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Dear Friends of University High School,

As we begin a new calendar year, it is an appropriate time to reflect on the long and proud history of the laboratory schools at Illinois State University. This tradition is reflected in the four-part mission of the Illinois State University laboratory schools:

- ❖ Provide a school in which excellence in education theory and practice can be observed, studied, and practiced by teacher candidates and other pre-service school professionals;
- ❖ Provide an environment in which research and development activities may be conducted;
- ❖ Provide a comprehensive, high-quality academic program for Thomas Metcalf and University High School students; and
- ❖ Promote effective high-quality education throughout the teaching profession and aid other educators in the process of improving the quality of education in their schools.

The total combined enrollment of the laboratory schools is limited by state law to 1000 students. The maximum number of students that can be admitted from McLean County Unit 5 School district is 642; the maximum for Bloomington School District 87 is 246. The remainder of the students may be admitted from other districts in the state.

Although our enrollment is limited, our review process requires that we make admission decisions knowing not the individual, but the performance record of the individual. No names appear on the application reviewed by the selection committee. When admitting our secondary students, we seek a diverse student population that represents the diversity groups found in central Illinois. We seek students with a wide range of academic abilities that match either the academic programs available or the special needs program established by the HILIA partners. We expect our students to demonstrate the maturity necessary to use open campus privileges responsibly, to work cooperatively with our ISU student teachers, and to be willing to participate in college research studies. We seek students who have demonstrated a strong work ethic and who are interested in co-curricular activities. When possible, we give preference to applicants who have siblings enrolled in the laboratory schools.

For nearly 150 years, the laboratory schools at Illinois State University have helped shape the way we prepare future teachers. Now, as always, our partnership with the College of Education remains our most important contribution to teacher education. University High School continues to reinvent itself as a model teacher education center: creative, diverse, responsive, and inclusive. Looking for a small school environment that encourages diversity, change, personal growth, and respect for all? Look to the Illinois State University laboratory school system. Welcome!

Andrea Markert  
Principal  
University High School

## 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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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL**

**1. How much does it cost to attend U-High?**

Does U-High charge tuition? No. University High School does not charge tuition. Each year, UHS students pay an activity fee of \$180.00 and a \$125.00 computer fee. See the enclosed listing for current fees. Students also purchase their own books, which usually cost \$250-\$400 per year.

What if we cannot afford the fees? Fee waivers are available to those who qualify under federal guidelines for free and reduced status. Please call Stacey Welter at 438-2070 with any questions. An Application Fee Waiver is included in the application packet.

**2. Does U-High offer transportation for students?**

U-High does not offer transportation; however, the U-High Boosters does provide a ride-sharing program in which parents can opt to participate.

**3. My student was not admitted to U-High this year. Can she/he be placed on a waiting list?**

All students not admitted initially will be considered for admission spots as they arise unless you contact us to remove your student's name from the applicant pool. Please do not contact the school and ask to be put on a waiting list.

**4. I've heard that U-High is only for academically gifted students or athletes. Is this true?**

No. We accept students with varying ability levels and we prefer to admit students with a wide variety of interests. UHS attempts to maintain a balance of students as diverse as the Bloomington-Normal area. We expect every student to work up to his/her potential.

**5. How do you make the decision to invite a student to attend?**

The Admissions Committee is comprised of teachers, counselors, and administrators who sort candidates by district, review each application, and select diverse students who best match the available openings. No names appear on the application packet.

**UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL  
FEES  
2018-2019**

This is a fee schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. This list will provide you with a sense of the different types of courses and activities for which fees are collected. These fees are not meant to restrict students from taking certain classes or from participating in co-curricular activities. Contact Stacey Welter at 309.438.2070 for waiver information regarding qualifications for free-and-reduced fees.

