



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: Presentation of U FIRST Program

SUBMITTED BY Annette O. Perez **OF:** Student Relations/Discipline Management Director

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

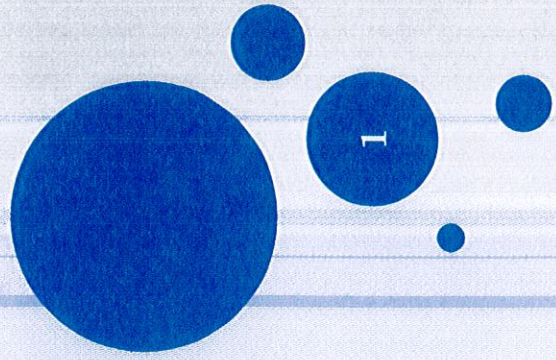
DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: February 15, 2012

See attached Presentation.

“U”

F.I.R.S.T.

UNITED FAMILIES INTERVENE &
REDIRECT STUDENTS TOGETHER



Student Relations/Discipline Management Department

RECRUITMENT

- Implementation Date: September 27, 2011
- Recommendations by School Administrators
- Tuesday & Friday afternoon- **S.T.E.P. Academy**

PARENT MEETING

- Tuesday and Friday afternoons @ STEP Academy
- Question/Answer session and a decision is reached on Acceptance/Denial into program
- Family support system

SCREENING

- **65** students screened
- **30** students Qualified
- Screening Criteria
 - Disciplinary History
 - Attendance Data
 - Seriousness of the offense/injury

TRANSITION

- After student attends one-third of DAEP Placement term
- Conducted at the student's school
 - U FIRST Representative
 - Principal/Asst. Principal
 - Parent & Student
 - LCDC/GIF, School Counselor, Attendance Officer
- Student's Additional Requirements & Responsibilities checklist is agreed upon
- Saturday Activity schedule is prepared

MONITORING

- U FIRST personnel will periodically visit U FIRST students and check for compliance
 - Sign-in sheets
 - Attendance-absences/tardies
 - Disciplinary concerns (i.e. dress code)
 - Grades
 - Administration/counselor feedback is also obtained
 - Reminder of Expectations
- Non-Compliant students are returned to STEP Academy

DRUG TESTING

- Random Weekly Drug Screen
- Three LMC locations
- After school
- 10 Panel Drug Screening includes: Amphetamines, Barbituates, Benzodiazepines, Cocaine, Opiates, Phencyclidine, Marijuana, Methadone, Methaqualone, & Propoxyphene.
- A positive drug screen results in Non-Compliance

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Saturdays @ South Texas Food Bank (8am-12pm)
- UISD personnel monitor students
- Parent/Guardian must accompany their son/daughter

R.O.P.E.S. CHALLENGE PROGRAM

- Outdoor Activities
 - Low elements
 - High elements
 - Instructor Certification: 3 (2 LCDCs and 1 GIF)
 - Facilitator Certification: 3 (1 LCDC and 2 GIFs)
 - June 4-14th – ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE Certification Training – 10 new participants

UNITING FAMILIES

- Wednesday evenings
- 1.5 hour session-total of 6 hours
- Four important topics:
 1. Gangs Prevention Intervention
 2. Drug Awareness/ Intervention
 3. Law Awareness and Enforcement
 4. Behavior Management Strategies

PARTICIPANTS:

19 students have entered the U FIRST program.

HIGH SCHOOL:

13 students

- **6 UHS**
- **2 AHS**
- **3 USHS**
- **2 LBJHS**

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

6 students

- **2 AGMS**
- **1 USMS**
- **2 SGMS**
- **1 LOMS**

PROGRAM OUTCOME

Of the **19** U FIRST students

- **2** students have successfully completed the program as of February 1, 2012.
- **9** students are currently in the U FIRST program.
- **4** of these 9 students are projected to complete all U FIRST Program requirements by February 7th

United I.S.D.
strongly believes
“U” F.I.R.S.T.
is a
win/win
situation for all
concerned.

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