

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF UNIVERSITY CITY

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A U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District



The School District of University City offers more than 100 years of educational excellence in a community rich in history, culture, diversity, opportunity and service. Pre K-12 students enrolled in the District experience a curriculum of core subject areas combined with arts, foreign language, athletics and a rich array of electives to encourage multi-dimensional and hands-on learning. The District maintains full accreditation.

Learning Reimagined

The District operates under the vision of Learning Reimagined, a plan to Humanize, Personalize and Problematize student learning through rigorous, modern and relevant experiences and academics. The plan strives for well-being and joy in students and staff, excellent staff, all hands in partnership with others, and strategic, equitable use of resources. Student voice is supported and a social justice mindset is encouraged.

Rigorous, Modern and Relevant Learning

The District strives to educate all students so they are college or career ready with lifelong skills and voice to creatively impact their communities and the world. Curriculum is based on rigorous academics paired with relevant hands-on learning experiences often supported by partners in business, healthcare, engineering, technology and the arts. Integrated technology is a part of every students' academic experience. Staff at all grade levels work collaboratively in tiered systems to fully coordinate curriculum and instruction. Each school offers a Talented and Gifted Development (TAGD) program. Early literacy is based in authentic texts and expression. Students are exposed to career tracks as early as middle school and supported by virtual learning. Starting in middle school, students have a variety of electives. High school students may take a rich array of AP classes on campus. Students often take dual credit and dual enrollment classes in partnership with local schools that include St. Louis Community College and University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Addressing Needs of ALL Students

The District utilizes multi-tiered systems of Support (MTSS), so all students get the support they need to succeed. Students have access to support services in all schools that include school nurses, counselors, social workers and well-being specialists. There is a focus on student well-being utilizing wellness and trauma-informed practices and community partners within each school. Academics are enhanced through math and reading teaching specialists and tutors. The Special School District of St. Louis County has teachers in each school building for students with disabilities. Early Childhood Special Education services are also available for preschoolers. Personalized support for English language learners is also provided.

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2,574

PreK-12 Students

12:1

Average K-12 student-to-teacher ratio

7

Walkable neighborhood schools

1:1

Technology device to student ratio for all students

100+

Years of educational excellence

\$13 million

In scholarships to the Class of 2023

Well-Being and Joy

Students learn better when they feel loved, safe, included and challenged. District teachers are expected to teach with the head and heart with the understanding positive relationships are the foundation of learning. Teachers and staff are trained to be trauma-informed and culturally responsive. All schools participate in restorative practices to build community and relationships and repair harm when a wrong has been done. The social-emotional climate in all district schools is measured twice a year through a Panorama survey system. Students and staff participate in mindfulness activities, restorative circles and numerous community service projects to build self-awareness, empathy and student voice. Students and families have access to increased wellness and social emotional supports due to COVID-19 challenges. Racial equity is a central component of policy, resources and educational decisions. The full approach is called SEEAL, which stands for Social, Emotional, Equitable and Academic Learning. In 2023, the District began a Caring Community program in all of its elementary schools.

Extracurricular Activities

Students have the opportunity to participate in academic and athletic extracurricular activities. The District offers the FIRST Robotics Program at all grade levels, which engages students in applying math, science, writing and teamwork skills. Other after-school activities include an elementary magic club, comic book club, equations math competition, language clubs, service organizations and more. Every year, high school students win numerous state awards for The U-Times student newspaper and DIAL yearbook. University City is home to many National Merit and National Achievement semifinalists or scholars and championship sports teams. Students have the opportunity to compete in academic and athletic activities at the regional, state and national level.

Facilities

The District has seven freestanding schools: an early childhood center, four elementary schools, a middle school and a high school. The District continues to improve its physical learning environments. Students and staff at Barbara C. Jordan and Pershing Elementary attend modern, LEED-Certified, school buildings. Flynn Park and Jackson Park elementary schools are updated from extensive renovations. The elementary schools are outfitted with flexible seating, reading nooks, makers spaces, learning gardens, outdoor classrooms, playgrounds and leveled book rooms. Brittany Woods Middle School students have a modern library and media center, a courtyard with chickens and a Giving Garden, an apiary and athletic fields. At historic University City High School, ground was broken for a new library and media center in Dec. 2014. A renovated visual arts space opened to students in the 2018-19 school year. In the summer of 2021, administrative offices moved to 7700 Olive Boulevard and Learning Lieberman Center students moved to a brightly renovated space inside University City High School.

Community Partners

Students throughout the District benefit from community partnerships with local universities, organizations and businesses, including Alive and Well Communities, Arts and Education Council, COCA, Fontbonne University, The Green Center, Kennedy Center, Litzinger Ecology Center, Lutheran Family Children's Services, NAF, St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis History Museum, St. Louis Science Center, St. Louis Zoo, U. City in Bloom, University City Education Foundation, University of Missouri STARS and BRIDGE programs, Washington University in St. Louis, Webster University, YMCA, YWCA and many more.

A Title I District

All schools in the District are designated as Title I. Each school receives federal funding to provide extra services to students, coaching and professional development for teachers and parent involvement activities.



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