Welcome to University City High School, serving 718 9th- through 12th-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 150 students in May 2021.

School Mission
The UCHS staff works with all students to promote intelligent thinking, responsible choices and lifelong learning for productive citizenship. School theme: U.C. Build. 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. UCHS students were active participants in the recent creation of a district Portrait of a Graduate that succinctly states the qualities and skills that all students should embody by their graduation.

Rigorous Curriculum
University City High School offers rigorous courses to challenge students:


Project Lead the Way (engineering and biomedical science): 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 years of 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: College-level courses offered 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) and Student Leadership.

Early College Experience: Students earn an associates degree on the campus of St. Louis Community College - Forest Park while working on high school graduation credits beginning in junior year.
Rigorous Curriculum (continued)
Award Winning Journalism Program: Students annually receive high honors from School Publications-St. Louis and Scholastic Journalism at MIZZOU.

A Unique Restorative Practices Scholar Program: Students train in year-long restorative practices class to promote student-led system change, stronger community and successful conflict resolution.

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.


NFTE: Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, a student entrepreneurial curriculum.

EMT Academy: Emergency Medical Technician certification through the University City Fire Department.

One-to-One Technology Initiative: All students have Chromebooks for educational and 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: Empowerment for youth programs.

Home Grown: A Washington University in St. Louis youth development program aimed at promoting Black male empowerment and success.

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 this 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, 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 • 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 • Kiwanis 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

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. The school offers college counseling in partnership with Washington University advisors. Free ACT testing is also available for students.

Facilities
The Art Deco-styled school opened in 1930 as part of the University City Education District. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Extensive renovations, including science labs and the entry foyer, were completed with 2009 Proposition U bond issue funds. A 2013 bond issue funded renovations to the performing arts floor, gymnasiums, band and choir rooms. The Joynll Pruitt Library Media Center opened in 2016 featuring a MakerSpace and PLTW classrooms. In 2021, the Lieberman Learning Center moved to a renovated corridor of classrooms in the high school.

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.

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