

Short Version Promising Practice

Union Gap School District

Event: Family Nights

Target: 9th, 10th 11th grades

Purpose: To hold a family monthly meeting at a central location to accommodate parents and students. This event is meant to inform parents and students about post secondary opportunities and go over important material regarding college awareness and the essential steps necessary to obtain a High School Diploma.

Activity: Informative college awareness materials, such as, "Getting Ready for College and Careers" which covers 9th through 12th grades, Financial Aid booklets which have vital information on how to finance college and also instructional booklets for college bound students to help them prepare for college during their high school years. Parents and students also network and share ideas in a more realistic view among themselves and broaden the scope of the GEAR UP philosophy and program.

Results: Parents built a strong support group that encourages each other in following through with the needed requirements of a post secondary education, or any other school related endeavor. Increased their knowledge in the public school setting and post secondary opportunities.

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