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian or, if the pupil is a foster child or youth or a homeless child or youth, the pupil's educational rights holder, and shall inform the pupil, the pupil's parent or guardian, or the pupil's educational rights holder of the right to initiate the procedures before the effective date of the action. If the pupil's parent, guardian, or educational rights holder initiates the procedures specified in clause (ii), the pupil shall remain enrolled and shall not be removed until the charter school issues a final decision. For purposes of this clause, "involuntarily removed" includes disenrolled, dismissed, transferred, or terminated, but does not include suspensions.

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Immunization Requirements (as of July 1, 2019)

Union Street Charter adheres to California school immunization law regarding immunization requirements for school entry. Current immunization records must be provided to the school prior to school attendance. The following immunizations are required for kindergarten entry.

1. **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, or Tdap or Td): 5 doses** (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday. 3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday)
2. **Polio (OPV or IPV): 4 doses** (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
3. **Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV): 3 doses**
4. **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR): 2 doses** (Both given on or after 1st birthday)
5. **Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 doses**

For more information about school immunization requirements and resources, please visit the California Department of Public Health's website at www.shotsforschool.org, or contact your local health department or county office of education.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children and community healthy.