Our School and Community

Boulder Universal (BU) is located in Boulder, at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Northern Colorado. Boulder's dynamic community, of 107,125 residents, is committed to education, technology, the arts and recreation.

BU is BVSD’s only multi-district online school, offering virtual classes for K-12. Our curriculum is designed to challenge the potential of each student and includes a college preparatory curriculum, advanced level curriculum, as well as college level coursework.

Our special services include a four year advisory, special education programs, access to career and technical courses, and concurrent enrollment for juniors and seniors offered at Boulder Universal and in conjunction with the University of Colorado, Metropolitan State University and Front Range Community College.

Enrollment Summary

Boulder Valley School District (BVSD): 30,000
Boulder Universal 9-12: 134
BU Class of 2023: 43

Demographics

Am. Indian/Alaskan Native: 1%
Asian: 4%
Black: 2%
Hispanic/Latino: 14%
Native Hawaiian: 0%
Multi-racial: 7%
White: 72%

Economically Disadvantaged: 21%
New to BU this school year: 37%

Graduation Rate (previous 7 years)

96%

GPA Range: Class of 2022

Highest Weighted GPA: 4.5
Weighted GPA Mid-range: 3.09
Highest Unweighted GPA: 4.0

PSAT Scores (Apr 2022)
Mean Average 969

SAT Scores (Apr 2022)
Mean Average 1072
Graduation Requirements

In Boulder Valley School District a student must successfully complete a minimum of 220 credits in grades 9-12 with 100 of these credits earned in grades 11-12. Ten credits are equivalent to one full year of study in a specific subject. Completion of coursework in Money Management and Personal Finance is also required.

- Language Arts: 40 credits
- Social Studies: 30 credits
- Math: 30 credits
- Science: 20 credits
- World Language: 10 credits
- Physical Ed: 15 credits
- Health: 5 credits
- Fine Arts: 5 credits
- Practical Arts: 5 credits
- Electives: 75 credits

Course Offerings for the 2022/2023 School Year

* Courses provided by 3rd party vendors and monitored by BU staff
**College level courses taught by Boulder Universal faculty

** Grade - Weighted Courses

All AP classes and weighted classes receive one extra quality point in grade calculation. According to Boulder Valley School District policy, this weighted grade scale will be implemented and used externally for college admission and internally for determining high school grade point average and eligibility for school academic awards and honors. Additionally, college courses offered through concurrent enrollment may be weighted. All AP courses and many World Language courses are contracted through a 3rd party provider, FLVS or Fuel Ed.

GPA and Class Rank

BU offers both unweighted (max of 4.0 GPA value) and weighted (max of 5.0 GPA value) courses. All courses in grades 9-12 with a letter grade of A-F are used in computing the student’s GPA. The GPA that appears on the transcript is weighted (BVSD policy) and calculated based on the average of the grades from all unweighted and weighted courses. Class rank is not reported per BVSD policy.

Concurrent Enrollment options provided to students who need additional course that align with their individual career and academic plan through the college before graduation program. Partnerships include Front Range Community College, Metropolitan State College of Denver and the University of Colorado (Boulder).

Post-secondary Plans for Alumni

Colleges & Universities our alumni have been accepted:

- The Art Institute of Denver
- Belmont University
- Berklee College of Music
- California Institute of Technology
- Chapman University
- Colorado State University
- Colorado School of Mines
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Colorado, Denver
- Community College of Denver
- University of Connecticut
- University of Denver
- Front Range Community College
- Fort Lewis College
- Furman University
- Hobart University
- Indiana University
- Johnson and Wales University
- Marquette University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Mesa State University
- Mount Holyoke
- University of New Hampshire
- Parsons New School for Design
- National Circus School, Montreal
- Queen Mary University
- Red Rocks Community College
- Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design
- San Diego State University
- Salve Regina University
- Santa Barbara City College
- Savannah College of Arts and Design
- St Mary’s College of California
- University of Utah
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- Wesleyan University