

UNIVERSITY CITY

HIGH SCHOOL www.ucityschools.org/UCHS

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Welcome to University City High School, home to more than 700 students in grades ninth through twelve. UCHS is fully accredited through the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is a member of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Education Network of High Schools with Results program. The school graduated 150 students in May 2023.

School Mission

The UCHS staff works with all students to promote intelligent thinking, responsible choices and lifelong learning for productive citizenship.

School Vision: All students graduate college and career ready.

School Motto: BUILD

It is easier to build strong children than it is to repair broken men. - Frederick Douglas

Learning Reimagined

The District operates under the vision of Learning Reimagined, a plan to Humanize, Personalize and Problematize student learning through modern, rigorous and relevant experiences and academics. The plan strives for well-being and joy in our 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. UCHS students were active participants in the recent creation of a district Portrait of a Graduate that succinctly states the qualities and skills that all students should embody by their graduation. Students are college and career ready – The Class of 2023 earned more than \$13 million in scholarships.

Rigorous Curriculum

University City High School offers rigorous courses to challenge students:

Advanced Placement (AP): Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, Language and Composition, Literature and Composition, French, Latin, Spanish, Government, U.S. History, World History, Drawing and Computer Science Principles

Honors Courses: Literature and Composition I & II, Algebra II, Biology, Geometry and U.S. History

Project Lead the Way (engineering and biomedical science): Introduction to Engineering Design (IED), Principles of Engineering (POE), Engineering Design and Development (EDD), Principles of Biomedical Medical Science, Human Body Systems and Medical Interventions

World Language Courses: Four levels of coursework in Spanish, French and Latin. Languages are also offered at Brittany Woods Middle School

Dual Credit: Juniors/seniors may enroll in college courses to earn high school graduation and college credit simultaneously without having to leave the high school campus (extensive list available at www.ucityschools.org/DualCreditList)

Dual Enrollment: College-level courses offered for high school and/or college credit at local colleges and universities (fees may be required)

Early College Experience: Students earn an associates degree on the campus of St. Louis Community College - Forest Park while working on high school graduation credits beginning in junior year



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Rigorous Curriculum (continued)

Award Winning Journalism Program: Students annually receive high honors from School Publications-St. Louis and Scholastic Journalism at MIZZOU.

A Unique Restorative Practices Scholar Program: Students train in year-long restorative practices class to promote student-led system change, stronger community and successful conflict resolution.

JROTC: UCHS offers Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps courses for all four years.

CAPS: Center for Advanced Professional Studies at Medici Media Center, educating the workforce of tomorrow students with professional culture, real-world problems, industry-standard tools and mentors

NAF: Career academies in sciences and engineering

NFTE: Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, a student entrepreneurial curriculum

One-to-One Technology Initiative: All students have Chromebooks for educational and classroom purposes.

School Initiatives

Arts Residencies: Includes instructors from Center of Contemporary Arts and Returning Artists series.

Bridges: A summer acceleration program for students transitioning from eighth grade to high school.

Men of Valor and Determined Strong Women (DSW): Empowerment for youth programs.

Academic Improvement Program: A support program for student athletes. Students are assigned to the program based on their grades from the previous semester. All freshmen athletes attend at least once a week.

A+ Program: At least 25% of UCHS students enrolled in this Missouri program to qualify to apply for tuition assistance for 2- and 4-year colleges by fulfilling GPA, attendance, citizenship and volunteer tutoring requirements.

U-Serve: The community service component of UCHS offers multiple opportunities for students to become active volunteers and take leadership roles in community activities.

Uniquely U: A student-run high school store.

Fine and Performing Arts

The arts are strongly supported by local and visiting Master teachers who are professionals in their field through field trips, classroom visits and artist residencies. Curricular and extra curricular activities include Art Club, Drama Club, Fall Play and Spring Musical, Kinesis dance troupe, choir, concert choir, jazz band, marching band and orchestra.

Athletics

Baseball • Basketball • Cross Country • Field Hockey • Football • Golf • Soccer • Softball • Swimming • Tennis • Track • Volleyball • Water Polo • Wrestling • Poms • Cheerleading • Dance Team

Clubs and Organizations

Art • Board Games • culinary competition • DECA marketing and business club • DIAL yearbook • Family, Career and Community Leaders of America • Future Business Leaders of America • Gay, Straight Alliance • Girls Who Code • Kiwanis Key Club • Knitting • Latin • Man of Valor • Model UN • Musical National Honor Society • Personal Finance Club • RoboLions robotics team • Speech and Debate • Student Council Students on the GO! • Technology Student Association • TREND • U-SERVE community service volunteers • U-Times newspaper

College Guidance and Field Trips

UCHS offers annual college visits for all students at each grade level as well as targeted field trips funded in part by the support of alumni. Past visits have included Ranken Technical College, Southeast Missouri State, University of Missouri – Columbia, Washington University in St. Louis and Webster University. The school hosts both college and career fairs and is active with College Bound. Free ACT testing is also available for students.

Facilities

The Art Deco-styled school opened in 1930 as part of the University City Education District. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Extensive renovations, including science labs and the entry foyer, were completed in 2009. A 2013 bond issue funded renovations to the performing arts floor, gymnasiums, band and choir rooms. The Joylynn Pruitt Library Media Center opened in 2016 featuring a MakerSpace and PLTW classrooms. In 2021, the Lieberman Learning Center moved to a renovated corridor of classrooms in the high school.

All schools in The School District of University City 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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