**The following fees are to be paid at registration:**

	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
* Activity Fee	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00**
* Computer User Fee	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
*** Freshman Program Fee				50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>	<b>\$355.00</b>

- \* Charged to **ALL** students annually
- \*\* Balance due (\$90.00 is paid w/acceptance packet)
- \*\*\* Charged to **ALL** freshmen

**NOTE: Any balance due from 2017-2018, if applicable, is required prior to registration.**

**INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE FEES: PAY EACH SEMESTER**

• AP Test	95.00	<b>Per AP test taken (fee subject to change)</b>
• Art	50.00	<b>Per class</b>
• Band	25.00	<b>Pay second semester</b>
• Business	5.00	
• Chorus	25.00	
• Driver Education	175.00	
• Foreign Language	5.00	
• Engineering Technology		
1. Computer-Aided Design	10.00	
2. Introduction to Engineering Technology	20.00	
3. Principles of Technology	20.00	
4. Digital Computing	10.00	
5. AP Computer Science	10.00	
6. Architecture	10.00	
• Illinois Virtual High School (IVHS)	250.00	<b>Per class (fee subject to change)</b>
• Journalism	25.00	
• Orchestral	25.00	
• Orchestra	25.00	
• Science Lab	15.00	
• Sophomore Writing	10.00	
• AP Chemistry Lab	30.00	

**PARTICIPATION FEES:**

• Chess Team	25.00	
• Math Team	25.00	
• WYSE	15.00	
• Debate	50.00	
• Cheerleading	125.00	<b>Per season (fall and winter)</b>
• Dance Team	125.00	
• Scholastic Bowl	50.00	
• Speech Team	50.00	
• Marching Band	75.00	<b>First semester only</b>
• Thespians	25.00	<b>Per performance</b>
• Sport 1	125.00	
• Sport 2	125.00	
• Sport 3	125.00	

## 2018-2019 APPLICATION

**Please complete this application using a pen or typing.**

Grade Applying For: *(circle one)*                      9      10      11      12

Student's Complete Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last)                      (First)                      (Middle)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number & Street)                      (City)                      (State)                      (Zip)

Telephone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_      Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_      Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month, Day, Year)                      (City)                      (State)                      (Country)

Current School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle the District of Residence:    Unit 5    District 87    If Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Will any siblings be attending U-High during the 2018-2019 school year?                      Yes                      No

Please list below any family members who are **current or former** students of University High School.

Name	Relationship	Current Student	-OR- Graduate/Year

Is a language other than English spoken in daily interaction in the student's home?                      Yes                      No

If yes, which language? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student speak a language other than English?                      Yes                      No

If yes, which language? \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 1:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number & Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Phone)

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 2:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number & Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Phone)

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

With whom does this child reside? \_\_\_\_\_

<b><i>Please complete only if there is another parent/guardian with whom we need to communicate.</i></b>	
Name: _____ (Last) (First) (Middle initial)	
Address: _____ (Number & Street) (City) (State) (Zip)	
_____ (Home Phone)	_____ (Work Phone)

*I attest that all information on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read the accompanying information and agree to comply with the requirements. This application will be considered completed only when all required information has been received. I understand that intentional omission, misrepresentation, or falsification of any information regarding the student for whom application is being made to attend the laboratory schools may result in the denial of enrollment or the disenrollment in the laboratory schools.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal Guardian)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person Completing Application)

**Academic Information:**

*Schools Attended:*

<i>Grade</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Years Attended</i>

**Student Assessment of Responsibility:**

*Community activities in which I participated in the last 2 years:*

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Participation Dates</i>	<i>Position/Role</i>	<i>Sponsor's Name</i>	<i>Awards</i>

*School-related extracurricular activities in which I participated in the last 2 years:*

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Participation Dates</i>	<i>Position/Role</i>	<i>Sponsor's Name</i>	<i>Awards</i>

*Non-school extracurricular activities in which I participated in the last 2 years:*

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Participation Dates</i>	<i>Position/Role</i>	<i>Sponsor's Name</i>	<i>Awards</i>

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|---|-----|----|
| Do you agree to use open campus privileges responsibly?       | Yes | No |
| Do you agree to work cooperatively with ISU student teachers? | Yes | No |
| Are you willing to participate in college research studies?   | Yes | No |



**U-High prides itself in its inclusive and competitive programs. The average U-High student participates in five activities through the year.**

**Listed below are some of the activities offered at U-High. Put an "X" next to the five programs you will participate in during your four years at University High School. Note: some programs are selective.**

**Athletics**

(only 1 per season)

**Fall - Boys**

Cross Country	
Football	
Golf	
Soccer	

**Fall - Girls**

Cross Country	
Golf	
Swimming & Diving	
Tennis	
Volleyball	

**Fall - Co-Ed**

Sideline Cheer Team	
Dance Team	

**Winter - Co-Ed**

Competitive Cheer Team	
Competitive Dance Team	

**Winter - Boys**

Basketball	
Swimming & Diving	
Wrestling	

**Winter - Girls**

Basketball	
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**Spring - Boys**

