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2023-24 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

2022 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 (483 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 60% of students who applied were admitted this school year. These students come to UHS from over 42 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 2023 we were named the 7th best California high school, the 16th best charter high school in the Nation and the 79th best public high school in the Nation (US News). Niche.com ranked our school 2nd best charter high school in California, 27th best public high school in California and 6th Best Teaching Staff of 1,795 California schools. 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 22 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 Latin II
Honors Physics	Honors Chemistry	Honors U.S. History

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 .

2023 - 2024 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 110 students is 4.5324. We use a 4-point, weighted, GPA scale. Only Honors courses, 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 2023: 113

99% attending college
86% four-year college / 13% two-year
10% attending college out-of-state

2022-2023 Test Results*

SAT

EBRW - Mean	654
Math - Mean	645
Mean Total Score	1299

ACT

	Mean
ELA	27.3
English	20.1
Math	28.1
Reading	29.3
Writing	8.3
Science	27.8
STEM	28.2
Composite	28.9

Advanced Placement (AP)*

May 2023 Testing Period

Students enrolled in AP classes	220
Exams administered	561
Exams with score of "3" or higher	370

AP Awards

AP Scholar	16
AP Scholar with Honor	12
AP Scholar with Distinction	0
National Scholar	0

* Sources: SAT Class of 2020 Scores by Institution, College Board K-12 Educators Score Reporting Portal; 2020 ACT College Readiness Letter; 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program; 2020 Advanced Placement Program, The College Board.

Class of 2024

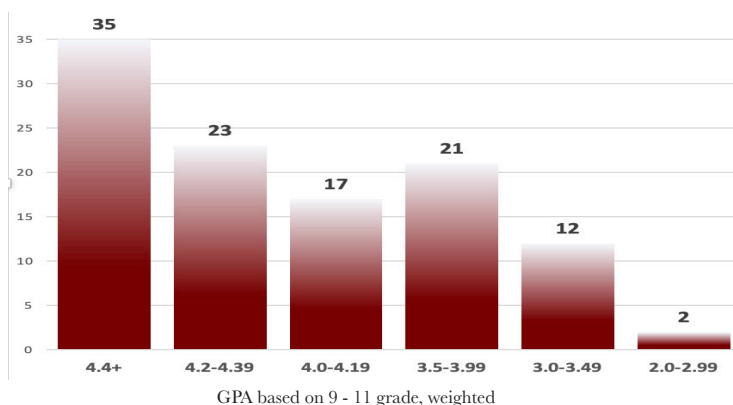
Students: 110

Total Students in School (9 - 12): 484

PSAT / NMSQT

Class of 2024 Semi-Finalists: 0 Commended: 8

Class of 2024 GPA Distribution



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 must also participate in Socratic seminars about these books in their English class. This reading requirement is in addition to the 10 books that students read as part of the English curriculum. Students are gifted these books, many of which are written at the college level, so that they may build a personal library. 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 three hours every day, for a total of 6 hours a day. A selection of past electives includes Culinary Arts, Anatomy and Health Careers, History of Fresno County, Chess Variance, Sailing, Ski and Snowboard, travel to Costa Rica and Belize, PG&E Alternative & Renewable Energy, Sound Engineering, Criminal Profiling, Robotics, Video Production, as well as Dramatic Production (students rehearse, create sets, make costumes, and produce an entire show themselves, in less than two weeks).

Extracurricular & Code of Character

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.

Student Ethnic Backgrounds: 1% American Indian, 9.5% Chinese, 1% Japanese, .08% Korean, 2.5% Vietnamese, 9.6% Asian Indian, .4% Laotian, 6% other Asian, 8.1% Filipino, 30% Hispanic, 4.6% African American, and 26.5% Caucasian. 17% of our student body will be the first in their family to attend college.

College Matriculations 2009 - 2022

UHS students were accepted to, and **are attending**, the following colleges and universities:

Academy of Art University
 University of Alabama at Birmingham
 University of Alaska Fairbanks
 Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
AMDA College of Performing Arts
American University
 Arizona State University
 The University of Arizona
 The Art Institute of Seattle
 Azusa Pacific University
 Baldwin Wallace University
 Bard College
Barnard College
Baylor University
 Benedictine College
 Berkeley City College
 Berklee College of Music
 Bethel College-KS
Biola University
 Boise State University
 Boston University
 Bowie State University
 Brigham Young University, Provo
 Brigham Young University, Idaho
 University of British Columbia
Brown University
 Bryn Mawr College
 Cabrillo College
 Cal Maritime
 California Baptist University
 California College of the Arts (San Francisco)
California Institute of Technology
 California Lutheran University
California State Polytechnic University - Pomona
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
 California State University, Bakersfield
 California State University, Channel Islands
 California State University, Chico
 California State University, Dominguez Hills
 California State University, East Bay
California State University, Fresno
 California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Sacramento
 California State University, San Bernardino
 California State University, San Marcos
 California State University, Stanislaus
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
 The Catholic University of America
 Chapman University
 Charleston Southern University
 University of Chicago
 University of Cincinnati
 The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina
 City College of San Francisco
Claremont McKenna College
Clovis Community College
 Cogswell College
 Colby College
 Colgate University
 University of Colorado at Boulder
 Colorado Christian University
 Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State University
 Columbia University
 Concordia University - Irvine
 Concordia University - Portland
 University of Connecticut
 Corban University
Cornell University
 Covenant College
 Cuesta College
University of Dallas
 University of Dayton
 University of Denver
 DePaul University
 Dominican University of California
 Drake University
 Drew University
 Drexel University

