



School & Academic Information

Mission Statement	<p>The UBCS mission statement is <i>to educate the next generation with a Biblical worldview to lead, serve others, and love God</i>. In support of this mission, our core values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing students to engage their world and culture for Christ.• Pursuing excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts.• Partnering with families in training their children to be committed followers of Christ.• Striving for growth in spiritual formation and integrity.
Divisions	<p>UBCS has 4 divisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten (infants through four-year-olds)Elementary: Kindergarten-4th gradeMiddle School: 5th -8th gradeHigh School: 9th-12th grade
Teachers	<p>All teachers are born-again believers who are dedicated to the task and have a love for young people. All of our K-12 teachers have at least a bachelor's degree in education and many have graduate degrees and several years of experience in their fields.</p>
Facilities	<p>A full-sized gymnasium, Timothy Christian Education Center, a music building, classrooms, an auditorium in the main building, and an athletic field comprise the campus of UBCS.</p>
Transportation	<p>The school provides students with bus transportation using mostly public school transportation. Students may drive to school with permission from parents and school administration.</p>
Textbooks	<p>UBCS purchases textbooks that teachers are best able to utilize to accomplish the Christian academic goals of the classes. We strive to teach from a Biblical worldview. Although some texts, such as higher level mathematics, are not Christian publications, most textbooks are from Christian publishers.</p>
Tutorial Help	<p>Through ACT 89-1975, students may receive additional help in areas of special needs. This program is through the Bucks County Intermediate Unit Catapult Services.</p>

Learning Support	The Learning Support Program focuses on the provision of supplementary teaching to students who require additional help in areas such as phonics, reading and comprehension, math, and study skills. Accommodations indicated through personalized learning plans (IEP, 504, etc) will vary from student to student, based on individualized need. We work with students in groups and in one-to-one situations in the learning support room.
Chapel	Students meet for Bible or Chapel each day. In Chapel, students are challenged to live for Christ through testimonies, special music, and guest speakers.
Sports	Students in 5 th -12 th grades may participate in sports or sports-related events. These include boys and girls basketball, girls volleyball, boys and girls soccer, and boys baseball.
Involvement	Students have the opportunity to participate in musical performances, state-wide Fine Arts competitions, school drama, honor society, field trips, outreach ministries, and other school-related activities. Students who desire to be active will have ample opportunity to get involved.
Language	English is required for all grades. For our high school students, Rosetta Stone is offered as a foreign language option.
Mathematics	Our students take Fundamental of Math or Pre-Algebra in 7 th grade. Subsequent years of Math include Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Advanced Math, and Calculus. Our Business Math offerings include Accounting, Applied Math and Consumer Math.
Science	Life Science and Earth Science are taught on the 7 th /8 th grade level. Physical Science, Biology, Anatomy/Physiology, Chemistry, and Physics are courses or electives for high school students.
History	American & World History are taught on the 7 th /8 th Grade level. Geography, World Studies, American History, and Government / Economics are offered to meet requirements for high school students.
Bible	All students are required to take a Bible class each year they are enrolled at UBCS. The version that students use for Bible class and memorization is the ESV (Exception: Bible Quiz class uses the KJV). We allow all students to use the KJV if parents so choose. Other versions are acceptable for use during Chapel.
Art	Junior high students are exposed to elements of art previously introduced in elementary school. On the high school level, students are able to take Art classes as an elective.
Drama	Our 9 th -12 th grade students participate in a drama production each year. Our 7 th & 8 th graders begin basic speech skills in a semester long speech class.
Computer Apps	A course for 9 th graders teaches Microsoft Office focusing on WORD & EXCEL.

Physical Education We have a full-sized gymnasium and athletic field which equip us to teach a large variety of physical fitness programs and sports-related activities. All students in grades K-12 take a weekly PE Class.

General Music Students have the opportunity to join with their peers in choral and chapel music groups. Rehearsal times are incorporated into the class schedule. Students perform during the year at various functions.

Instrumental For an extra fee, students may choose to take private piano lessons. These lessons are taught by qualified personnel who desire to refine the musical talents God has given the students.

