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LUPS Mission and Philosophy

Learning Unlimited Preparatory School (LUPS) was founded on the principle of developing each student's potential to the fullest within a safe, positive, and academically challenging environment. The LUPS community comprising students from Preschool through Grade 12 is committed to cultivating the value of scholarship, creativity, moral and ethical development, and the fellowship of a diverse student body. Recognizing the variety of ways in which students learn, the LUPS faculty and staff strive to empower them to be life-long learners and responsible, compassionate citizens of the world.

School Overview

Learning Unlimited International Schools were established in 1976 in Columbus, Ohio. Our Caribbean campus, founded in 1991, is located in Sint Maarten. The LUPS program is based on a U.S. college-preparatory curriculum enriched by state-of-the-art digital technology, expansive science and mathematics offerings, comprehensive arts and literature programs, and a highly successful physical education. Leadership opportunities including community service and involvement with internationally recognized organizations are an integral part of the curriculum. Historically, graduates of LUPS have been accepted at prestigious universities in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and throughout the world.

Accreditation

The school is jointly accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Cognia

Enrollment

LUPS currently serves approximately 270 students from Pre-K through grade 12. Our high school (9-12) is comprised of 70 students, of which 13 are in grade 12.

Curriculum

LUPS offers a highly competitive college-preparatory curriculum with all courses taught in English. Our high school program offers standard and honors classes in all core subjects as well as Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Additionally, students may elect to take any AP course online through one of our accredited partners. Due to the small size of LUPS, not all classes are offered every year. Those that are not offered every year are indicated below with an "**". Courses with Honors sections are indicated by an (H). The Class of 2023 will have the opportunity to take the courses listed below:

English (4 credits required for graduation)

English 9 (H), American Literature (H) World Literature, British Literature, AP English Language and Composition, *AP English Literature.

Mathematics (4 credits required for graduation)

Algebra I (H), Algebra II/Trigonometry (H), Geometry (H), Pre-Calculus, College Algebra, Calculus, AP Calculus A/B, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science Principles, and Computer Science A

Social Studies (4 credits required for graduation)

World History (H), U.S. History (H), AP Psychology, AP Human Geography, *AP World History, *AP US History, AP Micro/Macro Economics, AP Psychology, *AP Us Government and Politics, US Government and Politics *Contemporary Media Issues (H), History of the Western Hemisphere (H)

Science (3 credits required for graduation)

Anatomy/Physiology, Biology (H), Chemistry (H), Environmental Science (H, AP), Physics (H), AP Biology, AP Chemistry,

Foreign Language (3 credits required for graduation)

Spanish I, II, III, IV, French I, II, III, IV, AP French Language and Culture, AP Spanish Language and Culture

Electives (6 credits including PE, Health, IT, and Art required for graduation)

Physical Education/Health”, Information Technology, Journalism/Yearbook, *Film, *Dance, *Studio Art, *Accounting-Introduction to Business, Speech & Debate, *Literature & Film”, *Graphic Design”, College Writing”, College Skills

Total Credits Required for Graduation = 24

Grading Scale and Grade Point Average

LUPS has an excellent track record with student performance. Due to the small class size and high mobility in our population, class rank is not reported.

Our grading scale is as follows:

Percentage	Semester Grade	College Preparatory	Honors	AP
97- 100	A+	4.0	4.5	5.0
93 - 96	A	4.0	4.5	5.0
90 - 92	A-	3.7	4.2	4.7
87- 89	B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
83 - 86	B	3.0	3.5	4.0
80 - 82	B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
77 - 79	C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
73 - 76	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
70 - 72	C-	1.7	2.2	2.7
67 - 69	D+	1.3	1.8	2.3
65 - 66	D	1.0	1.5	2.0
Below 65	F	0.0	0.0	0.0

SAT Results for LUPS

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Median Score	1130	1200	1120	1140	1150	1140
Highest Score	1510	1490	1360	1430	1470	1520

College Acceptances

100% of graduating seniors are accepted to colleges and universities in the U.S. and internationally. All schools are U.S. based unless otherwise noted. Recent college acceptances include:

American University, Amsterdam University (Holland), Andrews University, Appalachian State University, Babson College, Baylor University, Bentley University, Bishop’s University (Canada), Bournemouth (UK), Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Brighton University (UK), Brown University, Brunel University (UK), Cardiff University (UK), Carleton University (Canada), Case Western Reserve University, City University of London (UK) Colorado State

University, Concordia University, Cornell University, The College of William & Mary, Dalhousie University (Canada), DePaul University, Drexel University, Emory University, Erasmus University (Holland), Essex University (UK), Florida State University, Fordham University, Georgia Tech University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Hague University (Holland), Hotel School The Hague, (Holland), Johnson & Wales University, Leiden University (Holland), Loughborough University (UK), Loyola University Chicago, Les Roches (Switzerland), London Metropolitan University (UK), McGill University (Canada), Michigan State University, Mount St. Vincent University (Canada), Niagara College (Canada), Manhattan College, McGill University (Canada), Nova Southeastern University, New York University, Northeastern University, The Ohio State University, Oregon State University, Pace University, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University, Queens University (Canada), Regents University (UK), Rochester Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, Ryerson University, Saint Mary's University (Canada), Savannah College of Art & Design, St. John's University, Simon Fraser University (Canada) Syracuse University, Tufts University, University of Bristol (UK), University of British Columbia, University of California, University of Central Florida University of Manchester (UK), University of Maryland, University of Miami, University of New Hampshire, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Connecticut, University of South Florida, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of St. Andrews (UK), University of Tampa, University of Toronto (Canada), University of Virginia, University of Waterloo (Canada), The University of Waterloo (Canada), University of Western Ontario (Canada), University of Westminster (UK), Utrecht University (Holland), Vassar University Webster University (Holland), the University of Pennsylvania.

Student Awards

Students with a semester average weighted GPA of 3.5 to 3.89 are eligible for Honor Roll, and those with a GPA above 3.9 are eligible for Highest Honors. Individual awards are given in all academic subjects, and the school has chapters of the National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, and the French Honor Society. The Griffin Award is given to students to recognize outstanding contributions to student life. In addition to these LUPS-based awards, LUPS students are frequently recognized with AP Scholar Awards, AP International Diplomas, Junior Chamber International Speech Awards, Leeward Island Debating Competition's Best Speaker Awards, St. Maarten Outstanding Youth Awards, Island Wide Science Fair Awards, and island-wide awards for chorus, theater, and individual singing performance. Since 2006, LUPS students have been chosen to be the St. Maarten Junior Minister of Tourism, representing the island at events throughout the Caribbean.

Activities

LUPS offers a wide array of community opportunities with non-governmental organizations on the island and extra-curricular athletics and sports including basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, soccer, track, and swimming. Students are required to complete a minimum of 80 community service hours before graduating. Many far exceed the minimum annually. LUPS also offers a strong student council (grades 6-12) and has a Rotary Interact Club dedicated to community service. Additionally, LUPS has a flourishing VEX Robotics program and is an annual participant in the Model United Nations (MUN).