

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 Tessera 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 7th grade and the first semester of 8th grade. If a student takes multiple science classes, for example, we use all of them to calculate a single science grade for 7th and a single science grade for 8th. 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.

Schools using standards-based report cards typically provide us with an additional score and rubric regarding quality of work for each subject.

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 8th 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 Tesseract 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 Connie Price-Johnson at UHSAdmissions@tusd1.org.

For questions about UHS programs, classes, and extracurricular activities, call the UHS office at 520-232-5900 or email UHS counselor and recruitment specialist Ms. Carmen Hernandez at Carmen.Hernandez@tusd1.org.

