

~Program Features~

**Classes/workshops designed for ALL parents or caregivers of children enrolled in Effingham County schools grades Pre-K – 12 and concerned members of the community.*

**Sessions that meet the needs of all who are interested in helping children.*

**Enrichment Sessions to enhance the lives of participants who do not have children in their care.*

**Academically Focused Classes to improve student achievement and strengthen the family unit.*

**CORE Classes that teach, inform, update and/or clarify specific subject matter relevant to the home, school and community.*

**Kidz Academy and Youth Leadership Classes that are age appropriate with curriculums designed to meet Scientifically Research-Based Practices.*

**Offers three Saturday learning sessions at no cost to participants:*

*Fall Session & Parent U Graduation –
September 20, 2014*

Winter Session – January 31, 2015

Spring Session – April 18, 2015 plus

**Continental Breakfast and Lunch*

**A free new book for each child*

**Door Prizes*

**Vendors*

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PARENT UNIVERSITY- EFFINGHAM

*“Bridging the Gap
Between the Home, School
and Community”*



*“A COMMUNITY
COLLABORATIVE”*

What Is Parent University?

Parent University-Effingham is a community collaborative that provides free learning sessions designed to assist parents in supporting their children to achieve in school and life. The sessions focus on child development, what children are learning in school, advocacy, parent leadership, effective parenting skills, and personal growth and development.

Topics include the following:

- Common Core Curriculum Update
- Financial Aid for Colleges and Universities
- Social Media Safety
- First Aid and CPR and lots more

Parent University Mission

The mission of Parent University is to educate, inspire and empower parents to meet the needs of their children by becoming their first and most important teacher.

Parent University Vision

Parents will become full partners in the education of their children by assisting the child in reaching his/her fullest potential.

Parent University Goals

Goal 1: To get parents involved in opportunities to partner in the education of their child.

Goal 2: To educate the community about viable programs that will help to develop the child's success.

Goal 3: To provide instructional awareness of parenting skills that will increase productivity.

Goal 4: To provide opportunities to help the at risk child.

Goal 5: To provide Family Literacy opportunities that prepares children for success in school and leads the family to economic self-sufficiency.

How Does Parent University Work?

Parent University offers three Saturday learning sessions during the year. At each Parent University, participants are given an opportunity to choose three breakout sessions from an array of classes in which they could earn 1-3 credit hours per class. Additional credit hours may be earned in other school and community functions as parent workshops, classroom visits, PTA/PTO/Booster Club, and Parent/Teacher Conferences. At the end of the school year, parents who have completed a set of learning sessions will graduate.



Graduation Requirements

- Participant must complete five (5) CORE classes per year. (*Classes that improve student achievement and strengthen the family unit.*)
- Participant must have a total of fifteen (15) credits
- Ten additional credits will entitle you to be an Honor Graduate.

Evaluation/Outcomes

Participants are given the opportunity to evaluate each session attended and complete a final evaluation at the close of the day. The evaluations are then tallied and used to improve the next Parent University – Effingham session.

Who May Attend Parent University?

ALL parents or caregivers of children enrolled in Effingham County schools grades Pre-K – 12 and concerned members of the community.

When Are Classes Held?

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Saturday, January 31, 2015

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Why Be Involved?

“Research shows that when parents are involved in their children’s education, the children do better in school and life. Parent University- Effingham provides opportunities for parents to sharpen their parenting skills, gain a better understanding of what their children are learning, and become full partners in the education of their children; as well as, help parents grow personally and professionally.

“Your children will become what you are; so be what you want them to be.” Unknown

Children do not come with a manual but Parent University-Effingham is HERE!

Everything is FREE at Parent University!