Duke University
Earlham College
 Eastern Mennonite University
 Eastern Washington University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott
Emerson College
Emory University
 University of Evansville
 Foothill College
Fordham University
 Franciscan University of Steubenville
Fresno City College
Fresno Pacific University
 Full Sail University
 Fullerton College
 Gardner-Webb University
 George Fox University
 The George Washington University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gordon College
 Goshen College
Grand Canyon University
 Grove City College
 Hampton University
 University of Hartford
Harvard College
Harvey Mudd College
 Haverford College
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 Hillsdale College
 Hofstra University
 Holy Names
 Hood College
 Hope College
 Hope International University
 Howard University
Hult International School of Business London
 Humboldt State University
 University of Illinois at Chicago
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Illinois Wesleyan University
 Indiana State University
 Indiana University at Bloomington
 Irvine Valley College
 Ithaca College
 Jefferson (Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University)
Johns Hopkins University
 Johnson & Wales University (Denver)
 Johnson C. Smith University
 Kalamazoo College
 Kansas State University
 Kent State University
 The King's College
 La Sierra University
 University of La Verne
 Lake Forest College
 Lee University
 Le Moyne College
 Lewis & Clark College
 Liberty University
 Linfield College
 Lipscomb University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Marist College
 University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland, College Park
 Marymount Manhattan College
Marymount University
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Massachusetts, Lowell
 McGill University
University of Memphis
 University of Miami
 Michigan State University
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
 Mills College
 Minnesota State University, Moorhead
 University of Minnesota, Morris
University of Missouri, Kansas City
Molloy University
 The University of Montana, Missoula
 Monterey Peninsula College
 Moravian College
 Mount Holyoke College
 Mount Saint Mary's University (Doherty)
 Nazareth College
 Nebraska Wesleyan University
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 University of Nevada, Reno
 University of New Hampshire at Durham

University of New Mexico
 New York Institute of Technology
New York University
 North Dakota State University
 North Greenville University
 Northeastern University
 Northern Arizona University
 Northland College
 Norwich University
University of Notre Dame
 Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
 Oberlin Conservatory of Music
Occidental College
 Ohio Northern University
 Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
 Pace University, New York City
 Pacific Lutheran University
 Pacific Union College
 Pacific University
University of the Pacific
 Patrick Henry College
 Paul Mitchell Beauty School
 Pennsylvania State University
University of Pennsylvania
 Pensacola Christian College
Pepperdine University
 Pitzer College
 Point Loma Nazarene University
 Point Park University
 Pomona College
 Portland State University
 University of Portland
 Princeton University
 University of Puget Sound
 Purdue University
 Queens University of Charlotte
 College of the Redwoods
 Reed College
Reedley College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Rice University
 University of Richmond
 Rider University
 University of Rochester
 Rutgers University - Camden
 Sacramento City College
 Saint Anselm College
 Saint Mary's College
Saint Mary's College of California
 Salem College
San Diego State University
University of San Diego
 San Francisco Conservatory of Music
San Francisco State University
University of San Francisco
San Jose State University
 Santa Barbara City College
 Santa Clara University
 Santa Fe University of Art and Design
Scripps College
 Seattle Pacific University
 Seattle University
 College of the Sequoias
 Simon Fraser University
 Skidmore College
Snow College
 Sonoma State University
University of Southern California
 Southern Methodist University
 Southern Oregon University
 Southern Utah University
 Southwestern University
 St. Bonaventure University
 St. Edward's University
 St. John's University
 St. Olaf College
Stanford University
 Stony Brook University
 Syracuse University
 Tabor College
 The University of Tampa
 Temple University
 University of Tennessee Koxville
Texas A&M University
 Texas Christian University
 Texas Tech University
 The University of Texas, Arlington
 The University of Texas, Austin
The University of Texas, Dallas
 The University of Texas, San Antonio
 The Master's University
The New School
 The Ohio State University

University of Toledo
University of Toronto
 Towson University
Tufts University
 Tulane University
 Union College (New York)
 United States Air Force Academy
 United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Naval Academy
 University of Oregon
 Utah State University
 Utah Valley University
 University of Utah
 Valparaiso University
 Ventura College
 University of Vermont
 University of Victoria
 University of Virginia
 Villanova University
 Virginia Military Institute
 Wake Technical Community College
 Warner Pacific College
 Washington and Lee University
 Washington State University
 Washington University in St. Louis
 University of Washington
Wellesley College
 West Hills Community College
 West Virginia University
 Western Michigan University
 Western Washington University
Westminster University UT
 Westmont College
 Wheaton College IL
 Whitman College
 Whittier College
 Whitworth University
William Jessup University
Williamette University
 Williams College
 Yale University