ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Uplift Wisdom 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 public schools of excellence that empower students to reach their highest potential in college and the global marketplace and that inspire in students a life-long love of learning, achievement, and service in order to positively change their world. Uplift Wisdom is celebrating its first graduating class this year with 52 seniors, many have been at our school since we opened in 2016. Uplift Wisdom Preparatory became a stand alone high school in 2021.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Community service and social responsibility are an integral part of Uplift Wisdom. 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 Wisdom offers a variety of extracurricular opportunities after school. These include organizations such as Student Council, Flag Football, Band, Dance and Cheer, Yearbook, in addition to the following charter league athletic programs: Basketball (MW), Volleyball (MIF), Soccer (MIF), and Track and Field (MIF).

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Rigor: Uplift Wisdom 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 Wisdom 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. Our scholars are required to participate in the DP Core by taking a Theory of Knowledge course, completing the Creativity, Activity, and Service project experience and the Extended Essay.

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 classes rotate on an A/B Schedule with five days of four 90-minute periods.

Graduation Requirements: Scholars must attempt the full Foundation High School Program, at least one Endorsement and the Distinguished Level of Achievement (28+ 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

• 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 criteria-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%.

ADVANCED COURSES AVAILABLE TO THE CLASS OF 2023

- IB Language A: Language and Literature HL
- IB Language B: Spanish HL/SL
- IB History: History of the Americas HL

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.
CLASS OF 2022
961 graduates
$90.2M in scholarships & grants
100% college acceptance
92% college enrollment
77% free/reduced lunch
78% first generation
85% IB® Diploma Programme participation*

CLASS OF 2023
53 seniors
88% free/reduced lunch
85% 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.

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