APPENDIX V – 54
Where the greatest challenges are the ones you think up
UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

The foundation for your future!
Why University High School?

- Nationally ranked
- Elite high school education with no tuition
- Our students’ AP Scores are among the highest in the nation
- Distinguished educators: Physicians, Engineers, Astronauts and Alumni
- A kind, diverse and intimate campus
- Award-winning Fine Arts programs
- Athletic teams competing at the state level
- Over 50 academically-focused and service-oriented clubs
- A summer program to help 8th Graders transition to high school
- A one-to-one peer mentoring program
- Several support programs to help you succeed at UHS!
Myth Busters

- There is a lot of homework!
- UHS students aren’t well-rounded
- There are no sports at UHS!
- All classes are in the basement!
- Sharing a campus with Rincon High School is hard!
The Truth About UHS

- Over **79%** of UHS students play a **sport** or compete in a **Fine Arts** program on campus - **not including clubs**!
- Our students are **well-rounded** individuals with actual **social lives**! 😊
- UHS participates in the **6A Conference** for all athletics and our athletes have earned **college scholarships**!
- Classes are located **throughout campus**, not just in the lower level
- UHS and Rincon have moved together harmoniously for many years
UHS by the Numbers

#23 in the nation according to US News and World Report 2015-2016

#40 in the nation (and #1 in Arizona) for serving low income students according to Newsweek

$33 million in scholarships offered to the class of 2016

24 different Advanced Placement courses offered

UHS Class of 2016 students accepted at over 300 colleges and universities

100% graduation rate
Your Next Steps to Becoming a Penguin

1) Earn a qualifying score on the CogAT
2) Attend the September 27th “UHS Step Up Day”
3) Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better in core classes second semester of 7th grade and first semester of 8th grade
4) Receive an invitation to apply to UHS
5) Apply to UHS
6) Set up a campus tour (optional)
7) Attend the Welcome Freshmen celebration
8) Attend Boost in the summer of 2017
Admissions Points System – GPA Matters

- Admission into UHS is currently based on achieving a minimum of **50 admission points**.

- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA average of 3.0 in (4) core classes:
  - **SLAMSS**: Science, Language Arts, Math, & Social Studies.

- Students who do not meet the minimum GPA and entrance test requirements will not be offered admission to UHS.
The Road to UHS Admission

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Important Admission Information

2017-18 Freshman Class

By January 6, 2017:

- TUSD students who **do not meet** the required UHS admissions criteria will be notified
- TUSD students who **meet** the UHS admissions criteria will be officially notified

By January 15

- Non-TUSD students who meet the UHS admissions criteria will be notified. TUSD will work with non-TUSD schools to receive report cards

By February 3:

- Non-TUSD students with complete applications will be officially notified by mail as to their admissions status

Students who receive official notification of acceptance will be able to set up visits/shadowing at UHS if necessary.
Dates continued

February 17:
- Welcome Freshmen Celebration @ UHS for all students who have been formally accepted to the school.

February 20:
- Deadline for submitting acceptance/decline offer.
I Qualified On the CogAT, Now What?

- Stay involved in your school
- Continue to hone your time management, organization, and self-advocacy skills
- Approach tests, projects, and assignments with a great attitude
- Start buying black and white clothing
Important Contacts

- **Bill Pearson** – District representative in charge of **all** CogAT testing, testing results, and admissions information
  
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- **Carmen Hernandez** – recruitment and Retention Coordinator and Freshman Advisor
  
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- **Amy Cislak** – UHS Principal
  
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- **Joel Bacalia** – UHS Assistant Principal
  
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Thank You
Go Penguins