

## **Welcome to Union Day School (UDS)!**

Union Day School is a public charter school in Weddington, North Carolina, open to students from Union, Mecklenburg, and surrounding counties. UDS is tuition-free and serves students in grades K-11 (K-12 starting in 2025-26).

## **Why Choose UDS?**

One of the biggest benefits of attending UDS is our International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. We are authorized in IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) for students in grades 6-10 and the IB Diploma Programme (DP) for juniors and seniors.

## **What is the MYP?**

The MYP is IB for all students in grades 6-10. It helps students connect their learning to the real world by focusing on global perspectives. It builds important skills like critical thinking and collaboration. Students take a variety of rigorous classes, including arts and a second language (Spanish), as part of this well-rounded program.

## **What is the DP?**

The DP is a rigorous academic program for juniors and seniors. Starting with the Class of 2029, all 11th and 12th graders at UDS will participate in the DP. The IB DP is a challenging program for juniors and seniors. Students take six IB courses, with at least three at a higher level (HL). They also complete key projects like:

- **Theory of Knowledge (TOK):** Learning how to think critically.
- **Extended Essay (EE):** Researching and writing about a topic of their choice.
- **Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS):** Taking part in creative projects, physical activities, and community service.

DP students can earn an IB diploma or certificates, recognized worldwide, along with their high school diploma. DP classes are weighted on a 5.0 GPA scale..

## **Why Choose the IB Over Dual Enrollment?**

While dual enrollment offers students the chance to earn college credits, the IB Diploma Programme goes a step further by providing an internationally recognized diploma. This opens doors to universities around the world and can give students a competitive edge in college admissions and scholarship opportunities. IB also focuses on developing well-rounded learners by combining academic rigor with personal growth through its core elements, such as TOK, EE, and CAS. Additionally, IB courses emphasize critical thinking, research skills, and a global perspective—skills highly valued by top colleges and future employers.

## **Dedicated Teachers and Exciting Activities**

Our teachers receive specialized training to ensure they can deliver top-notch IB instruction. We also offer a variety of extracurricular activities and sports, including basketball, baseball, cheerleading, girls' soccer, and co-ed track. These programs help students grow physically, mentally, and socially, preparing them for college and beyond.

**Want to Learn More?**

We'd love to meet you! Sign up for a campus tour or email us at [UDS@uniondayschool.com](mailto:UDS@uniondayschool.com) for more information.