
What is University High School?

- University High School was established in 2005, located at 1244 Paxton Street in Ferndale, Michigan
- Grades 9-12 = Fall 2008 Count - 418 students, 32 staff
- New collaborative initiative between higher education (Lawrence Technological University) and public schools (Ferndale Public Schools). Ferndale's University High School
- A unique, rigorous college-prep curriculum provides an opportunity for students to prepare for college success in the degree of their choice while exploring professional career pathways related to the automotive industry of the future and pursuing pre-professional class studies.
- Innovative college-prep curriculum designed to reform high school instructional strategies beyond the Michigan High School graduation requirements, including 1) a school culture dedicated to each student's college success, 2) small schools, 3) teaching and learning built on rigor, relevance, and relationships, 4) project-based learning, 5) continuous improvement, and 6) partnerships.
- Every teacher, student support staff, and administrator is dedicated to ensuring all students achieve at the high levels necessary for college success, become problem solvers and creative thinkers. UHS has documented success in strategies to close the achievement gap.
- School activities are organized around professional career pathways in 1) Engineering, Design, and Planning; 2) Manufacturing, Purchasing, and Logistics; and 3) Marketing, Sales, and Service.
- First Graduating Class in 2008 – 37 students, all with college plans, and 34 attending universities in Fall 2008. Universities enrolling UHS graduates include Lawrence Technological University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University – many students received scholarship awards.
- Schools of Choice enrollment open to any student entering 9th and 10th grades who resides in Oakland County, or any contiguous county, including Wayne, Macomb, and Livingston.
- Highly qualified teaching staff, many with career experience, including as scientists, engineers, college teachers, and marketing professionals.
- Unique support to ensure college success. Two staff positions assist students with pre-college selection, and once students arrive at college, they have the support of the College Success Advisor will follow UHS graduates' progress through the first three years of college, including linking students to resources for tutoring, finances, and acclimating to campus life. Before graduating from high school, the College Support staff person assists students with college selection and with writing applications, essays, and securing scholarships and financial aid.
- Recruiting Information sessions are held throughout the year for potential school families to meet the principals and staff, learn about the unique college-prep focus of the school, and decide if UHS is the best fit for their high school experience.



What University High School is NOT

- UHS is NOT a vocational-technical school.
- UHS is NOT only for students interested in automotive careers; it is for students interested in college success in the field of their choice.
- UHS is NOT for everyone. Students and parents choose UHS knowing their school is nontraditional.
- UHS is NOT a traditional high school, parents and students know academics are first priority and extracurricular experiences will provide their student with a close-knit, supportive school environment. UHS offers teacher-led automotive-themed clubs, plus National Honor Society and DECA marketing club, plus social activities like class parties and prom, and athletics including league basketball and intramural volleyball.
- University High School is NOT deficient, or second rate, as alleged by BAMN.