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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 90% 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 options: ASAM, AFRAM, AMIND, CLS

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

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.

Class of 2024

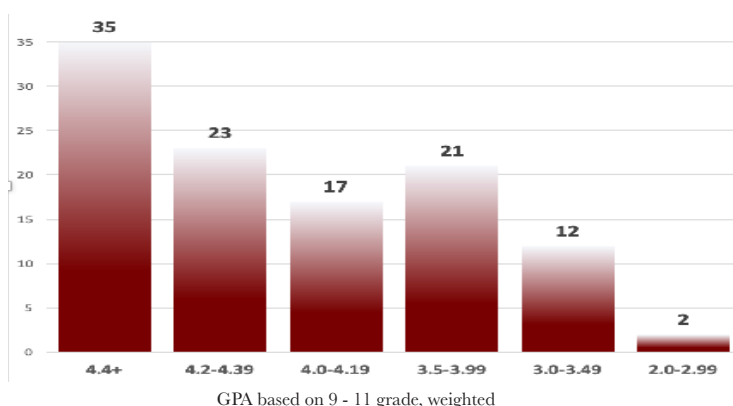
Students: 110

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 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.

College Matriculations 2009 - 2023

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
AMD 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 Knoxville
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