

Academic Rigor

The primary goal of the gifted program in the high school is to provide gifted students with a challenging academic program, and learning experiences which allow them to develop his or her skills and interests. In the high school, students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning as they become life-long learners. The gifted program will help students clarify their post graduation goals, and help to design a program which will help each student reach these goals.

The student's academic program begins with selecting challenging courses from the many offerings within the high school. Honors level courses and AP courses are offered in most subject areas. Students may also elect to participate in independent study programs for enrichment. These programs may be uniquely designed by the student and a supervising teacher, or may be offered through university distance learning or web based programs. Additional programs including service learning opportunities, field trips, pullout programs, job shadowing, and alternative learning settings may be available to students.



Advanced Placement

The Advanced Placement courses listed below are offered during most years.

- AP Music History
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP English 11
- AP English 12
- AP US History
- AP Government and Politics
- AP Modern European History
- AP Computer Science (Java)

Enrichment Opportunities

The enrichment opportunities listed below may be developed for individual students

- Independent Study
- Service Learning
- Online web based courses
- Distance Learning
- Job shadowing
- Internship possibilities
- Gifted Seminar

Upper Merion Area High School Gifted and Talented Program



The goal of the high school's gifted program is to help identified students achieve success. Gifted support begins with the transition into 9th grade. Students begin to plan where they would like to be after high school, and how they can get there.

Gifted Support Teachers:

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For more information about programs, activities, and events, visit the high school gifted web site at:

<http://www.umasd.org/133420823175826577/site/default.asp>

Additional Resources

Administration:

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Carole Hoy, Asst Principal (A-F) 205-3803

Mike Fabrizio, Asst Principal(G-N)205-3804

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Guidance Counselors:

Trish Brower (A-D) 205-3840

Kim Jackson(E-K) 205-3841

Lauren Roth(L-Ra) 205-3870

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Erik Enters (College Counselor) 205-3839

School Nurse / UMAAT:

Iris Washington...205-3836

Activities Office:

205-3868

College Planning

- College visitations
- SAT Prep Classes
- Junior Conference
- Field trip and guest speaker opportunities
- School college resource library

The Virtual High School



If your child needs a class which is not available locally, or simply enjoys using technology and wants the challenge and flexibility of a high-quality online class, Virtual High School can help.

Virtual High School students have the opportunity to select from a full catalog of semester-length and full-year courses including core, elective, advanced placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses.

How will my child benefit from VHS?

Through VHS, your child will:

- Take one or more high school classes online, entirely over the internet
- Enjoy small class sizes and low student to teacher ratios
- Engage in unique collaboration opportunities
- Exchange ideas across cultural and geographic boundaries
- Take advantage of the flexibility of VHS courses which can take place anywhere, anytime
- Participate in courses that are highly desired, yet are not typically offered locally.

For more information about VHS course offerings, visit <http://www.govhs.org> and discuss the course offerings and application process with the gifted teachers or counselors.

