

A large group of students and staff members, all wearing blue t-shirts, are posed in a gymnasium for a group photo. They are arranged in many rows, with some sitting on the floor in the front and others standing behind. In the background, several banners are visible, including one that says 'SENIORS', another that says 'WE ARE... TROJAN ARMY STRONG!', and others with 'SENIOR' and 'SOPH' visible. The overall scene is a school assembly or event.

**Welcome to 8th Grade
Family Night
Class of 2029!**

Welcome to University High School's 8th Grade Family Night!

*Please scan the QR
code to connect
with the UHS PTSA*



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MS. DEAN
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Meet the Counselor s



MRS. CHUNG
Lor - Pie



MRS. STRAUSHEIM
Pil - Tha



MRS. ADAMS
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Role of the School

School counselors are credentialed educators with a master's degree at minimum who improve student outcomes.

Counselor



Academic

Help all students apply academic achievement strategies



Social/Emotional

Help all students apply academic achievement strategies



College & Career

Help all students plan for postsecondary options (higher education, military, workforce, etc.)

School counselors lead, advocate and collaborate to promote equity and access for all students. School counselors deliver developmentally appropriate activities and services directly to students or indirectly for students as a result of the school counselor's interaction with others.

When can students see their high school counselor?

- Walk in times: Before school, snack, lunch
- Office Hours: students sign up on 5 Star
- By Appointment: Open periods and after school via Calendly
- Students/parents can also email school counselors directly to request an appointment



Monica Moran
Counseling Secretary

*The most efficient way to contact your school counselor is through email.

Meet the Administrative Team



MR. GEORGINO
Principal



MR. PATE (Asst. Principal)
A - H



MRS. SMOCK (Asst. Principal)
I - P



MR. KOUGH (Asst. Principal)
Q - Z



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Areas of Focus

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SAFETY

facilities, security,
emergency plans,
drills, social &
emotional support...



COMMUNITY

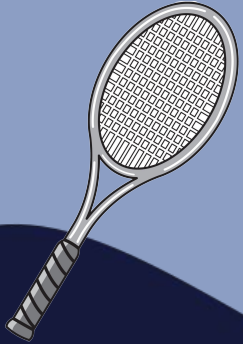
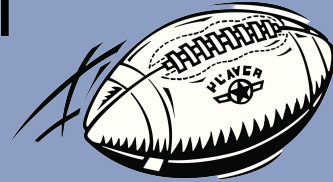
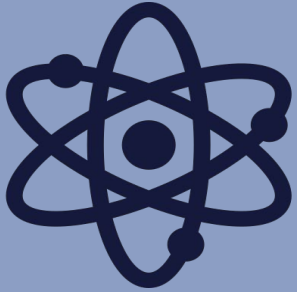
opportunities to
engage, inclusive
programs, school
spirit, voice, value...



ACHIEVEMENT

academic success,
rigor, risk taking,
aligned and
exceptional
curriculum,
instruction and
assessment

There are many definitions of success...



Let them find theirs!

Enrollment Timeline

MARCH 19



8th Grade
Family Night

MARCH 21



View Course
Recommendations
in Aeries

APRIL 17 –
APRIL 24



9th Grade
Course
Selection:
Google form
must be
completed by
April 24

AUGUST 14



Freshman
Registration

AUGUST 18



View Class
Schedule in
Aeries

AUGUST 19



First Day of
High School!

+ Types of Courses Offered in High School+



HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES

PE, Health, Athletics, Study Skills



COLLEGE PREP COURSES

Academic core classes and electives



HONORS AND AP

- Honors: more rigorous than CP
- AP: college level curriculum



CTE

Academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed and develop skills used in students' future careers

Course sequencing can be found in the Course of Study on the University High School website. Students can move to more advanced or lower levels of coursework based on performance and choice.

9th Grade Schedule



1. English 1 *(with opportunity to earn Honors distinction)*

2. World History *(with opportunity to earn Honors distinction)*

3. Next Gen Biology or H Next Gen Bio *(based on teacher recommendation)*

4. Math *(Math is sequential and based on teacher recommendation)*

5. Physical Education *PE, Dance, Athletics, Color Guard, Marching Band*

6. Elective *World Language, Visual/Performing Art, CTE*

7. Optional Open Elective

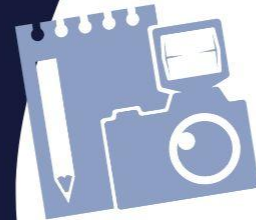
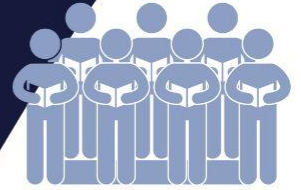


Optional Open Elective

Students may enroll in a 7th course if one of their courses includes an open elective.

For 9th grade students, open electives include:

- UHS Choir
- UNison Choir
- Musical Theater Wheel
- Drama 1
- Technical Theater
- String Orchestra
- Concert Band
- Marching Band
- Beginning Journalism
- Guitar Studio
- Dance 1
- Art Studio
- Art of Fashion
- Printmaking
- Songwriting
- Improvisation
- AVID
- Beginning Ceramics (for students with prior experience or who plan to take the full Ceramics pathway. Please contact TiffanyHuff@iusd.org for more information.)



