



**University Charter School
Back to School Night
2026-2027
4th-12th Grades**

Leaders. Innovators. Trailblazers.



Meet Your School Leaders



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4th-12th Grade
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UCS Support Personnel



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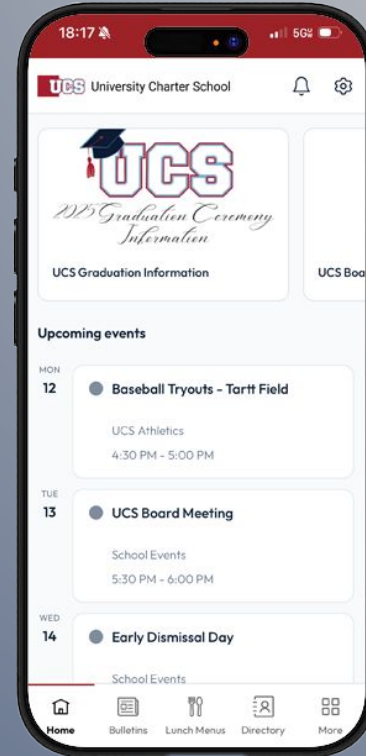
Our goals in 2026

- Provide an experience where every student feels valued
- Model excellence for our students, and push them to grow
- Create value in every instructional minute



Stay Informed

- Weekly Emails
- Social Media
- UCS App



UCS App

- Important Announcements
- Weekly Bulletins
- Menus
- Calendar
- Links to everything else



School Day Hours

Smith Campus

7:25 - Students may arrive on campus

7:25 - 7:50 Breakfast Served

7:35 Students travel to class

7:55 - 3:10 - School Day (M/T/Th/F)

7:55 - 1:10 - School Day (Wednesday)

3:10 PM Dismissal / 1:10 PM on Wednesday

**please refrain from
checking your child(ren)
out after 2:30 pm*

**please refrain from
checking your child(ren)
out after 12:30 pm*



Academic Updates

- **New faces in Middle School**
- **Additional resources for Math Instruction**
- **High School intentionality on Wednesdays**
- **Device policy for 4th - 8th grade**



Policy Reminders

- **Wireless Communication Devices**
- **Discipline Policy**
- **Dress Code Policy**



Wireless Communication Devices

- Includes:

- Cell phone
- Wireless earbuds
- Smart Watches
- Personal laptops / tablets
- Handheld gaming consoles



Wireless Communication Devices

- **Grades 4-6: Devices stowed in classrooms**
- **Grades 7-12: Students issued YONDR Pouch**
 - **Pouches paid for through My School Bucks**
 - **Students who do not wish to buy a pouch may not have their devices at school, at all.**



Bell2Bell No Cell

- Violation 1: Device confiscated, must be picked up by a parent/guardian from the front office
- Violation 2: Device confiscated and held by school for 24 hours
- Violation 3: Device confiscated, held, student assigned 5-days ISS
- Violation 4+: Device confiscated, held, student assigned 4-days OSS



Discipline - UCS Student Expectations

- **Respect Yourself**
- **Respect Others**
- **Respect Our Place**



Discipline Policy Reminder

- **VAPE (electronic nicotine delivery system)**
 - **Possession OR Use**
 - **First violation: 4 days OSS Automatic**
 - **Carries 2x penalty, same as alcohol**



Dress Code Reminders

- Uniforms are EXPECTED daily
- Updated uniform guide found on web and app
- Key Reminders
 - Hair must be natural colored
 - Boys are expected to wear a belt everyday
 - Shorts and Skirts should be modest
 - Appropriate footwear is expected



7-12 Grade Classroom Tardies

- Students will be held accountable for timeliness
- Students who arrive to class after the bell will incur disciplinary consequences
 - Parent - Administrator Conferences
 - Loss of extracurricular privileges
 - Work Detail during elective periods
 - Suspensions



We Need YOUR Help

- As families who chose UCS we ask you to help us create an atmosphere of excellence by:
 - Reinforcing Policies and Standards
 - Maintaining communication with us
 - Encouraging participation

We all play in part in our student's success!



Important Reminders

- **Dual Enrollment**
 - Students who wish to enroll in DE classes should see Mrs. Washburn TONIGHT for application paperwork



Important Reminders

- **Arrival**

- **Carline begins at 7:25 AM... not before.**
- **Follow staff instructions on where to drop off**
- **Please drive responsibly in our parking lot**



Important Reminders

- **Student Drivers**

- Students who wish to drive their personal vehicle and park on campus must complete a “Student Driver Application Form”
- Students whose applications are accepted will receive parking privileges and will be notified of next steps via UCS email addresses.
- Students need to park in allotted student parking, in front of the building.
- All student drivers, and their passengers must enter through the main lobby doors.



Important Reminders

- **Dismissal**
 - **Carline begins at 3:10 PM... not before.**
 - **Do not enter the lot early**
 - **Pickup Drivers MUST have dash tags**
 - **Please drive responsibly in our parking lot**



2026 Car Tags - Smith Campus



Important Reminders

Attendance is critical to learning

Absence Threshold	UCS Intervention
5 total (excused and unexcused) per year	Written Communication
10 total (excused and unexcused) per semester* or year	Attendance Conference and Subject to Loss of Credit
15 total (excused and unexcused) per year	Attendance Meeting & Subject to Retention and/or Loss of Credit
18 unexcused	Unenrollment/Withdrawal from School

*per-semester count only applies to students taking high school credit bearing courses.



Important Reminders

Attendance is critical to learning

- Submitting Excuses
 - Please send all excuses to attendance@universitycharterschool.org
 - Scanned documents or high-quality photos preferred.



Important Reminders

Check Out Particulars

- Students should not be checked out prior to 11:40 AM
- Students cannot be checked out after 2:40 PM on Regular Days or 12:40 PM on Wednesdays due to carline.
- Students may only be checked out by a listed, named adult guardian in PowerSchool
- Students checking out early should provide a valid excuse for attendance purposes.



Meals at UCS

- We are pleased to announce that we are able to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at NO COST again this year.
- Students will use their MySchoolBucks pin code to receive their meals (teachers will have these for students - returning students have the same pin #)
- No Cost meals are limited to (1) breakfast and (1) lunch per day, additional food may be purchased by funding your student's MySchoolBucks account.
- Menus are available on our website, weekly emails, and the UCS App



Student Fees

- All student fees are invoiced through the MySchoolBucks platform
- Fees can be paid via logging in through PowerSchool/MySchoolBucks
- 2026-2027 Fee list is available on our website



PowerSchool App

- The free PowerSchool App is the best way to keep up with your student's grades, attendance, and assignments.
- Download the app today and access your student's info using the PowerSchool login information you received tonight



Please visit each of these representatives tonight before you leave

PTA/Membership and Merch/Parent Connect Dates	YMCA After School Care
Athletic Boosters Merch	CMA Dance
Athletic Booster Membership	4H Cooperative Extension
Yearbook	Black Belt Regional Child Advocacy Center
MySchoolBucks	Gibson Therapy Services
Dual Enrollment	Rhodes and Rhodes Family Dentistry
Healthcare and Student Medication	



Families new to UCS, or families new to the Smith Campus (4th Grade), please stick around for a few more minutes.

Returning families, please visit our representatives and your classroom teachers.





Carline - SMITH Campus (Arrival)





Student Parking (2025-2026)

