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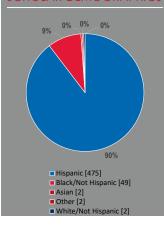
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# SCHOLAR DEMOGRAPHICS



## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Uplift Heights Preparatory is a tuition-free, public charter school managed by the Uplift Education charter school network. We offer a college preparatory curriculum to a diverse urban population of scholars, in grades PreK-12. Uplift Heights is excited to be a part of the revitalization of West Dallas and proud to give our scholars a globally focused education which prepares them for college.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Community service and social responsibility are an integral part of Uplift Heights. Scholars are required to complete community service hours as a part of the Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) component of the Diploma Programme.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Uplift Heights offers different extracurricular opportunities during and after the school day. This includes organizations such as Bio Bosses, Gay Straight Alliance, Music Club, Theatre Club, No Place for Hate, and Student Council in addition to, Basketball (M/W), Track & Field (M/W), Soccer (M/W), Flag Football (M), Volleyball (W), Baseball, Cheerleading (Co-ed), and Dance (Co-ed).

#### CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Rigor: Uplift Heights is committed to exposing all scholars to a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. The International Baccalaureate was introduced to encourage students to be internationally minded and academically well-rounded. As an IB continuum school, Heights is authorized to offer the Primary Years Programme (PYP) for grades K-5, Middle Years Programme (MYP) for grades 6-10 and the Diploma Programme (DP) for grades 11-12. Uplift is a DP For All network and is committed to making sure that all scholars, regardless of their background or educational need, have access to participate in the Diploma Programme. Our scholars are also required to participate in the DP Core by taking a Theory of Knowledge course, completing a Creativity, Activity, and Service project, and composing an Extended Essay. Current seniors have also had opportunities to participate in Advanced Placement and Dual Credit coursework.

**Course Schedule:** Uplift operates on a semester system and classes rotate daily on an A/B Block Schedule with four class periods a day, each lasting 90-minutes. Four days a week, the schedule also includes advisory and an additional enrichment/intervention block.

**Graduation Requirements:** Scholars must attempt the full Foundation High School Program, at least one Endorsement and the Texas Distinguished Level of Achievement diploma (26+ credits). Any scholar graduating on the Foundation Only program (22 credits) requires additional approval. A standard diploma through Uplift Education requires, at minimum, the following:

| English (4) Math (4) Humanities (4) Science (4) Language other than English (3) Fine Arts (1) Physical Education (1) Electives* (5) |
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\*Includes Road to College and Career courses, Career and Technology courses and additional core courses

#### GRADING SYSTEM

| Letter Grade | Numeric<br>Value | GPA Points |
|--------------|------------------|------------|
| A+           | 100-97           | 4.0        |
| A            | 96-93            | 4.0        |
| A-           | 92-90            | 3.7        |
| B+           | 89-87            | 3.3        |
| В            | 86-83            | 3.0        |
| B-           | 82-80            | 2.7        |
| <b>C</b> +   | 79-77            | 2.3        |
| C            | 76-73            | 2.0        |
| <b>C</b> -   | 72-70            | 1.7        |
| F            | <69              | 0.0        |

- Pre-AP/Dual Credit courses receive an extra 0.5 points for C- and above in calculating weighted GPA
- AP/DP courses receive an extra 1.0 points for C- and above in calculating the weighted GPA.
- Credit recovery is mandatory for all failed courses required for graduation. All attempts are included on the transcript and calculated into the GPA.
- Pass/Fail, Local Credit, HS credit earned in Middle School and courses for which the scholar received prior credit, are not included in the GPA.
- · It is Uplift Education's policy not to rank scholars.
- Uplift Education uses a criterion-based approach to grading. All major grades are meant
  to reflect the scholar's skills and knowledge using a variety of summative and formative
  assessment tools. Classroom grading procedures are directly related to clear criteria and
  standards that show evidence of scholar mastery. Grades for behaviors such as effort and
  participation are considered minor grades and are either not calculated in the overall grade
  or calculated as a small percentage, not exceeding 20%.

## **ADVANCED COURSES**

- All courses in grades 6-10 are taught as part of the IB Middle Years Programme unless otherwise noted.
- All scholars in grades 11-12 are required to participate in some component of the IB Diploma Programme.
- · Enrollment in AP and DP courses is contingent upon completion of pre-requisites, departmental approval, assessment data, grades and teacher recommendation.

## ADVANCED COURSES AVAILABLE TO THE CLASS OF 2022

Spanish II Pre-AP
Spanish III Pre-AP
IB Language A, Literature (English))
IB Language B, Modern Language (Spanish)
IB Mathematical Studies

IB History of Americas

IB Biology (Scientific Research and Design) IB Environmental Systems and Societies

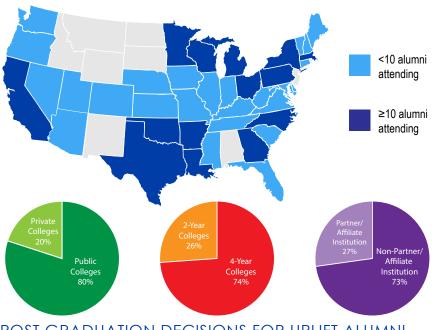
(Scientific Research/Design IV)

IB Film (Audio Video Production I/II)

IB Psychology

Computer Programming Dual Credit Web Technologies Dual Credit IB Theory of Knowledge

# CURRENT COLLEGE ENROLLMENT FOR UPLIFT ALUMNI



## CLASS OF 2021

127 graduates

\$5.3M in scholarships & grants-

98% college acceptance

80% expected matriculation

82% free/reduced lunch

85% first generation

**7%** IB® Diploma Programme participation\*

\* defined as course candidates, those that attempted full DP, and those that were successful

#### CLASS OF 2022

112 seniors

82% free/reduced lunch

85% first generation

# POST GRADUATION DECISIONS FOR UPLIFT ALUMNI



# UPLIFT EDUCATION'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

In alignment with state and local guidelines, we transitioned to a fully remote learning environment in March of 2020. Although, the 2020-2021 school year began in a 100% virtual format for all scholars, Uplift devised three different learning model options (in-person, hybrid, and virtual) for scholars and families to choose from in adherence to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidelines. For the 2021-2022 school year, Uplift has returned to a 100% in-person learning modality and will continue to adhere to local, state, and federal guidelines.



### UPLIFT HEIGHTS SENIORS LEARNING MODEL DISTRIBUTION

The chart below shows the percentage of our current seniors who chose each of our three learning models during their junior year for the 2020-21 school year.

**78%**100% remote (virtual)
instruction

11% Hybrid (2 days/week in person, 3 days/week virtual) **11%** 00% in-person instruction