



Community Profile

Upper Darby Township, a residential suburb of 82,000 people, lies immediately west of the City of Philadelphia. Its residents reflect a great diversity of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. There are over sixty birth countries and seventy home languages represented by the students of Upper Darby School District.

The community may be characterized as essentially middle income, but featuring a high level of socio-economic diversity due to occupational representation at the semi-skilled, skilled, and professional levels. Upper Darby School District is one of the largest township school districts in the United States with nearly 12,000 students and over 960 professional staff distributed among its kindergarten center, ten elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school.

School Profile

Upper Darby High School's first graduating class in 1896 consisted of five students. Today, the estimated enrollment is 3,800 students in grades 9 through 12, with over 900 in this year's senior class. The high school experience begins in the Freshman Academy with a staff of teachers, counselors, and administrators who work exclusively with the 9th grade students. The students then transition to the house system for grades 10 to 12 where an Assistant Principal, Lead Teacher, Administrative Assistant, and three School Counselors serve them through to graduation.

The school year consists of two semesters. A school day consists of five seventy-nine minute blocks of time. The majority of our courses are semester-length block courses worth one credit for a passing grade. Most students take a minimum load of four courses to earn four credits per semester.

GPA and Class Rank

Grade Point Average is calculated on a scale of 100. AP courses carry an additional 5 points of weight and Honors courses an additional 2.5 points of weight when calculating GPA. For the 2018-2019 school year and beyond, we have switched to a decile system for class rank. Decile rank is determined by calculating a quality point average over the course of the student's high school career and then converting the raw rank into a decile. The first decile represents the top 10% of the class, the second decile represents the next 10% of the class, and so on.

Graduation Requirements

- ~ 26 Total Credits required
- ~ Four course minimum in English and Social Studies
- ~ Three course minimum in Math and Science
- ~ Two course minimum in PE/Health

Grading System

Please note that our school changed from an eight-point scale to a ten-point scale.

Grading System prior to the 2017 School year

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| A = 92 to 100% | Minimum passing grade = 70% |
| B = 83 to 91% | WP = Withdrawal Pass (no credit) |
| C = 75 to 82% | WF = Withdrawal Fail |
| D = 70 to 74% | O (Letter) = Outstanding |
| F = Below 70% | P = Pass |

Grading System since the 2017 School year

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| A+ = 97 to 100% | D+ = 67 - 69% |
| A = 94 to 97% | D = 63 - 66% |
| A- = 90 to 93% | D- = 60 - 63% |
| B+ = 87 to 89% | F ≤ 60 % |
| B = 83 to 86% | WP = Withdrawal Pass (no credit) |
| B- = 80 to 82% | WF = Withdrawal Fail |
| C+ = 77 to 79% | O (Letter) = Outstanding |
| C = 74 to 77 | P = Pass |
| C- = 70 to 73 | |

Course Levels

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| AP - Most Intense Academic Rigor | Accelerated - High Academic Rigor |
| Honors - Advanced Academic Rigor | Academic - Standard Academic Rigor |

AP Courses

In 2017, 351 students participated in 615 AP examinations in 19 different subjects. Sixty-one percent of the scores were "3" or higher.

Most AP courses are full-year courses worth 1.5 credits.

AP/Honors Courses Offered

| English | Science | Social Studies |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| English 10 Honors | Anatomy Honors | AP Gov't & Politics |
| English 11 Honors | Biology 1 Honors | AP U.S. History |
| American Studies Honors | AP Biology 2 | American Studies Honors |
| British Literature Honors | Physics 1 Honors | AP European History |
| African American Literature Honors | AP Physics C: Mechanics | AP Psychology |
| AP English Literature & Composition | AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism | AP World History |
| AP English Language & Composition | Chemistry 1 Honors | |
| | AP Chemistry 2 | |
| | AP Computer Science | |
| | AP Environmental Science | |
| | AP Computer Science Principles | |
| Mathematics | Foreign Language | Art |
| Geometry Honors | French 3 Honors | AP Art |
| Algebra 2 Honors | French 4 Honors | AP Art History |
| Pre-Calculus Honors | AP French 5 | AP Music Theory |
| Honors Calculus | | |
| AP Calculus AB | Spanish 3 Honors | |
| AP Calculus BC | Spanish 4 Honors | |
| AP Statistics | AP Spanish 5 | |



**SAT Reasoning Test
Class of 2018 Mean Test Scores**

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| Total: | 1076 |
| Math: | 515 |
| EBRW: | 511 |

**SAT Subject Tests
Class of 2018 Mean Test Scores**

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| Math (Level 1) | 523 |
| Math (Level 2) | 677 |
| United States History | 686 |
| Literature | 665 |
| Chemistry | 672 |

Keystone Exams

All students take the Keystone Exams in Algebra, Literature, and Biology. Students can earn Advanced, Proficient, Basic, or Below Basic scores.

**National Merit Recognition
Class of 2018**

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| Finalists | 3 |
| Commended | 2 |

Future Plans for Class of 2018

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| Four year college/university | 58% |
| Two year community or junior college | 31% |
| Technical/Trade school | 4% |
| Workforce | 3% |
| Military | 2% |
| Other & Unknown | 2% |

Exemplary Programs

Freshman Academy Program, providing a smaller learning environment through a team structure

RtII Programs Implemented in 9th and 10th Grade

Exceptional Programs in Music, Drama and the Fine Arts

Pioneering Mandarin Chinese Language Program

On-Campus Pre-School Practicum

Dual Enrollment Program with Delaware County Community College

Boeing Partnership - Engineering and Technology exposure via on-site projects at the Boeing Company

Microsoft Certification Program in our Business Department

Administrative Staff
Kelley Simone, Principal

Joanna DeMarco, Assistant Principal, Administrative Operations

Russell Benditt, Assistant Principal, Climate and Culture

Joanne DeVito, Assistant Principal, Class of 2021

Matthew Alloway, Assistant Principal, Class of 2020

Jill Palladino, Assistant Principal, Class of 2019

BJ Hensil, Assistant Principal, Freshman Academy

Counseling Staff

Katherine Mertens, Coordinator of Counseling Services
Emily Catlett, College and Career Counselor

Class of 2019

Class of 2020

Mike Lavetsky A-G

Jill Morris A-G

Sarah Czar H-O

Jennifer Sullenberger H-O

Adam Coleman P-Z

Mayra Perez P-Z

Class of 2021

Freshman Academy

Amy Ceaser A-G

Tina Johnston

Sharon Donohue H-O

Jim Murphy

Latisha Mejias P-Z

Bill Haines