

Welcome to 8th Grade Family Night

Class of 2030!



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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MR. SCHOCH
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MS. DEAN
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MRS. RAMIREZ
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MRS. STRAUSHEIM
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MRS. CHUNG
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Meet the Counselors

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

Support students mental health and well-being.



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.

HOW CAN I ACCESS MY SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

WALK-IN BASIS

Before school from 8-8:30 am,
during snack, or lunch

BY APPOINTMENT

Open periods (1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th)
After School (7th and 8th period)

Appointments can be made here:
<https://linktr.ee/unicounseling>

EMAIL YOUR COUNSELOR

This is the easiest way to
contact your counselor to ask
questions

OFFICE HOURS

Students must sign up in
5 Star



Ms. Moran

Counseling Secretary

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

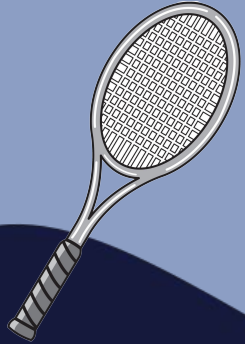
opportunities to
engage, inclusive
programs, school
spirit, voice, value...



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 18



8th Grade
Family Night

MARCH 20



View Course
Recommendations
in Aeries

APRIL 16 –
APRIL 23



9th Grade
Course
Selection:
Google form
must be
completed by
April 23

AUGUST 12



Freshman
Registration

AUGUST 17



View Class
Schedule in
Aeries

AUGUST 18



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 or H World History *(open enrollment, C or higher recommended)*

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

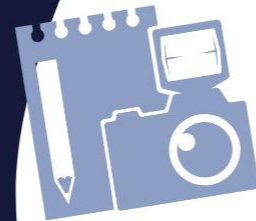


Optional Open Elective

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
- Beginning Journalism
- Guitar Studio
- 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

+



College and Career Center



Peer Tutoring



**Grade Level Parent
Information Meetings**



Paper.co



In-Bell Supports

Math Foundations, Lit Skills,
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



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

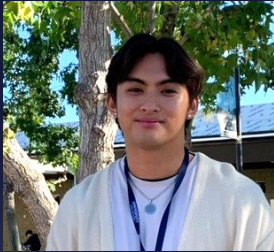
The following support is available on campus for all students



School Counselors

See alpha breakdown

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



Project Success Support Specialist

Mr. Matthew Castillo

Provides small group support to build resiliency skills



Mental Health Specialist

Ms. Ashley Yoo

Collaborates with school counselors to provide additional mental health support, crisis response services, and community referrals 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



Online Registration
Opens March 19th at 9am
<https://ipsf.net/>

Sample of High School Classes:



Academic Prep

ACT Prep
PSAT Prep
SAT Prep



Math Jump Start

Math I, II, III



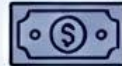
Arts & Creativity

Creative Writing
Culinary Arts
Digital Design
Art Workshop
English Immersion



Life Skills & Comm

Personal Finance
Public Speaking
Debate, and
Communication



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



Session A: June 22- July 10
Session B: July 13 - July 31



Location: Portola High School

*These are fee-based courses for enrichment only and will not earn high school credit.
For a full list of classes and changes, please visit the ipsf.net website.

IVC/IUSD SUMMER PROGRAM

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

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

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



Psyc 1

Introduction to Psychology



Bio 1

The Life Sciences & Lab



CIM 110

Information Technology Essentials



CIM 117

Social Media Marketing



AJ 2

Intro to Administration of Justice



MUS 28

History of Rock Music



MGT 1

Introduction to Business



IMA 22

Basic Game Design



Coun 6

Academic, Career, and Life Success



Arth 20

Art Appreciation



MGT 5

Personal Financial Planning



Astr 20

General Astronomy



Questions?

Please attend the 8th Grade Parent Coffee

Thursday, April 16 @ 8:00 AM at
Rancho San Joaquin Middle School

*ALL incoming UHS parents are welcome to
attend!*