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STUDENT SELECTION: Applicants are selected from a diverse population of eighth grade students in each of the twenty-one municipalities of Union County. Admission to UCVTS is competitive and is based on middle school grades and two admissions assessments – one in Mathematics and one in Language Arts Literacy. Applicants for the Academy for Performing Arts for Dance or Theatre Arts are also required to audition. For the Class of 2030, approximately 39% of applicants to UCVTS were offered admission.

ENROLLMENT: As of September 2026, UCVTS has a total enrollment of 1,803 full-time students.

School	Class of 2030	Class of 2029	Class of 2028	Class of 2027	Total
AAHS	82	79	75	75	311
AGL	47	46	44	n/a	137
AIT	81	80	77	78	316
APA	64	58	58	64	244
MHS	82	83	74	73	312
UC TECH	127	123	122	111	483

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION: The UCVTS day is divided into four 83-minute blocks of instructional time in an alternating A/B day schedule. Faculty aim to provide immersive experiences for students by designing instruction that incorporates cooperative and flexible grouping and engagement in performance tasks and projects.

All students in full-time academies have opportunities to participate in clubs, seek out extra help from instructors, and collaborate with their peers during co-curricular period between the first two and last two blocks of instruction daily. District curriculum incorporates intensive study within a career and technical education specialization as well as rigorous academic coursework across all subject areas.

COURSE DESIGNATION: Students are admitted to UCVTS through a competitive process and, therefore, all courses are designed and taught at the honors level. Courses designed to prepare students for the Advanced Placement examination are designated as "AP." Due to the number of core course requirements, even the most ambitious students may have limited access to AP courses.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The minimum coursework for UCVTS is as follows and exceeds the New Jersey state graduation requirements:

English – 4 years
Science – 4 years
Mathematics – 4 years
Social Studies – 3 years
World Language – 3 years
Career Education – 4 years
Visual, Performing, and/or Practical Arts – 1 year
Financial Literacy – ½ year
Health, Safety & Physical Education – 4 years
Technology Literacy – integrated throughout

TECHNOLOGY: The UCVTS one-to-one technology initiative allows students to collaborate on the cloud based Google Apps for Education platform and integrate technology throughout the learning environment. High performance computer labs, running the latest Apple, Microsoft, and Google technologies, give students access to industry standard equipment.

STUDENT SERVICES: UCVTS is dedicated to providing high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet, and exceed, the NJ Student Learning Standards. Appropriate services are provided to students with IEPs through consultation between the students' Case Managers and members of the IEP Team including parent input. These services are coordinated through the Special Services Department and are consistent with both State and Federal regulations.

2026-2027 COURSE OFFERINGS

English: World Literature, Early American Literature, Modern American Literature, Modern & Contemporary British Literature, AP English Literature and Composition, AP English Language and Composition, Writers of the African Diaspora, Dramatic Literature: Modern Drama

Mathematics*: Combined Algebra (covers both Algebra I and II topics), Geometry/Trigonometry, Mathematical Analysis, AP Calculus I/AB, AP Calculus II/BC, Multivariable Calculus & Linear Algebra, Mathematical Statistics & Data Sciences, Calculus, AP Statistics, Probability & Statistics, Business Intelligence & Analytics

Science: Scientific Inquiry and Analysis, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics: Mechanics, AP Physics: Electricity and Magnetism, Microbiology, Bioinformatics

Social Studies: World History, U.S. History I & II, AP European History, AP Government & Politics: U.S., AP U.S. History, Genocide Studies & The Holocaust, U.S. History through Crime, War & Conflict in Modern America

World Language*: Spanish I-IV, Spanish for Heritage & Native Speakers, AP Spanish Language & Culture, AP Spanish Literature & Culture, Linguistics

Interdisciplinary Studies: Financial Literacy, Dance Appreciation

Health and Physical Education: Fitness I-IV, Health I-IV; Students participate in one marking period each year of Project Adventure.

* *Initial placement is determined by UCVTS.*

GRADING POLICY

Grades may be interpreted as follows:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	65-69
F	64 or below

QUALITY POINT AVERAGE: Each marking period counts for 20% of the student's final course grade. Midterm and final examinations each count for 10% of the final course grade. The Quality Point Average (QPA) is unweighted and includes all subjects, with the exception of repeated coursework. QPA is calculated by multiplying the final course grade by the number of credits received for the course. The total credits and the total quality points are then divided to produce the QPA.

Class rank is not computed due to our competitive admissions process, small graduating class sizes, and the exceptional performance of our students.

HONORS

High Honor Roll: Awarded each marking period to students earning 90 or above in all subjects

Honor Roll: Awarded each marking period to students earning 80 or above in all subjects.

