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 Creative, Action 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 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 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:

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<th>English (4)</th>
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<th>Humanities (4)</th>
<th>Science (4)</th>
<th>Language other than English (3)</th>
<th>Fine Arts (1)</th>
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<th>Electives* (5)</th>
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*Includes Road to College and Career courses, Career and Technology courses and additional core courses

GRADING SYSTEM

- Pre-AP/Dual Credit courses receive an extra 0.5 points for C- and above when 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, 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 2023

- IB Language A: Language IB and 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
- IB Computer Science
- IB Theory of Knowledge
CLASS OF 2022

108 graduates

$5M in scholarships & grants

98% college acceptance

80% expected matriculation

85% free/reduced lunch

95% first generation

96% IB® Diploma Programme participation*

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

CLASS OF 2023

121 seniors

85% free/reduced lunch

93% 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 Heights. Learn more about how Uplift supports its scholars on the road to college and career by visiting uplifteducation.org/rtcc