ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Uplift Grand 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. Our mission is to create and sustain a public school of excellence that empowers students to reach their highest potential in college and the global marketplace.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

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

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Uplift Grand offers a variety of different extracurricular opportunities afterschool and during the enrichment period. These include organizations such as National Honor Society, Senior Council, Student Council, and Gay-Straight Alliance, in addition to the following charter league athletic programs: Volleyball (W), Basketball (MW), Soccer (MW), and Track and Field (MW).

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Rigor: Uplift Grand is committed to exposing all scholars to a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. The International Baccalaureate was introduced in 1991 to encourage students to be internationally minded and academically well-rounded. As an IB continuum school, Uplift Grand 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 experience and write the Extended Essay. Current seniors have had the opportunity to participate in Dual Credit coursework, at their own discretion, over the summer. 97% of the Class of 2021 took advantage of this curriculum by taking courses, completing the IB DP requirements, and completing the international assessments.

Course Schedule: Uplift operates on a semester system and classes rotate. Traditionally, 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 year, scholars now attend classes every day for 45 minutes. Every two weeks scholars have a 90 minute rotation with each class.

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

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

- 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 10%.

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- IB Math Applications and Interpretations SL
- IB Math Analysis and Approaches SL
- IB Language A: Language and Literature HL
- IB History: History of the Americas HL
- IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- IB Language B: Spanish HL/SL
- Graphic Design and Illustration III (IB Visual Arts HL/SL)
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CLASS OF 2022
72 graduates
$11.2M in scholarships & grants
100% college acceptance
92% college enrollment
77% free/reduced lunch
78% first generation
85% IB® Diploma Programme participation*

CLASS OF 2023
69 seniors
100% free/reduced lunch
80% 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 Grand. Learn more about how Uplift supports its scholars on the road to college and career by visiting uplifteducation.org/rtcc