

TIPS FOR FRESHMEN PARENTS

- Let your student earn the privilege of leaving campus at lunch based upon successful completion of freshman year.
- Trust that you are not the most unreasonable and restrictive parent at UHS.
- Monitor computer use. Move the computer out of the bedroom and into the family room.
- Check for daily homework and for preparation for tests and quizzes. If there are no specific assignments, students can keep up with daily reading or work on long term assignments or projects. Strongly encourage the use of a daily planner.
- Know your student's close friends and obtain their home phone numbers.
- Encourage your student to get a homework/study buddy in each class in case they are absent or need to check homework.
- Check the UHS website for student activities, events, changes in bell schedules, etc. (universityhigh.org)
- Contact teachers, counselors or administrators with questions.
- Check the My IUSD Parent Portal regularly to monitor your student's grades and attendance.
- Encourage your student to become involved in an extracurricular activity that brings additional meaning to high school.
- Verify parent/adult presence and supervision at any party your student is invited to attend. Check that there will not be any alcohol or illegal substances.
- Reinforce family values so students know what is expected when they have to make a decision or choice.
- Attend and support your student's activities in which they are performing, competing or participating. Don't believe your students when they tell you not to attend their activities. They secretly want you there cheering them on.
- If grades fall, consider using a weekly progress report, located in the front office or counseling office.