National Honor Society: Open to juniors and seniors who meet the society's standards for academics, character, leadership, and service. Students must have a QPA of 92 or above in order to be considered.

Spanish Honor Society: Open to juniors and seniors who meet the society's standards for academic excellence in Spanish. Students must have a QPA of 90 or above in Spanish and an overall QPA of 80 to be considered.

National Dance Honor Society: Open to APA junior dance students who have an average of 90 in Dance for freshmen and sophomore years combined. Students must meet the society's standards for attendance, work ethic, character, and professionalism.

International Thespian Society: Open to APA junior theatre students who have a final grade of 92 or above in Theatre for freshman and sophomore year combined. Students must meet the society's standards for attendance, work ethic, character, and professionalism.

National Vocational-Technical Honor Society: Open to UCTECH juniors and seniors who meet standards of leadership, service, and character. Students must meet attendance and academic requirements.

STUDENT ACTIVITES

Art Club
Chess Club
Class Council – 9, 10, 11, 12
Coding Club
Dance Club
Debate & Speech Club
Drama Club
Educators Rising
FFA Organization
Future Business Leaders of America
Gay/Straight Alliance
Health Occupation Students of America
Intramural Athletics
Math League
Multi-Cultural Club
Music Club
National Honor Society
Newspaper Club
Relay for Life
Robotics Club
Science Club
Skills USA
Spanish Club
Spanish Honor Society
Student Government
Technology Student Association
Yearbook Club

In addition to UCVTS student activities, all students are permitted to participate in athletic programs in their resident district.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Every student is encouraged to complete a total of 40 hours of community service while attending UCVTS. Twenty hours should be completed by the end of the sophomore year and the remainder before graduation. These hours should be fulfilled with at least two different community service activities.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Students graduating from the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools further their education beyond high school by attending four-year colleges and universities. Graduates have been accepted for admission to the institutions listed below, as well as a number of additional colleges and universities.

Adelphi University
Albany College of Pharm.
Albright College
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Arcadia University
Babson College
Barnard College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Bethany College
Boston College
Boston Conservatory
Boston University
Brandies University
Braunschweig U. of Art
Brigham Young U.
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California Inst of Tech
California Polytechnic
Canisius College
Carnegie Mellon U.
Case Western Reserve
Catholic University
Cedar Crest University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina U.
Colby College
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
The College of NJ
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Connecticut College
The Cooper Union
Cornell University
Culinary Inst. of America
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Delaware State University
DePaul University
DeSales University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Stroudsburg U.
Elizabethtown College
Elmira College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairleigh Dickinson U.
Fashion Institute of Tech.
Florida A & M University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall
Full Sail University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
George Washington U.
Georgia Institute of Tech.
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Hamilton College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Hobart William Smith
Hofstra University
Hood College
Howard University
Indiana University
Iona College
Ithaca College
James Madison University
John Jay College
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales U.
Kean University
Kenyon College
Keystone College
Lafayette College
La Salle University
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount U.
Loyola University
LIM College
Long Island University
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marshall University
Mass College of Pharm
Massachusetts Inst of Tech
McGill University
McDaniel College
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Morgan State University
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New Jersey Inst. of Tech.
New York Inst. of Tech.
New York University
North Carolina A & T
North Carolina State
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Oglethorpe University
The Ohio State University
Pace University
Parsons School of Design
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
Philadelphia University
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytech Inst.
Rice University
Richard Stockton College
Rider University
Rochester Inst. of Tech.
Rose-Hulman Inst. of Tech
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Salve Regina University
San Francisco State Univ.
Santa Clara University
Savannah Coll Art& Design
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
Simmons College
Skidmore College
Smith College
Stanford University
St. John's University
St. Joseph's University
Stevens Institute of Tech.
State Univ. of New York
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tennessee Tech
Texas A&M University
Towson University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Tuskegee University
Union College
U.S. Military Academy
U.S. Naval Academy
University of Arizona
University of California
The University of Chicago
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Hartford
University of Hawai'i
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
Univ. of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
Univ. of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
Univ. of North Carolina
University of Notre Dame
Univ. of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
Univ. of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of the Sciences
University of Scranton
Univ. of South Carolina
Univ. Southern California
University of Texas
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Valparaiso University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth
Virginia State University
Virginia Polytechnic Inst.
Wagner College
Washington University
Wellesley College
Wentworth Inst. of Tech.
Wesleyan University
Western New England
Wheaton College
Widener University
Wilkes University
William Paterson U.
Williams College
Worcester Polytech. Inst.
Yale University