

Where the greatest challenges are the ones you think up V-54,



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 AMERICAS TOP THE SCHOOLS IN
- **\$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

GPA & Points		CogAT Scores	Desired Points
4.0	= 36	9 = 29	Add GPA + Test
3.99-3.86	= 34	8 = 26	Points & Total
3.85-3.72	= 32	7 = 23	Should Be A
3.71-3.58	= 30	0-6 = 0	Minimum of
3.57-3.44	= 28		50 Points!
3.43-3.30	= 26		
3.29-3.15	= 24		
3.14-3.0	= 22		
2.99-0.00	= 0		

## 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**

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# Thank You Go Penguins

