

DESCRIPTION OF UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

University High School offers secondary education for the Laboratory School System of Illinois State University. University High School is a comprehensive secondary school with course offerings paralleling the college departments of Illinois State University. Our students benefit from an outstanding curriculum, while future teachers benefit from an exciting laboratory in which to observe and work with effective teaching and learning strategies. Illinois State University researchers use University High School as a site to study child development and educational practice.

As a **PIONEER** in research, service, and excellence in education, we believe University High School should:

- ❖ *consider our students as both our primary resource and primary responsibility*
- ❖ *share insights into effective teaching and learning with the educational community*
- ❖ *involve students preparing for a career in education in a variety of classroom and co-curricular experiences which reflect current practices and explore innovative approaches*
- ❖ *represent a diversity of learners in order to enhance teacher preparation and research*
- ❖ *encourage individual development and freedom of expression in a secure environment*
- ❖ *provide a climate of respect and trust*
- ❖ *engage in a collaborative process to secure resources necessary to accomplish its mission*
- ❖ *create staffing plans, which recognize individual strengths and contributions to the mission of the school*
- ❖ *provide all students with the support and resources they need to maximize their potential*
- ❖ *be a laboratory in which research focuses on questions of teaching and learning*
- ❖ *collaborate with university faculty to develop and implement appropriate research agendas*

University High School reserves the right to ask students to withdraw for non-cooperation, for persistent anti-social behavior patterns, or for other reasons which make it difficult for the student to adjust to a laboratory school setting.

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