



## UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

United High School  
School Profile 2020-2021  
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### Community

The United Independent School District surrounds the city of Laredo on the USA-Mexico border serving the educational needs of most students in Laredo, Texas. Located in one of the states' fastest growing areas, the district enjoys a diversified economic base. Currently, the district consists of 4 high schools, 4 9th grade campuses, 10 middle schools and 29 elementary schools utilizing a K-5, 6-8, 9, 10-12 grade-level configuration. The student body is culturally diverse with a population that is 99 % Hispanic, 0.41% African American, and 0.62 % Asian.

## School

United High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling 3983 students in grades 9-12. The school opened in the fall of 1963 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 1965. United High School is accredited by the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Special Programs

- United High School Engineering and Technology Magnet will provide a dynamic staff that will challenge, excite, and inspire students to experience authentic learning and real world applications for the 21st century.
- Career and Technology Education Pathway Program, a pathway is a sequence of 3 courses that deliver relevant and rigorous academic and technical experiences that enable students to acquire the depth of knowledge and skill linked with specific post-secondary programs that will lead to a certificate or degree and/or career.
- House Bill I Dual Credit Initiative is a program that allows students who meet the college entrance requirements enroll in courses for dual credit (12 hours). The courses offered are the following: U.S. History 1302, English 1301, English 1302, and College Math 1314.
- Gold Program offers students who meet the college entrance requirements the opportunity to enroll in online courses for dual or concurrent credit at Laredo Community College.
- Early Start Pathway Program offers students dual college classes beginning in freshman year. Student can earn up to 42 college hours throughout high school.

## Curriculum

The academic program is organized on an accelerated block schedule consisting of two terms. Ten credits per year is the maximum course load; students take five 75-minute blocks per term. These AP courses are offered: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government and Politics, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science, Macro Economics, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, United States Government, Physics 1, Physics C, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Studio Art, United States History and World History. AP is an open-enrollment program.

## Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

GPA is computed using quality points depending on the class GPA Tier. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed are included in the computation. Courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 in accordance with provisions of this policy. A minimum of 30 credits, including an advanced math and science class, and one completed endorsement is required for the Foundation High School Plan with the Distinguished Level of Achievement. A minimum of 30 credits and at least one endorsement is required for graduation on the FHSP with an Endorsement plan. A minimum of 26 credits is required for Foundation High School Plan.

Numerical Grade	Tier 1 AP Courses and Eligible Dual Courses	Tier 2 PreAP and Locally Identified Weighted Courses	Tier 3 Regular Courses
100	6	5	4
99	5.9	4.9	3.9
98	5.8	4.8	3.8
97	5.7	4.7	3.7
96	5.6	4.6	3.6
95	5.5	4.5	3.5
94	5.4	4.4	3.4

93	5.3	4.3	3.3
92	5.2	4.2	3.2
91	5.1	4.1	3.1
90	5.0	4.0	3.0
89	4.9	3.9	2.9
88	4.8	3.8	2.8
87	4.7	3.7	2.7
86	4.6	3.6	2.6
85	4.5	3.5	2.5
84	4.4	3.4	2.4
83	4.3	3.3	2.3
82	4.2	3.2	2.2
81	4.1	3.1	2.1
80	4.0	3.0	2.0
79	3.9	2.9	1.9
78	3.8	2.8	1.8
77	3.7	2.7	1.7
76	3.6	2.6	1.6
75	3.5	2.5	1.5
74	3.4	2.4	1.4
73	3.3	2.3	1.3
72	3.2	2.2	1.2
71	3.1	2.1	1.1
70	3.0	2.0	1.0
<70	0	0	0

**Class of 2020**

There were 1104 graduates in the Class of 2020

- 8 earned a 5.0+
- 207 earned a 4.0-4.99
- 425 earned a 3.0-3.99
- 372 earned a 2.0-2.99
- 92 earned less than a 2.0

**Standardized Test Results**

41% of the Class of 2020 took the SAT		8% of the Class of 2019 took the ACT	
Mean Score ERW	525	Mean Composite Score	21.4
Mean Score Math	520		

**Advanced Placement Results**

- In the Spring 2020 721 students took AP Exams
- A total of 1259 exams were taken in 26 subjects
- 60.4% of students tested had a score of 3 or higher

**Post High School Placement**

- 51% matriculated to 4-year colleges

- 45.48% matriculated to 2-year institutions
- 10.3% indicated intention to enlist in the U.S. armed forces

### **Awards and Distinctions 2019-2020**

- 1 National Merit Scholar
- 16 National Hispanic Program Scholars
- 4 National AP Scholars
- 25 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 21 AP Scholars with Honor
- 76 AP Scholars

### **Colleges Attended by United High School Graduates from the Last Four Years**

Art Institute of Austin	Texas A&M International
Art Institute of Dallas	Texas A&M/Kingsville, Texas
Baylor University	Texas A&M/Corpus Christi, Texas
Boston University	Texas A&M/San Antonio, Texas
Carnegie Mellon University	Texas Christian University
Cornell University	Texas State University
Devry University	Texas Tech University
Harvard University	Trinity University
Houston Baptist University	Tulane University
Laredo Community College	University of Houston Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of the Incarnate Word	Norte Dame University
University of Mary-Hardin Baylor	University Our Lady of the Lake
University of North Texas	Rice University
University of Pennsylvania	Sam Houston State University
University of Texas /Austin	Texas Southern Methodist University
University of Texas/Dallas, Texas	St. Edward's University
University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley	St. Mary's University
University of Texas /San Antonio, Texas	Stanford University
Yale University	Texas A&M /College Station