ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Uplift Luna Preparatory is a tuition-free, public charter school managed by Uplift Education charter network. We offer a college-preparatory curriculum to a diverse urban population in grades K-12. Located in the Deep Ellum area of Downtown Dallas, the influence of the arts can be seen throughout campus. 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 Luna. Scholars are required to complete community service experiences as a part of the Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) component of the IB Diploma Programme.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Uplift Luna offers a variety of different extracurricular opportunities. After-school clubs include Chess, Student Council, Garden Club, Tae Kwan Do, Black Student Union, Art Club, Dominos/Spades, Robotics, National Honor Society, Crafting, Yearbook, Anime among many others. Additionally, Uplift Luna is home to the following UIL 3A Varsity athletic programs: Basketball (MW), Cross Country (MW), Track and Field (MW), Soccer (MW), Baseball (M), Volleyball (W), Cheerleading (Co-ed).

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Rigor: Uplift Luna Preparatory 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, Uplift Luna 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 pursuing the full IB Diploma are also required to participate in the DP Core. This requires scholars to take a Theory of Knowledge course, complete a Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) project and experiences, and write an 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

- Honors/Pre-AP/Dual Credit 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, and 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. Some scholars choose to pursue the full IB Diploma, which includes two years of at least 3 Higher Level (HL) IB courses and two years of at least 3 Standard Level (SL) IB courses.
- 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 Studies A: Lang and Lit SL/HL 1 & 2
- IB Language Studies B: Modern Lang- Span SL/HL 1 & 2
- IB History of the Americas SL/HL 1 & 2
- IB Global Politics SL/HL 1 & 2
- IB History Standard Level 1 & 2
- IB Biology SL/HL 1 & 2
- IB Chemistry SL/HL 1 & 2
- IB Environmental Sys. And Societies SL/HL 1 & 2
- IB Math: Applications & Interpretations SL/HL 1 & 2
- IB Visual Arts SL/HL 1 & 2
- IB Theory of Knowledge 11
- IB Theory of Knowledge 12
- Graphic Design and Illustration 1 (IB Visual Arts SL/HL 1)
- Audio Video Production III (IB Film SL/HL 1 & 2)
CURRENT COLLEGE ENROLLMENT FOR UPLIFT ALUMNI

CLASS OF 2022
- 101 graduates
- $10.2M in scholarships & grants
- 100% college acceptance
- 90% college matriculation
- 85% free/reduced lunch
- 77% first generation
- 100% IB® Diploma Programme participation*

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

POST GRADUATION DECISIONS FOR UPLIFT ALUMNI

CLASS OF 2023
- 121 seniors
- 76% free/reduced lunch
- 68% 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 Luna. Learn more about how Uplift supports its scholars on the road to college and career by visiting uplifteducation.org/rtcc