+Support for Student Success +



**Teachers are your #1
academic resource!**



Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday (9:55-10:35 am)

Friday (10:10-10:35 am)

Students sign up through 5Star for any
one of their classes



Impact

Peer support for the
transition to high school

+ Supports and Interventions

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College and Career Center



Peer Tutoring



**Grade Level Parent
Information Meetings**



Paper.co



In-Bell Supports

Math Foundations, Math II
Solid, English 1 supported,
Study Skills, Assigned Office
Hours, AVID



WellSpace

Online Resources



[Universityhigh.iusd.org](https://universityhigh.iusd.org)



Student portal at [My.iusd.org](https://my.iusd.org)

- Current grades, missing assignments, attendance and more



Instagram: [@unicounselors](https://www.instagram.com/unicounselors)



Canvas

- Students' classes with access to class notes, assignments, syllabus, etc.



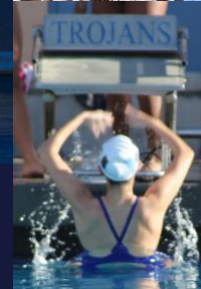
[Universityhigh.iusd.org/counseling](https://universityhigh.iusd.org/counseling)



Transition to High School

- Establish expectations for your student and set goals
 - Have your student explore new areas of interest
 - Balance is key - don't overschedule
 - Organization and time management

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Get Involved

Theatre

- Comedy Sportz
- Fall Play/Spring Musical

Elective Choices

Band, Orchestra, Language, CTE, Choir, Drama, Visual Arts, Journalism

Clubs

Full list on UHS website

Academic Teams

Academic Decathlon, MUN, FBLA, Science Olympiad, etc.

Marching Band/Color Guard

Zero Period

ASB

Class Council

Community Service

- College and Career website for resources
- Service clubs

Athletics

- Sports teams
- Trojan Army

**Community service is NOT required for graduation.*

Mental Health Support Team

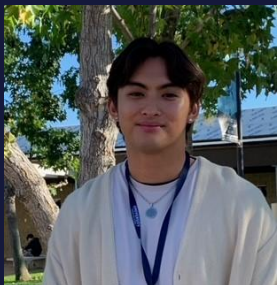
The following support is available on campus for all students



School Counselors

See alpha breakdown

Provide mental health and wellness, academic, and college and career support for all students



Project Success Support Specialist

Matthew Castillo

Provides small group support to build resiliency skills



Mental Health Specialist

Dr. Tohidian

Collaborate with school counselors to provide additional mental health support, crisis response services, and resource linkages to students and families (Care Solace/Hazel Health)

Personal and Social Resources



Care Solace & Hazel Health

- Care Solace: concierge service to connect families with mental health support outside of school
- Hazel Health: Free short-term virtual therapy for IUSD students (approx. 8-10 sessions)
- School Counselors or MHS can refer students

The Well Space

- Room 218
- Open to students before school, snack, lunch and for short periods of decompression time during class

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988

- Available 24 hours
- Free and confidential support for people in distress
- Prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones

Say Something

Anonymous Reporting System

- Available 24 hours
- Submit secure and anonymous safety concerns
- Help identify and intervene upon at-risk individuals before they hurt themselves or others

IPSF Summer Enrichment



**Note: IUSD Summer
School is not
available for
incoming 9th graders**

Session A: June 16 - July 3
Session B: July 8 - July 25
Location: Northwood High School

Sample of High School Classes:

- ACT Prep
- PSAT Prep
- SAT Prep
- Jump Start Math I
- Jump Start Math II
- Jump Start Math III
- Personal Finance
- Creative Writing
- Culinary Arts
- Digital Design with Canva
- Public Speaking, Debate, and Communication
- English Immersion
- Art Workshop & many more!

**Please note: classes are subject to change. For a full list
of classes, please visit the ipsf.net website**

**Online Registration
Opens April 8th
<https://ipsf.net/>**

**These are fee-based courses for enrichment only and will not earn high school credit.*

IVC/IUSD SUMMER PROGRAM

For Incoming 9th Graders

Will not count for high school credit or be on high school transcript, but count for college credit on IVC transcript



Bio 1

The Life Sciences &
Lab



Psyc 1

Introduction to
Psychology



CIM 117

Social Media
Marketing



MGT 1

Introduction to
Business



AJ 2

Intro to
Administration of
Justice



CIM 110

Information
Technology
Essentials



MUS 28

History of Rock Music

For enrollment, visit:
<https://www.ivc.edu/admissions/k12/iusd>

Middle School principal will sign off on forms

For dual enrollment questions,
please contact Kevin O'Connell
at kevinocconnell@iusd.org



Questions?

Please attend the 8th Grade Parent Coffee

Thursday, April 17 @ 8:00 AM at
Rancho San Joaquin Middle School

ALL incoming UHS parents are welcome to attend!