



OUR SCHOOL

2014
YEAR OPENED

PK-3
GRADES SERVED
FOR 2016-17

370
SCHOLARS
PROJECTED
FOR 2016-17



Free, public,
college-preparatory
charter school

Individually focused
learning with strong
parental involvement

Preparing 100% of our
scholars for success in
college and beyond

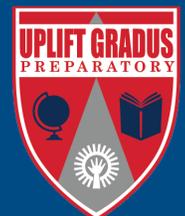
Uplift Gradus Preparatory Primary School, is a tuition-free, public charter school managed by the Uplift Education charter school network. They offer a college-preparatory curriculum to a diverse urban population of scholars in grades Pre-K through 2nd. Located in DeSoto just south of I-20, we offer 6th grade scholars the opportunity to attend an Uplift middle and high school at Uplift Hampton Prep. Uplift Gradus Prep is focused on getting scholars into college, maintaining the highest expectations for our students, and nurturing strong relationships between our faculty and families. The school provides a curriculum with the highest academics that truly prepare students for college.



The Uplift Gradus Difference

At Uplift Gradus, we are focused on providing:

- a safe, secure school with strong parent involvement
- enthusiastic, caring teachers
- a project based, hands-on learning environment
- fun, educational field trips
- access to cutting-edge educational tools and technology



The IB® Program

International Baccalaureate (IB) is the rigorous instructional framework that helps our scholars succeed in college and beyond. Thanks to the IB framework, Uplift scholars become well-rounded, globally-minded adults.

IB is more than educational programs and certificates. At its heart, IB® is motivated by a mission to create a better world through education. It promotes intercultural understanding and respect as an essential part of life in the 21st century.

We believe Uplift scholars will need to possess these qualities in addition to the rigorous academic framework IB provides to be successful.

IB® learners strive to be:

- **INQUIRERS:** Develop natural curiosity.
- **KNOWLEDGEABLE:** Explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance.
- **THINKERS:** Exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively.
- **COMMUNICATORS:** Understand and express ideas and information confidently.
- **PRINCIPLED:** Act with integrity and honesty.
- **OPEN-MINDED:** Understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories.
- **CARING:** Show empathy, compassion and respect.
- **RISK-TAKERS:** Approach unfamiliar situations with courage and thoughtfulness.
- **BALANCED:** Understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance.
- **REFLECTIVE:** Give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience.

How does it work?

Schools interested in becoming IB World Schools must successfully complete the authorization process. During this process, IB supports the candidate school in building the programmatic understanding and organizational structures it needs to implement IB's internationally-minded programs.

All Uplift schools are either authorized as IB World Schools, in the candidacy phase (which takes at least one full year and involves many steps), in the consideration phase, or the preparation stage. IB patterned programs and practices are already in use at every campus.



Many schools in the Uplift network are authorized International Baccalaureate schools (IB) and many more are currently in the candidate phase to become authorized. Uplift Gradus will eventually apply for IB authorization once the school grows to full capacity and establishes its track record of excellent, globally-focused education. Uplift is on track to become one of the largest IB districts in the state. We believe in “IB for all” because we know that EVERY child deserves a high-quality, rigorous education that puts him or her on a path to college.