

# UPPER DARBY HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

Upper Darby High School has a long history of educational excellence. The school year consists of two semesters with the majority of our courses being a semester long and worth one credit. Students may take up to 28 courses during their high school career. UDHS utilizes a house system where counselors work with students for four years of their high school academic career.



### Community Profile

Upper Darby Township, a residential suburb of 82,000 people, lies immediately west of the City of Philadelphia. Its residents reflect a great diversity of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. There are over 60 birth countries and 70 home languages represented by the students of Upper Darby School District. It is one of the largest township school districts in the United States with over 12,000 students and 960 professional staff distributed among its kindergarten center, nine elementary schools, three middle schools, and one high school.

Type of School \_\_\_\_\_ Public  
 Grades \_\_\_\_\_ 9-12  
 Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_ 4,152  
 Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_ 987  
 Block Period \_\_\_\_\_ 81 minutes  
 Blocks Per Day \_\_\_\_\_ 4

### Administration

**Superintendent** Dr. Daniel McGarry  
**Principal** Dr. Craig Parkinson  
**Assistant Principal** Mr. Jason Kushak  
**Assistant Principal** Mr. Terrance Williams  
**Assistant Principal** Ms. Kathleen Flanagan  
**Assistant Principal** Mr. Josh Peterkin  
**Assistant Principal** Mr. Joseph Niagara  
**Assistant Principal** Dr. Alexandria Anderson-Johnson  
**Assistant Principal** Ms. Stephanie Sitek  
**Assistant Principal** Mr. Lonnie Diggs  
**Assistant Principal** Ms. Danielle Brino  
**Athletic Director** Mr. Russell Benditt

### Class of 2027 School Counselors

**Ms. Brianna Morton (A-F)**  
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**Ms. Katie Guidone (G-N)**  
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**Ms. Andrea Downie (O-Z)**  
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### GPA and Class Rank

Grade Point Average is calculated using a 100 point scale. AP courses carry an additional five quality points and honors courses carry an additional 2.5 quality points of weight when calculating GPA. Upper Darby High School uses decile rank to indicate a student's rank in the class.

### Grading System

|    |           |    |          |            |                             |
|----|-----------|----|----------|------------|-----------------------------|
| A+ | 97 to 100 | C+ | 77 to 79 | WP         | Withdrawal Pass (no credit) |
| A  | 94 to 96  | C  | 74 to 76 | WF         | Withdrawal Fail             |
| A- | 90 to 93  | C- | 70 to 73 | O (Letter) | Outstanding                 |
| B+ | 87 to 89  | D+ | 67 to 69 | P          | Pass                        |
| B  | 83 to 86  | D  | 64 to 66 | F          | Fail                        |
| B- | 80 to 82  | D- | 60 to 63 | AU         | Audit                       |
|    |           | F  | < 60     | M          | Medical                     |

### Graduation Requirements

21 total credits required

- Four course minimum in English
- Three course minimum in math, social studies, and science
- One course minimum in PE/Health
- Two course minimum in arts and humanities
- Four course minimum in electives
- One course in PA Future Focus: Finance & Careers

### Course Levels

|             |                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| AP          | Most intense academic rigor |
| Honors      | Advanced academic rigor     |
| Accelerated | High academic rigor         |
| Academic    | Standard academic rigor     |





## Class of 2026 SAT Mean Scores

**ERW: 524    Math: 493**

**Composite: 1016**

*In 2026, 312 students participated in 481 AP examinations in 20 subjects. 73% of scores were "3" or higher. AP is an open enrollment program at UDHS. AP courses are full-year and carry 1.5 credits.*

## Awards & Exemplary Programs



- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship Recipient
- 2022 National Merit Scholarship Finalist
- 2024 National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists
- Amazon Future Engineer
- Presidential AI Challenge National Winner
- American Math Competition AIME Qualifier
- World Affairs Council Global Economic Forum, Outstanding Student Delegate
- Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) Scholar
- 1st place and Best of Category at Delaware County Science Fair in Computer Science and Special Award from the PA Society of Professional Engineers
- Research Science Institute (RSI) Scholar
- National Young Astronomer Award, Delaware Valley Young Astronomer Award
- 2024 International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) Finalist
- 1st place and Best of Category at Delaware County Science Fair in Earth and Space Sciences and Special Award from the Delaware County Institute of Science
- Science National Honor Society Scholarship
- Exceptional Programs in music, drama and the fine arts
- On-campus Pre-school Practicum and immersive Professional Field Experience program
- Dual Enrollment/Structured Pathways Program with Delaware County Community College
- Neon Partnership
- Delaware County Technical School (DCTS)
- Boeing Partnership - Engineering exposure via on-site projects at the Boeing Company
- Microsoft Certification Program in our Business Department

## AP & Honors Courses Offered

### ENGLISH

Honors English 9/Research & Wrtg  
Honors African-American Literature  
Honors American Literature  
Honors American Studies  
Honors British Literature  
AP English Language & Composition  
AP English Literature & Composition

### MATHEMATICS

Honors Algebra 2  
Honors Geometry  
Honors Pre-calculus  
Honors Calculus AB  
Honors Calculus BC  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Computer Science Principles

### BUSINESS

Honors Personal Finance & Investing

### ART

AP Studio Art  
AP Art History

### SCIENCE

Honors Anatomy & Physiology  
Honors Biology  
Honors Chemistry  
Honors Physics  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Physics C: Mechanics  
AP Physics C: E & M

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Honors American Studies  
AP European History  
AP Psychology  
AP US Government & Politics  
AP US History  
AP World History  
AP African-American Studies

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

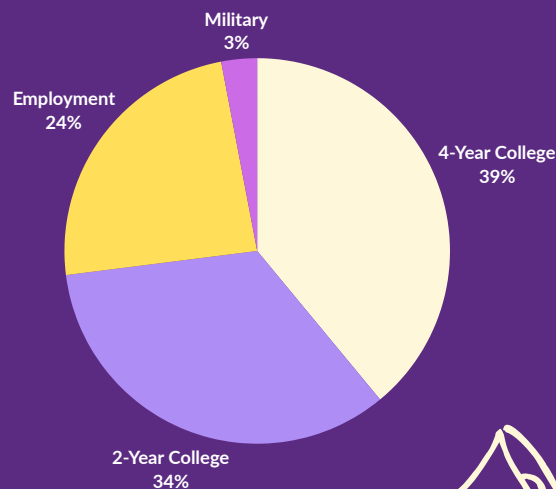
Honors French 2  
Honors Spanish 2  
Honors French 3  
Honors Spanish 3  
Honors French 4  
Honors Spanish 4  
AP French 5  
AP Spanish 5

### MUSIC

AP Music Theory

## Post-Secondary Plans

Class of 2026



## College Acceptance Highlights

Arcadia University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Cheyney University  
Clark Atlanta University  
Cornell University  
Delaware Valley University  
Dickinson College  
Eastern University  
Hampton University  
Harvard University  
Immaculata University

Kutztown University  
LaSalle University  
Lehigh University  
Lincoln University  
Louisiana State University  
Morgan State University  
Penn State University  
Penn State Brandywine  
Princeton University  
Rowan University  
Rutgers University

Shippensburg University  
St. Joseph's University  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
Ursinus College  
Villanova University  
Virginia State University  
Wilkes University  
Williamson College of the Trades  
Yale University  
York College of Pennsylvania

### Most Attended

Drexel University  
Neumann University  
Temple University  
Thomas Jefferson University  
West Chester University  
Widener University