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2025-26 SCHOOL PROFILE

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ACCREDITATION

Six year Accrediting Commission
for Schools Western Association of
Schools and Colleges (WASC)

**2022 California Pivotal
Practice Award**

**2021 National Blue Ribbon
School**

**2021 California Distinguished
Schools Awardee**

**2020 California Gold Medal
School**

The School

University High School is a charter high school designed to provide a classical education in a small school environment (500 students), and because we are located on the campus of California State University, Fresno, our students also have access to the resources of a major university. Music is a required cornerstone of our program and the student's core requirements include a number of courses taught by the university. We are a high school of choice; students must apply and be able to provide evidence of two years of musical experience. Due to the size of our application pool, student admittance is typically determined by lottery. Approximately 96% of students who applied were admitted this school year. These students come to UHS from over 41 different zip codes and represent three different counties; many of our students commute 45 minutes to an hour each way and there is no school-supported transportation system.

Student Commitment

University High School students significantly out-perform all other area high schools on state-mandated, standardized tests, university going rates and university graduation rates (NCAA data) and the curricular program we require of all students has no comparison for its rigor. In 2025 we were named the **7th best California High School**, the **16th best Charter High School in the Nation** and the **63rd best Public High School in the Nation** (US News). US News also ranked us **#1 High School in the Fresno area**. Our expectations for student performance are high at UHS, and while our students perform well, grade inflation is not part of our culture. We draw students who are ambitious and seeking to challenge themselves, and who hope to receive the most rigorous preparation for the college environment.

Advanced Placement & College Courses

Advanced Placement courses are ONLY offered in 11th and 12th grade, unless students arrive at our school having completed advanced math in middle school. Students are required to take 3 AP Courses (AP Language, AP Literature and AP Gov or AP Econ) and 7 Fresno State courses. Students will earn a minimum of 23 college units through Fresno State and have the option to take up to three additional Fresno State courses during their senior year. These additional courses are not mandatory.

Honors Courses

Honors English 9	Honors English 10	Honors Advanced Math
Honors Physics	Honors Chemistry	Honors U.S. History
	Honors Latin II	

Advanced Placement

Calculus AB	Macroeconomics	U.S. Government & Politics
Calculus BC	Microeconomics	U.S. History
English Language & Composition	Music Theory	
English Literature & Composition	Statistics	

College Courses

Biology 10 Life Science	Ethnic Studies **	History 21 World History II
Biology 12 Animal Science	History 20 World History I	Modern Language*

* Modern Language: two consecutive semesters of the same language.

** Ethnic Studies course options: ASAM, AFRAM, AMIND, CLS, MCJ

2025 - 2026 Graduation Requirements

The following is a summary of the required curriculum for all our students, which exceeds most university entrance requirements.

English	4 years	Foreign Language	3 years	Performing Groups	4 years
Mathematics	4 years	Social Studies	3 years	Physical Education	4 years
Science	3 years	Musicianship	4 years	Ethnic Studies	1/2 year

Mission Statement: UHS's culture will be caring, supportive of learning, promote understanding and encourage students to foster personal development. Students will feel confident to express themselves as they mature into young adults. UHS will address the academic, personal, and social development of the students while providing a solid academic foundation for a college career, with the goal that all graduates are prepared to enter the adult world where they will be ready to pursue any goal to which they aspire. In short, UHS will continually work to create for its student's nothing less than the best high school experience possible.

Class Rank & Grading

UHS does not use class rank to distinguish students. The highest GPA for this graduating class of 118 students is 4.5787. We use a 4-point, weighted, GPA scale. Only Honors courses (except for Honors US History), AP courses, and Fresno State college courses listed on our transcript receive grade augmentation. Over half of the graduating class has a cumulative GPA of 4.00 and above. We do not allow students to add other college courses they may take outside of our program to their transcripts.

