



8th Grade Parent Coffee

Transition to High School
Frequently Asked Questions



Today's Topics

- 9th Grade Scheduling
- World Language
- Visual Performing Arts
- PE/Athletics
- Summer School
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Freshman Schedule

- 1.) English 1 (opportunity to earn honors distinction)
- 2.) World History (opportunity to earn honors distinction)
- 3.) Biology or Honors Biology (based on prerequisites and teacher recommendation)
- 4.) Math (based on prerequisites and teacher recommendation)
- 5.) Physical Education (PE, Dance, Marching Band, Color Guard, Athletics)
- 6.) Elective (World Language, Visual/Performing Art, CTE)
- 7.) Optional open elective

Open Electives

- Six classes is considered a full course load
- Students are not required to take seven classes
- If a student wants to take a 7th class, it must be from the list of approved optional open electives:
 - UHS Choir: intro level, learn the basic foundations in singing and music theory
 - UNlson Choir: performing ensemble, studies music written & arranged for tenor & bass voices
 - Musical Theater Wheel: dance, vocal technique, acting, and storytelling/culture
 - Drama 1: introduction to acting
 - Technical Theater: introduction to stagecraft
 - String Orchestra
 - Concert Band
 - Marching Band
 - Beginning Journalism: introduction to journalism & the greater field of mass communications
 - Guitar Studio
 - Dance Tech 1
 - Art Studio: drawing using a variety of media
 - Art of Fashion: teaches basic concepts and fashion fundamentals
 - Printmaking & Sculpture: printing on a variety of surfaces such as paper, fabric, plaster, etc.

World Language

- Students must take two years or levels of the same world language to meet the requirements to apply to a 4 year university
- If a student is in Spanish 1 in 8th grade and moves to Spanish 2 in 9th grade and completes the course successfully, they will have met the two year requirement for 4 year university
- If a student takes a world language outside of IUSD it will not count towards graduation requirement credit or be listed on the transcript
- Please visit the IUSD World Language website to view a list of schools that offer world language credit for private instruction:
 - <https://iusd.org/about/departments/education-services/academics/world-languages>

Visual/Performing Arts

- Students must complete one year of a visual or performing art to be eligible to apply to a 4 year university
- Students can complete their VPA in grade 9, 10, 11 or 12
- Students can choose from a variety of visual or performing arts
- Please see UHS course of study for more information:
 - <https://universityhigh.iusd.org/academics/course-study>

Physical Education

- All 9th grade students must be enrolled in a full year of physical education
 - PE
 - Dance
 - Color Guard
 - Athletics
- If a student is enrolled in marching band, they must also be enrolled in a PE course as marching band is only for quarter 1
- A student is eligible for a maximum of 20 credits of PE via private instruction, on a pass/fail basis if they are a nationally ranked athlete in an individual sport. For more information see here:
 - <https://iusd.org/about/departments/education-services/academics/physical-education>

Athletics

- Summer camps will be offered at UHS
- The only non-cut sport we offer is Football
- Students must try out for all other sports
- Students will be placed in PE and then once the student is added to the sports roster and the roster is given to the counseling department from the athletics department, the student will be removed from PE and added to the sport
- Sports are offered during period 7/8 only
- Students/parents must complete athletic clearance in order to play a sport:
 - <https://universityhigh.iusd.org/athletics>

IUSD Summer School

- June 13 - July 26 (no school June 19, July 4 & 5)
- Learning Recovery in person at Irvine High School
 - Courses open to incoming 9th grade students:
 - Math 1A/B (remediation only & teacher rec) D or F in Enhanced Math I (Grade 8)
 - Math Foundations (remediation only & teacher rec) D or F in Math 8
 - English 9 Foundations (remediation only & teacher rec) D or F in any trimester of 8th grade English
- High School Learning Enrichment Courses:
 - No options available for incoming 9th grade students
- Registration online: April 9 - April 19 @ 8pm

9th Grade Registration

- Freshman registration/orientation: Wednesday, August 14th 2024
 - Assigned by impact groups
 - Campus tour
 - Receive ID card
 - Course request list
 - Books
 - Locker
- Students will be able to view class schedule on the evening of Monday, August 19th on my.iusd.org
- First day of school: Tuesday, August 20th 2024

UHS Bell Schedule

Monday		
Period	Start	End
1	8:30 AM	9:15 AM
2	9:20 AM	10:05 AM
Break	10:05 AM	10:15 AM
3	10:20 AM	11:05 AM
4	11:10 AM	11:55 AM
Lunch	11:55 AM	12:30 PM
5	12:35 PM	1:20 PM
6	1:25 PM	2:10 PM
Break	2:10 PM	2:15 PM
7	2:20 PM	3:05 PM
8	3:10 PM	3:55 PM

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday		
Period	Start	End
1/2	8:30 AM	9:50 AM
Office Hours	9:55 AM	10:35 AM
Break	10:35 AM	10:45 AM
3/4	10:50 AM	12:10 PM
Lunch	12:10 PM	12:45 PM
5/6	12:50 PM	2:10 PM
7/8	2:15 PM	3:35 PM

Friday		
Period	Start	End
2	8:30 AM	9:50 AM
Homeroom	9:55 AM	10:10 AM
Office Hours	10:10 AM	10:35 AM
Break	10:35 AM	10:45 AM
4	10:50 AM	12:10 PM
Lunch	12:10 PM	12:45 PM
6	12:50 PM	2:10 PM
8	2:15 PM	3:35 PM

Classes can be scheduled anytime between period 1 and period 8. The school day runs from 8:30-3:55 Monday and 8:30-3:35 Tuesday–Friday. Please schedule extracurriculars outside of school hours.