ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Uplift Atlas Preparatory is a tuition-free, public charter school managed by the Uplift Education charter school network. Uplift Atlas offers a college-preparatory curriculum to a diverse urban population of scholars in grades Pre-K through 12 in the eastern sector of Dallas, Texas. Our vision is to provide a joyful and inquiry-based education that inspires and prepares all scholars to graduate from college and positively impact their world.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

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

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Uplift Atlas offers 23 different extracurricular opportunities. These include organizations such as Atlas Dance Team, Book Club, Cheerleading, Chess Club, Cooking Club, GSA, Maker Space Club, National Honor Society, No Space for Hate, Pep and Cheer Squad, Council, Scholar Restoration, Senior Committee, Spanish National Honor Society, Speech and Debate, Student Council, Theater Club, and Yearbook, in addition to the following Texas Charter League Varsity athletic programs: Basketball (M/W), Cross Country (Co-Ed), Soccer (M/W), Flag Football (M), and Volleyball (W).

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Rigor: Uplift Atlas 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, Atlas is authorized to offer both the 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 the Creativity, Activity and Service project and writing the Extended Essay. Current seniors have also had opportunities to participate in AP coursework.

Course Schedule: Uplift operates on a semester system and classes rotate on an A/B Block Schedule with five days of four 90-minute periods. Four days a week the schedule also includes advisory and an additional enrichment/intervention block. At the start of the 2022-2023 academic school year classes rotate on an A/B Schedule with five days of four 60-minute periods.

Graduation Requirements: Scholars must attempt the full Foundation High School Program, at least one Endorsement and the Distinguished Level of Achievement (26+ credits). Any scholar graduating on the Foundation Only program (22 credits) requires additional approval. Scholars must complete the following:

- English (4)
- Math (4)
- Humanities (4)
- Science (4)
- Language other than English (3)
- Fine Arts (1)
- Physical Education (1)
- Electives (5)

*Includes Road to College and Career courses, Career and Technology courses and additional core courses

GRADING SYSTEM

- Pre-AP courses receive an extra 0.5 points for C- and above in calculating the 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, no more than 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 2023

- AP Statistics (limited enrollment)
- IB Biology
- IB Art
- IB Environmental Systems & Societies
- IB History of the Americas
- IB Language B: Modern Language - Spanish
- IB Language Studies A: Literature - English
- IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation
- IB Theory of Knowledge
- Audio/Video Production III (IB Film)
CLASS OF 2022

- 109 graduates
- $31.2M in scholarships & grants
- 100% college acceptance
- 90% college enrollment
- 87% free/reduced lunch
- 86% first generation
- 96% IB® Diploma Programme participation*

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

CLASS OF 2023

- 108 seniors
- 92% free/reduced lunch
- 94% first generation

BECOME A PARTNER

Uplift Education is dedicated to providing equitable access to college and post-secondary education pathways. To learn more about how to become a Partner school with Uplift Education, contact the campus Road to College and Career Team.

See a full list of college and university acceptance and attendance for alumni of Uplift Atlas. Learn more about how Uplift supports its scholars on the road to college and career by visiting uplifteducation.org/rtcc