Baseball	
Tennis	
Track & Field	

**Spring - Girls**

Soccer	
Softball	
Track & Field	

**Clubs**

Clubs	What is it?
Amnesty International	Promote human rights
Anime Manga Club	Watch Anime and discuss Manga
Art Club	Open art studio format to work on individual artwork
Black Student Union	Provides educational opportunities related to black culture
Creative Writing Club	Writing for student publication "Brome & Beyond"
Esports	Competitive console and PC-based video games
FCA	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
GSA	Gay-Straight Alliance
Liberty Club	Current events discussion group
Library Book Club	Discuss readings and books
Outdoor Club	Variety of outdoor activities
SAGE	Student Advocates for Global Education
Spanish Club	Spanish language and cultural enrichment activities
Tabletop Board Game Club	Learn to play various board games
Technology Club	Working with designing, prototyping, electronics, etc.

**Service Groups**

U-Link Mentors	Peer mentoring and tutoring
Rotary Interact Club	International student-led service organization
U-Build Club	Group focused on service projects

**Academic Teams**

Chess Team	
Debate Team	
Math Team	
Scholastic Bowl	
WYSE	

**Student Government**

Student Senate	
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**Theatre/Speech**

Plays	
Musicals	
Speech Team	

**Publications**

Yearbook	
Newspaper	

**Music**

Chorus	
Marching/Concert Band	
Flags/Color Guard	
Jazz Band	
Jazz Choir	
Madrigal Singers	
Orchestra	





## **IHSA**

Beginning with the fall of 1997, the Illinois High School Association revised its guidelines for participation in interscholastic athletics. Since University High is classified as a public school without boundaries by the IHSA, the following questions must be answered to determine eligibility for IHSA participation. One of the four questions below must be answered "yes" to be eligible for IHSA events.

Please understand that eligibility to participate is not a selection criterion for admission. This information is provided to assist you with your decision to attend U-High. Direct all questions concerning IHSA eligibility to the Activities Director's Office at 309.438.7373.

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***In order to determine IHSA eligibility, please answer the following questions:  
(Please circle one, where applicable)***

Is your residence within the boundaries of the Unit 5 school district?                      YES                      NO

Did you attend Metcalf School on a continuous basis for grades 7 and 8?                      YES                      NO

Did you attend Metcalf School for at least four school years from kindergarten through eighth grade?                      YES                      NO

If yes, which grades? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the residence where the student resides full-time located within a thirty (30) mile radius of U-High?                      YES                      NO

What is the exact number of miles from your residence to U-High? \_\_\_\_\_



**APPLICATION FEE WAIVER**

**Please complete the following information to apply for a waiver of the \$25 application processing fee.**

If you have a food stamp number, a TANF case number or if your income according to the size of your household is at or below the income listed, you will qualify for a fee waiver.

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Monthly Income for Waiver (before deductions*)</u>	
	<u>Level for Free</u>	<u>Level for Reduced</u>
1	\$1,307	\$1,860
2	1,760	2,504
3	2,213	3,149
4	2,665	3,793
5	3,118	4,437
6	3,571	5,082
7	4,024	5,726
8	4,477	6,371
Each Additional Family Member	+ 453	+ 645

\*"Income" as the term is used in the Federal Child Nutrition Programs means income before any deductions such as income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees (2) net income from nonfarm self-employment (3) net income from farm self-employment (4) Social Security (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts (6) net rental income (7) public assistance or welfare payments (8) unemployment (9) government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions or veterans payments (10) private pensions or annuities (11) alimony or child support (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household (13) net royalties (14) other case income.

**Does your child qualify for a fee waiver based on the criteria above?\* (Circle One)**

**NO                      YES**





UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

*COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECK LIST  
2018-2019*

- Application Packet
  
- Official school records **AND** test scores
  - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade records for prospective freshmen
  - Discipline report (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade for prospective freshmen and high school for upperclass applications)
  - High school records only for prospective 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students
  
- \$25 application fee (payable to University High School) and/or Request for Application Fee Waiver Form

DO NOT INCLUDE ANY RECOMMENDATION LETTERS WITH YOUR APPLICATION