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## **Middle and High School Students can Earn School Credit Through Online Learning Program “Launch”**

**University City, MO** – The online learning program currently offering select courses for high school students in the School District of University City, is now offering classes for middle school students. The program is called Launch and has courses that are personalized to fit their individual interests.

Launch began in Springfield, Missouri, and the School District of University City was the first in the St. Louis area to offer the program to its students more than a year ago. Currently, there are nearly 80 students enrolled in the program district-wide.

Enrolled students can take classes from home, or find time in their schedules to take a course in the high school library. UCHS has offered online options before, but Launch allows students to take online learning to an entirely different level. Launch is a virtual academy that provides quality learning options that are approved by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHAA). All Launch courses are taught by certified Missouri teachers.

“Launch is a great breakthrough in the modern learning process,” said Dr. Robert Dillon, Executive director of Technology and Innovative Learning. “It gives students a chance to have a voice in their education by allowing them to design a course schedule that is targeted to their personal goals.”

The Launch catalog includes more than 60-course options (up to 90 this summer) that extend the traditional high school offerings in basic, AP and specialized courses. This enables high school students to personalize their education experiences. In addition to classes currently offered at UCHS, students have the option of adding courses such as Astronomy, AP Computer Science, ACT Prep, Japanese I and II, Personal Finance, Web Design, Digital Communications and more.

Launch also supports the different learning needs of students by expanding access to additional course offerings, providing credit recovery for those who need extra help, and making credit acquisition available for transfer students entering school mid-semester.

Classes through Launch are available at no cost to students, or for residents in the University City area. For more information, contact UCHS Launch Coordinator, Dr. Robert Dillon at [rdillon@ucityschools.org](mailto:rdillon@ucityschools.org) or call (314) 290-4097.

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*On February 21, 1911, with a City population of only 2,417, The School District of University City was officially established. Classes began in September 1912 with a total school population of 769. Today, you will find outstanding educational programs serving a student population of approximately 2,800 with a preschool, four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. In May 2018, University City High School held its 101<sup>st</sup> formal Commencement Ceremony.*

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