

## Frequently asked questions regarding admissions to University High School

### 1. How do you calculate the 50 points needed for admission?

Points are based on the CogAT test score and grade point average of core classes:

CogAT composite stanine	Points
9	29
8	26
7	23
1-6	0

GPA	Points
4.00	36
3.86-3.99	34
3.72-3.85	32
3.58-3.71	30
3.44-3.57	28
3.30-3.43	26
3.15-3.29	24
3.00-3.14	22
0.00	0

50 pts minimum	Offer of admission (acceptance) to UHS
45-49 pts	Invitation to potentially qualify for UHS by taking the ACT Mosaic self-assessment
0-44 pts	Do not qualify for UHS

We do not round up GPAs; they must reach the minimum value for each point level.

### 2. How do you calculate the GPA?

We use all classes within the core subject areas (English, math, science, and social studies) for the second semester of 7<sup>th</sup> grade and the first semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If a student takes multiple science classes, for example, we use all of them to calculate a single science grade for 7<sup>th</sup> and a single science grade for 8<sup>th</sup>. We average these for a single science grade and finally average the four core subjects for a GPA.

Because schools report grades in different ways, we convert all original scores to a common scale 0-4.0 before averaging them.

### **3. Why do you start the application process so early?**

We want to offer students the opportunity to enroll at UHS in January-February of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. If they do not qualify, they still have time to explore other options including applying for TUSD magnet programs and open enrollment.

### **4. Do you give students who do not qualify for UHS a second chance?**

Students cannot retest or submit revised grades for a given academic year. However, students can re-apply for admission the following year. See the requirements for transfers to UHS on the website main page.

### **5. What documents do homeschooled students need to submit?**

Homeschooled students should submit grades and a description of their curriculum or course of study. If they do not have grades, they need to submit a portfolio of their work for evaluation by UHS staff. They also need to take the CogAT and may be asked to take the ACT Engage self-assessment.

### **6. How and when do I know if I am accepted at UHS?**

All official notifications are mailed. See the Important Dates document for a timeline for the current application process.

### **7. I have other questions. Who can answer them?**

For questions about UHS admissions, call 520-225-3225 or email UHS Admissions Coordinator Dynah Oviedo, Ph.D. [dynah.oviedo@tusd1.org](mailto:dynah.oviedo@tusd1.org) or [UHSAdmissions@tusd1.org](mailto:UHSAdmissions@tusd1.org)

For questions about UHS programs, classes, extracurricular activities and tours, call the UHS office at 520-232-5900 or email UHS Recruitment Coordinator & Student Advisor Katrina Bañales Messing [katrina.messing@tusd1.org](mailto:katrina.messing@tusd1.org)