Letter Grade	Value	Regular	AP/DE/H
A	90 and above	4.0	5.0
B	80 and above	3.0	4.0
C	70 and above	2.0	3.0
D	60 and above	1.0	1.0
F	50 and above	0.0	0.0

College Matriculation

Class of 2025: 116

99% attending college

84% four-year college / 15% two-year

16% attending college out-of-state

2025 Test Results*

SAT

EBRW - Mean	656
Math - Mean	636
Mean Total Score	1292

ACT

	Mean
ELA	25.5
English	30.8
Math	28.4
Reading	31
Writing	7.5
Science	27.7
STEM	28.3
Composite	29.5

Advanced Placement (AP)*

May 2025 Testing Period

11th & 12th Grade Students enrolled in AP classes	100%
Exams administered	566
Exams with score of "3" or higher	79%

AP Awards for Class of 2026

AP Scholar	15
AP Scholar with Honor	7
AP Scholar with Distinction	4
AP with WE	105

Student Ethnic Backgrounds: 1% American Indian, 9.3% Chinese, 1% Japanese, 1.4% Korean, 2.6% Vietnamese, 11.7% Asian Indian, .2% Laotian, 6.7% other Asian, 6.9% Filipino, 29.8% Hispanic, 4.7% African American, and 25.8% Caucasian. 17% of our student body will be the first in their family to attend college.

Class of 2026

Students: 117

Total Students in School (9 - 12): 500

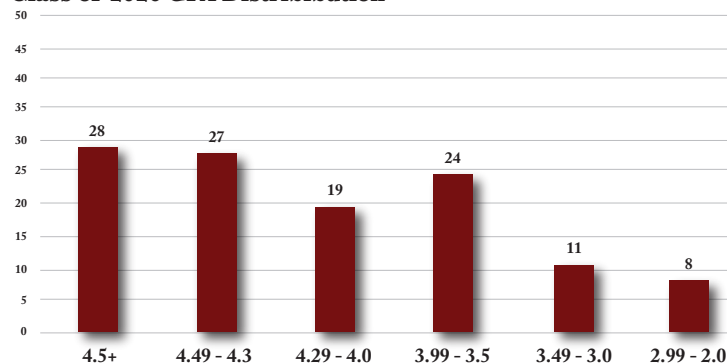
PSAT / NMSQT

Class of 2026

Semi-Finalists: 1

Commended: 11

Class of 2026 GPA Distribution



GPA based on 9 - 11 grade, weighted

48 Book Program & Electives

Over the course of four years, students are given a book every month that they are held responsible for reading and understanding; students will analyze, discuss, make connections, and respond to these texts. The texts included in the program offer literary merit and/or historical-cultural context and come from a diverse variety of genres, forms, authors, and time periods.

UHS runs two intersessions, one after each semester. A choice of electives, based on student and staff interests, is offered at this time. The elective session is generally two weeks long; students select two electives and attend each class for 2.5 hours every day, for a total of 5 hours a day. A selection of past electives includes Adobe CC, Creative Writing, Culinary Arts, Chess Variance, Desmos Art, Recreation Nation, Puzzles and Mind Games, Military History and Film, Sailing, Ski and Snowboard, travel to Costa Rica and Belize, Sound Engineering, Criminal Profiling, Robotics, Video Production, as well as Drama Production (students rehearse, create sets, make costumes, and produce an entire show themselves, in less than two weeks).

Extracurricular, Code of Character & Community Service

Students at UHS take on average 8-10 classes per semester and many students attend school from 8am to 5pm each day, leaving little time for studying and extra-curricular activities. Due to the intensity of our program, many of our most competitive clubs (Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad, Speech and Debate, Mock Trial, Math Team) meet in the evening, after school and on weekends. Participation in these activities requires extreme dedication and passion from involved students.

Our continued success and integration with the college campus requires a more mature behavior from our students, and as such we expect a higher standard of behavior from all students. Every year students are required to sign a Code of Character and we have a Character Education Program and Teacher/Student Committee that oversees and promotes positive student behavior on campus.

UHS has a community service graduation requirement. Our students are required to do **80 hours** of community service by the time they graduate.