



University Preparatory High School

School Profile 2019-2020

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University Preparatory High School (UPHS) is a free, public high school chartered by the Tulare County Board of Education in the fall of 2009 and received WASC accreditation in 2010. UPHS graduated its first class of 12 seniors in 2011-2012. The mission of University Preparatory High School is to create a high performance "Early College" high school on the campus of the College of the Sequoias where students focus on academics, community service and leadership.

UPHS is located in Visalia, California, a diverse community located in the Southern San Joaquin Valley, near the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The community itself is a rapidly expanding rural city as well as the county seat. UPHS serves students residing in cities of Tulare County, as well as, cities of adjacent counties (grades nine to twelve). This school was designed to meet the diverse needs of students committed to leadership, college-readiness, and community service.

Ethnicities:

White: 39%
Black, African American: >1%
Asian: 4%
American Indian: 2%
Hispanic, Latino: 44%
Filipino: 4%
Pacific Islander: 0%
Multiple: 7%

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School Enrollment-

9th grade-67 students
10th grade-55 students
11th grade-55 students
12th grade-57 students

Calendar and Curriculum

UPHS's calendar is divided into two semesters, following a block schedule for the Monday through Thursday courses. Each Friday, UPHS students participate in enrichment, support and lab classes. The grading system is alphabetical, with a D- as a passing grade. Students complete college classes concurrently with their high school courses. Beginning with the class of 2018, UPHS students must complete 230 credits including courses listed below, and complete a minimum of 20 college units through College of the Sequoias:

4 years, English
3 years, Mathematics
3 years, History/Social Science
2 years, Science
2 years, Physical Education
2 years, Foreign Language, or
1 year, Visual/Performing Art
0.5 year, Health
55 elective credits
20 Units from College of the Sequoias

Curriculum

UPHS offers a highly rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum, including UC-approved A-G classes. UPHS is an “Early College” high school in which students are given the opportunity to co-enroll in college courses at the College of the Sequoias for all four years of their high school experience. This gives them ample experience and success in college prior to high school graduation, and allows them to earn a significant number of college credits while they are still in high school. Each year we have several students that graduate with earning their A.A. degree from College of the Sequoias along with earning their high school diploma.

UPHS mathematics curriculum includes the following sequence; Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2 completed at the high school. Once students reach Algebra 2 they sit for the placement test at College of the Sequoias and sequence into college mathematics. Students may take Statistics and/or Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus and Calculus I. Each year we have several students who accelerate and complete coursework above Calculus I through College of the Sequoias.

UPHS students complete all foreign language through College of the Sequoias. Courses include American Sign Language, Spanish and Portuguese.

The following boxes highlight frequently completed coursework at College of the Sequoias to meet high school A-G requirements:

History

GEOG 2 = World History
HIST 17 or 18 = US History
POLS 5 = Civics
ECON 40 = Economics

English

ENGL 1 = English 11 or 12
ENGL 2 = English 12
ENGL 4 = English 12

Science

BIOL 20 = Biology
CHEM 20 = Chemistry

SAT Scores for graduating class of 2018

All UPHS students sit for the PSAT exam during their sophomore year. The graduating class of 2019 included 49 students, and 25 students from this group took the SAT test with an average composite score of 1144.

College Enrollment of UPHS Alumni:

California State Universities: San Diego, Sacramento, Stanislaus, Monterey Bay, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Fresno, Chico, Bakersfield, Long Beach, Cal Poly Pomona, Sonoma, San Jose

University of California: Berkley, Riverside, Davis, San Diego, Santa Cruz, Merced

Arizona State University

Azusa Pacific University

Cal Lutheran

Fresno Pacific University

Linfield College

Oregon State University

University of Nevada, Reno

University of the Pacific

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