



**University High**, launching Fall 2023, is a Hamilton County Schools (HCS) program located on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) focused on **relationships, relevance, and rigor**.

Via the collaboration between Hamilton County Schools and UTC, University High puts equity into action by equipping students with a deep understanding of how to learn and think critically. Comprehensive literacy supports students' learning about themselves, their studies, and the world around them.

University High is designed to serve students and their families at no cost. Through shared collaborations between UTC and Hamilton County Schools, the cost of the program is supported financially through grants and shared resources.

Students will have full access to all UTC student support services and engagement opportunities such as University Health Services, the Center for Career and Leadership Development, attending on-campus events, and the Aquatic and Recreation Center (ARC). Students will also still be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at their zoned high school if they choose.

## **BUT, WHY UNIVERSITY HIGH?**

### **ADVISORY STRUCTURE**

Knowing and supporting each student, in small classes - by name, strength and need, to serve as champions for students thriving, in and out of school.

### **INTERESTS & INTERNSHIPS**

Helping students discover and dive deeper into their passions and interests, then jumping into experiences in those fields.

### **PERSONALIZED LEARNING**

Teaching one student at a time, building on what brings you passion and joy, to help you personalize your path forward, to and through a college degree

### **PLACE-BASED LEARNING**

Receive a unique education rooted in their place. Learning will be deeply connected to their campus, their community and themselves as individuals. The PBL approach to learning in their high school classes will be directly tied to Hamilton County community opportunities and challenges.

**...AND BECAUSE OUR WHY IS OUR WHO, AND WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOU TO AND THROUGH.**



# Week at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ACES Lab	ACES Lab	ACES Lab	ACES Lab	FOCUS FRIDAYS
High School Literature	Intro to Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, or Criminal Justice	High School Literature	Intro to Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, or Criminal Justice	
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
High School Math	Humanities CoLab	High School Math	Humanities CoLab	FOCUS FRIDAYS
High School Social Studies	Math and Science CoLab	High School Social Studies	Math and Science CoLab	
High School Science	Personalized Learning	High School Science	Personalized Learning	

= led by HCS and UTC
  = HCS led classes
  = UTC classes

## ACES Labs

### **A - Advisory**

Our "homeroom" advisory structure serves as the backbone of University High.

### **C - College Prep**

Small group learning to support the learning of content and habits to support success at the college level.

### **E - Experiential Learning**

Heavy emphasis on learning by doing and reflecting.

### **S - Support**

The advisory structure gives each student access to an advisor to provide individualized attention and support.

## FOCUS Fridays

### **1 on 1 time with Advisors**

Continuation of ACES labs with dedicated 1-on-1 time for students and their advisors.

### **Place-Based Learning within Community**

At least two Fridays a month dedicated to cross-curricular authentic PBL learning in our community

### **On-Campus Experiences**

At least 1 Friday a month dedicated to deep dive learning labs across UTC departments to build context and show clear pathways forward to continued learning

### **Learning Through Interests and Internships**

Time spent with experts in each student's field of interest

## Curriculum Design

Each semester, students will be enrolled in college-level courses taught by UTC faculty directly supported by counterpart high school courses taught by Hamilton County School teachers that will prepare them for future UTC classes and high school graduation requirements.

Each day will begin with an ACES Lab, the advisory structure which serves as the backbone for University High. Each week will conclude with a FLEX Friday, a day solely dedicated to experiential learning and community engagement.

## Eligibility

We are looking for students with at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and two (2) letters of recommendation.

Admission to University High will be considered on a case by case basis to help recruit and support students to feel empowered to dive into deeper learning.

# Relationships. Relevance. Rigor.

## Questions? We'd love to hear from you!

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