Special Programs

Honors/AP Classes In an attempt to prepare our students for college and college-level work, we offer a variety of Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes. Honors courses offer many advantages as students are challenged academically, exposed to advanced subject matter, able to increase their GPA, and strengthen their chances for admission to college. Though students do not receive college credit for Honors courses, the academic preparation provided by Honors courses will generally increase a student's level of success in college. AP courses are considered college-level courses and do offer the opportunity for students to receive college credit by taking an end-of-year AP Exam.

Dual Enrollment Our Dual Enrollment program is designed to allow students to enroll in college level courses while in high school and receive college credit in addition to receiving high school credit. Enrollment takes place between the student and the college. This is normally done through online classes by approved colleges.

Homeschool With the desire of partnering with these families, UBCS allows homeschool students to attend UBCS on a part time basis for some academic classes, athletics, and fine arts.

STEAM STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) classes allow the students to explore and engage in studies about robotics, coding, building, and more.

Requirements for Graduation

A total of twenty-five academic credits is required for a high school diploma for those students attending UBCS for all 4 years of high school. All students are required to take a Bible course each year while enrolled at UBCS. Many profitable electives make possible the accumulation of more credits than those required. Being enrolled in at least one elective course each year will broaden a student's knowledge. UBCS meets high school course requirements set forth by the State of Pennsylvania.

English.....	4 credits
Math	3 credits
Science.....	3 credits
History.....	3 credits
Physical Education.....	1 credit
Computer	1 credit
Bible (per year enrolled)	4 credits
Electives.....	6 credits (or more)
(Including 2 credits in Arts and/or Humanities)	

Program Planning Information

Terminology

In order to assist parents and students in scheduling high school courses, this section is included regarding terminology. These terms are often used in association with courses, program planning, and related discussions. Some of them may not be familiar to all. The following brief explanations may be helpful.

Credits: A record is kept of the number of credits accumulated by a student during high school. A full-year course meeting five days per week (such as English or Algebra I) provides one credit when the student completes it with a passing grade. A course meeting five days per week for one-half year counts as one-half credit when the student completes it with a passing grade. Courses that do not meet 5 days per week are adjusted according to how often they meet.

Required Course: A required course is a course that all students must take. Physical education, for example, is a required course unless one has an excuse for medical reasons. Required courses are sometimes referred to as *core curriculum*.

Each of the core academic subjects will be available at an honors level or a standard level format beginning in the 9th Grade. If a student has achieved an "A" or "B" in English, History, Mathematics, or Science, they will be permitted to choose honors level work in that subject the following year.

An honors class differs from a standard class by the amount of work done by the student, as well as the scope and depth of the content that is covered. We are emphasizing the student's need to communicate and work independently on the subject studied. This may include writing, presentations, collaborative work, and additional reading. An honors level course is **weighted** higher towards a student's Grade Point Average (GPA) than a standard level course. Honors Courses are represented on the student's official transcript.

Elective Course: These are courses that a student may enroll in, but are not required. Drama, for example, is an elective course. At UBCS, students are required to choose electives to fill out their schedule to meet a minimum number of credits for the year.

Prerequisite: A prerequisite is a class that must be taken and receive a minimum grade before a student may enroll in a more difficult class. For example, before a student can take Algebra II, the student must have taken Algebra I and completed it with a grade of *C* or better. Therefore, Algebra I is a prerequisite for Algebra II.

Semester: A semester is one-half of a school year. The first semester begins in August and ends in December. The second semester begins in January and ends in June. Courses that are not full-year courses are *semester* courses.

Freshman: A freshman is a student in 9th grade. This student is a first-year high school student *or* a student with less than five credits accumulated. Freshmen do not have the advantage of selecting many elective courses due to core classes needed.

Sophomore: A sophomore is a student in 10th grade. To be classified as a sophomore, a student must have at least 5 credits.

Junior: A junior is a student in the 11th grade. Students in this category must have earned at least 11 credits.

Senior: A senior is a student in 12th grade. To be classified as a senior, a student must have 17 or more credits.

See our website: www.upperbucks.org for more information.