

UNIVERSITY CITY

HIGH SCHOOL www.ucityschools.org/UCHS

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Welcome to University City High School, serving 752 ninth through twelfth grade students in The School District of University City. UCHS is fully accredited through the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is a member of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Education Network of High Schools with Results program. The school graduated 170 students in May 2019.

SCHOOL MISSION

The UCHS staff works with all students to promote intelligent thinking, responsible choices, and lifelong learning for productive citizenship. School Vision: All students graduate college and career ready.

LEARNING REIMAGINED

The District operates under the vision of Learning Reimagined, a plan to Humanize, Personalize and Problematize student learning through modern, rigorous and relevant experiences and academics. The plan strives for well-being and joy in our students and staff, excellent staff, all hands in partnership with others, and strategic, equitable use of resources. Student voice is supported and a social justice mindset is encouraged.

RIGOROUS CURRICULUM

University City High School offers rigorous courses to challenge students:

- **Advanced Placement (AP):** Courses include Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Physics, Language and Composition, Literature and Composition, Latin, Spanish, U.S. History, Government, World History, Studio Art, Computer Science.
- **Honors Courses:** Literature and Composition, Algebra, Algebra II, Geometry, Chemistry, World History and U.S. History.
- **Project Lead the Way (engineering and biomedical science):** Courses include Introduction to Engineering Design (IED), Principles of Engineering (POE), Engineering Design and Development (EDD), Principles of Biomedical Science, Human Body Systems and Medical Interventions.
- **Foreign Language Courses:** Four year coursework in Spanish, French and Latin. Languages are also offered at Brittany Woods Middle School.
- **Articulated Credit with STLCC:** Computer Applications, Accounting, Child Development, Culinary Arts, and Engineering.
- **Dual Credit:** Juniors/seniors may enroll in college courses to earn high school graduation and college credit simultaneously without having to leave the high school campus.
- **Dual Enrollment:** Courses offered college-level courses for high school and/or college credit through UMSL, Harris Stowe and St. Louis Community Colleges (STLCC) include Forensics, Latin, Anatomy and Physiology, College Prep Algebra, College English, Engineering Design and Development, Smart Start (college prep), Student Leadership.
- **Early College Experience:** Students earn an associates degree on the campus of a local community college while working on high school graduation credits beginning junior year.

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- **Award Winning Journalism Program:** Students annually receive high honors including School Publications-St. Louis and Scholastic Journalism at MIZZOU.
- **WashUCity Design Project:** Graphic design collaboration with Washington University in St. Louis
- **JROTC:** UCHS offers Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps courses for all four years.
- **CAPS:** Center for Advanced Professional Studies at Medici Media Center, educating the workforce of tomorrow students with professional culture, real-world problems, industry-standard tools and mentors.
- **NAF:** National Academy Foundation Academies in sciences and engineering.
- **NFTE:** Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, a student entrepreneurial curriculum.
- **EMT Academy:** Emergency Medical Technician certification at the University City Fire Department
- **One-to-One Technology Initiative:** All students have Chromebooks for educational, classroom purposes.

SCHOOL INITIATIVES

- **Arts Residencies** - includes instructors from Center of Contemporary Arts and Returning Artists series.
- **Bridges** – a summer acceleration program for students transitioning from eighth grade to high school.
- **Men of Valor** and **Determined Strong Women**
- **Real Talk** – a youth development program aimed at preventing gang participation.
- **Academic Improvement Program** – a support program for student athletes. Students are assigned to the program based on their grades from the previous semester. All freshmen athletes attend at least once a week.
- **A+ Program** – at least 25% of UCHS students enrolled in Missouri program to qualify to apply for tuition assistance for 2- and 4-year colleges by fulfilling GPA, attendance, citizenship and volunteer tutoring requirements.
- **U-Serve** – the community service component of UCHS offers multiple opportunities for students to become active volunteers and take leadership roles in community activities.
- **Uniquely U** – a student-run high school store.

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

The arts are strongly supported by local and visiting Master teachers who are professionals in their field through field trips, classroom visits and artist residencies. Curricular and extra curricular activities include Art Club, Drama Club, Fall Play and Spring Musical, Kinesis dance troupe along with choir, concert choir, jazz band, marching band and orchestra.

ATHLETICS

Baseball • Basketball • Cross Country • Field Hockey • Football • Golf • Soccer • Softball • Swimming • Tennis • Track • Volleyball • Water Polo • Wrestling • plus Poms, Cheerleading

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Art • Board Games • Culinary Competition • DECA marketing and business club • DIAL yearbook • Family, Career and Community Leaders of America • Future Business Leaders of America • Gay, Straight Alliance • Girls Who Code • Key Club • Knitting • Latin • Man of Valor • Model UN • Musical • National Honor Society • RoboLions robotics team • Speech and Debate • Student Council • Students on the GO! • Technology Student Association • TREND • U-SERVE community service volunteers • U-Times newspaper and more

COLLEGE GUIDANCE AND FIELD TRIPS

UCHS offers annual college visits for all students at each grade level as well as targeted field trips funded in part by the support of alumni. Each year, UCHS seniors visit Southeast Missouri State, juniors visit the University of Missouri – Columbia, sophomores visit Washington University in St. Louis and freshmen visit Webster University. The school hosts both college and career fairs and is active with ACT Prep and College Bound.

HISTORY

The Art Deco-styled school opened in 1930 as part of the University City Education District and the building is listed on the National Register as of 1985 and included in the University City Education Complex Historic District as of 1987. Extensive renovations including science labs and the entry foyer were completed with 2009 Proposition U bond issue funds. The 2013 bond issue funded renovations to the performing arts floor, gymnasiums, band and choir rooms. The Joylynn Pruitt Library Media Center opened in 2016 featuring a MakerSpace and PLTW classrooms.

All schools in The School District of University City are designated as Title I. Each school receives federal funding to provide extra services to students, coaching and professional development for teachers and parent involvement activities.