



United Community Center Schools - 8th Grade Graduation Policy

Welcome to your child's Eighth grade year at the UCC Schools! There are two key events that take place during 8th grade; a trip to Washington D.C. and Eighth Grade Graduation. In order to participate in graduation and to be considered for the trip, students must meet minimum requirements. This contract outlines the minimum academic, attendance and behavior requirements needed to participate based on existing United Community Center (UCC) school policies. Eighth graders who cannot meet these minimum requirements risk losing the privilege of participating in graduation and/or the Washington D.C. trip.

8th Grade Graduation Requirements:

- **Academics:** Students must earn a **2.0 grade point average** (*Year to Date, Standard GPA*). Failure to maintain a 2.0 GPA or earning below a D in more than 2 classes may result in loss of participation in graduation.
- **Attendance:** Students must meet minimum attendance requirements as outlined in our school attendance policy. If a student has 15 or more absences during 8th grade, students will be disqualified from graduation.
- **Behavior:** Students must maintain behavior expectations as outlined in our UCC student code of conduct. Students are prohibited from participating in graduation if any of the following occur during 8th grade:
 - Excessive disciplinary/office referrals
 - Multiple suspensions throughout the school year and/or a suspension during second semester
 - Commitment of an act or acts that, in the collective opinion of the school administration and middle school staff, warrants disqualification from participation in graduation.

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Requirements:

The trip is a highlight of the school year for students. A limited number of students are allowed to attend this trip each year due to various scheduling and transportation variables. Because of these variables, criteria have been developed to determine who will be invited to participate in this trip.

Students must meet all of the the graduation expectations above in addition to the requirements outlined below:

- **Consistent Attendance:** Cannot miss a full week of school (5 days) or more for a separate trip. *This includes family vacations or other non-school related trips.*
- **Less than 7 Absences:** At the time of selection (February) students with 7 or more absences will not be considered.
- If a student misses 10 or more days they will not be allowed to attend. If the tenth absence comes after the selection, they will forfeit their seat to another student.
- **Teacher Recommendation:** Must be recommended for the trip by school teaching staff. Students considered for the trip need to meet classroom expectations throughout the school year including submitting homework on time each day, fully engaging in instruction appropriately, and not interfering with classroom instruction.
- **Minimal Disciplinary Offenses:** One suspension and/or 3 or more office/disciplinary referrals, at any point in the school year, will automatically disqualify the student from participating in the DC trip.

ALL FEES PAID IN FULL: All payment accounts must be up to date with all UCC, and all school fees must be paid in full (athletics, lunch balances, daycare costs, resource fees, library fines, school fees, etc).

I have read the above contract and understand that failure to meet minimum academic, attendance, and behavior requirements may result in the loss of my child being considered for participation in graduation and/or the D.C. trip.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date