

What is U-PRISE?

A Community for parents/guardians of students with special needs.

A Place to share resources, ideas, and information, discuss programs, and network with other parents.

A Partnership with parents, school administrators, teachers, service providers, and the community.

A Forum to ask questions, seek advice, share resources, and learn more about special education supports and services.



2017 District of Distinction Award Winner
- District Administration Magazine



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The district recognizes that a “free appropriate public education” (FAPE) is the right of every child, and diligently supports that goal.

The annual Notice of Special Education Services is available on our [website](#) and in our offices.



Unionville- Parent Resources and Information for Special Education

To serve as a voice for students with disabilities and their families in order to promote positive outcomes for UCFSd students.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings include guest speakers, bringing together subject matter experts with our community on important topics.

Past topics have included:

- ☐ Financial Planning for Children with Special Needs
- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Behavioral Supports
- ☐ Executive Functioning
- ☐ Social Skills
- ☐ Related Services
- ☐ Social Media Safety
- ☐ Gifted Supports and Services
- ☐ Anxiety and Mental Health
- ☐ Self-Advocacy

2019 - 2020 Meeting Dates

Meetings are from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the District Office Public Meeting Room (14)

- September 18, 2019
- November 20, 2019
- January 22, 2020
- March 18, 2020

Meeting minutes and presentation videos are available on the [U-PRISE website](#).

Free childcare provided by UHS National Honor Society students during all general meetings.

Advisory Committee

We currently have a small core team of UCFSD parents of special education students who serve on the advisory committee. Interested parents are welcome to join on May 1, 2020 from 9:30AM- 10:30AM in District Office.

This group works together to ensure the best possible educational experience for all children through increased parental support, education, and involvement.



If you are interested in being a member of the U-PRISE Advisory Committee to help plan meetings, manage resources, lead or participate in subcommittees, interface with speakers, etc. please contact Shannon Brown, Supervisor of Secondary Special Education, at srbrown@ucfsd.net or 610-347-0970, Ext. 3377.

Commitment

The District's ultimate goal for each student enrolled in any special education program is to provide an appropriate educational experience in the least restrictive environment with all the services and supports necessary to ensure the success of the student.



Special Education Services are provided by the district and through consortiums with other education agencies, including the Chester County Intermediate Unit ([CCIU](#)).

Unionville-Chadds Ford School District works cooperatively with many agencies that support and augment our educational efforts. Eligible students may access a wide range of services.