



San Diego City Schools Parent Involvement Department is pleased to announce that it is offering *San Diego Parent University* classes for the second year in a row. *San Diego Parent University* is an innovative program designed to motivate parents to become involved in their child's education as academic coaches. The program is offered three times a year, and the main campus is located at the Harold J. Ballard Parent Center on the east campus of Gompers Secondary School, at 1005 47th Street, San Diego, CA 92102.

At Parent University, parents of children preschool-grade 12 who attend Title 1/State Comp. Ed. Schools are offered high quality classes aimed at boosting student achievement, strengthening parenting skills, and improving parent-child relationships.

Class Schedule

Classes begin on October 2 and are targeted to help parents provide school readiness skills, language and literacy development for young children before they begin kindergarten, and continue to support their learning throughout their school years so they can be successful. Parents of preschool and schoolage children also benefit from parenting classes designed specifically to support the social, emotional, and physical development of children. Parent classes also prepare parents to work with school staff to support their children's learning.

- Timelines for San Diego Parent University 2001-2002
 - Quarter 1: October 2 to December 6, 2001
 - Quarter 2: January 28 to March 22, 2001
 - Quarter 3: April 22 to June 7, 2002
 - End of Year Celebration: June 18, 2002

Parent University Locations

San Diego Parent University classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays are *academic* nights and Thursdays are *parenting skills* nights. Classes are taught by experienced and credentialed instructors. In addition, daytime classes will be offered at the Barrio Logan College Institute (BLCI), a community-based organization located in Logan Heights, southeast of downtown San Diego. Classes at BLCI will be held Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Extension classes will also be offered at selected district schools as the year progresses.

Incentives for Parent Participation

An incentive plan funded by community partners is built into San Diego Parent University to encourage parent participation. Books are given as prizes to parents to help families build home libraries.

The Children's Program for Academic Enrichment

Children deserve a childcare program filled with engaging and developmentally appropriate activities. *The Children's Program for Academic Enrichment* includes a variety of language arts activities designed to build literacy skills. The childcare staff runs the developmentally structured childcare program for children birth – 16 years while parents attend classes.

To check eligibility and receive class schedules and registration information, please visit our website: <http://www.sandi.net/parent/> or call the Parent Involvement Department at (619) 725-5606 or the Harold J. Ballard Center at (619) 527-9435.

