UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL POLICY
Student Organizations and Clubs

General Information

School sponsored athletics, cheerleading, and some club participation begins in 6th grade.

The following items may not be used for non-school sponsored teams and organizations:
1. Any name that represents the LSU Laboratory School or any organization of the Lab School, such as athletics. Examples of school names include but are not limited to University, Lab School, The U, U-High, etc.
2. Any variation of the “U”.
3. All school and athletic logos. Examples include but are not limited to the tiger cub “eye”, the “U”, or any representation of those logos. Simply changing font or color is not acceptable.

The school must report all violations as they create liability issues and trademark infringement for both LSU and the Lab School.

Please help us be good community members by following the policies and procedures we are required to uphold.

• The school does not have an elementary athletic program or elementary clubs, however some parents organize non-school sponsored teams, troops, etc. which include Lab School elementary students.
• Because green space is limited and coaches/sponsors of these organizations are not Lab School employees the Lab School, buildings surrounding the Lab School, the respective green spaces, and facilities may not be utilized after school by groups of elementary students during the LSU workday. LSU offices close between 4:30 and 5:00 PM daily.
• Because of the safety and supervision issues it poses, elementary students may never change clothes at school.

If you are a secondary student, for information about joining any middle or high school clubs, service organizations, or athletic groups, contact the appropriate secondary faculty sponsor or coach.

Student Council

The Student Council at University High is the focal point of student government and is responsible for coordinating all student-related school activities. It is also responsible for serving as the voice for students on any and all topics pertaining to student life at the school. The executive board of the student council also participates on the school’s AdvancED school reaccreditation/improvement steering committee. A calendar of
events is prepared prior to the opening of school and includes the dates for regular activities.

The Student Council President is responsible for coordinating all planned activities through the advisor and principal. Student Council officers include a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian. A faculty sponsor oversees the council’s activities.

The middle school has its own student council and functions in a manner similar to the high school student council.

High School Moderator: Emily Peters          Middle School Moderator:  Jill Calloway

Class Officers

High school class officers include a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and two student council representatives. The faculty sponsor oversees class activities. At least one faculty class sponsor must be present at each class activity. Planned class activities must also be coordinated with the Student Council.

Faculty class sponsors (chair’s name is in bold):

9th   Matt Lavergne
Brian Simpson
Karen Holden
Andy Martin
Angela Murray
David Neubauer

10th  Jennifer Bevill
Charity Cantey
Tamara Empson
Bonita Johnson
Emily Peters
Corey Reimonenq
Lori Fanning
Aimee Welch

11th  Scott Harris
Amy Rouse
Anne Collier
Ryan Empson
Therese Knowles
Chad Mahaffey
Candy Robillard
John Shoptaugh
Club Officers

Club officers may vary slightly from club to club, but they generally include a president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. The club president represents the club on the Student Council and is responsible for coordinating all planned club activities. A faculty sponsor oversees club activities. The club president is responsible for coordinating all planned club activities through the designated club sponsor. At least one club sponsor must be present at each club activity. Club activities must also be coordinated with the Student Council. Candidates for club offices qualify according to that club’s constitution and rules.

Student Council Elections

Elections are scheduled late in the spring semester (normally in April). Procedures and requirements for elections to the council and to class offices are as follows:

Voting

Middle School and High School student council elections will be held in the spring. Procedures and requirements for elections to the council and to class offices are as follows:

1. Students are given a two week notice to turn in an intent to run form. This form will indicate the office for which the student is running and some various demographic information.
2. Students are given at least one full week to campaign.
3. Elections will be held by ballot, either electronic or paper. The elections do not take place during class time. If held electronically, the times of the ballot open and close period will be announced. If paper ballots are used, students should be given ample time before school, lunch and after school to cast a ballot.
4. The runoffs for Student Council and Class Officers shall be held two days after the election results have been announced to the student body. To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate received more than 50% of the votes cast, the two candidates receiving the most
votes will be included on a runoff ballot. A runoff election will be held in the same format as the primary election.

**National Honor Society**

Membership in the National Honor Society is an academic honor bestowed upon a University High student. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Membership is limited to students in the 11th and 12th grades. New members are inducted at the NHS banquet in the fall. Students with at least a 3.7500 cumulative grade point average are eligible for membership. Students will be sent applications in the mail. It is the student’s responsibility to complete the appropriate forms and returned by the assigned date.

Any student not selected for inclusion in the NHS has the right to schedule a meeting with the NHS moderator and the secondary principal. The purpose of this meeting will be to determine ways in which the student can become a more viable candidate as well as to determine reasons for his/her non-selection.

Moderator: Amy Rouse

**National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honor Society is one of the most widely recognized co-curricular student activities in American middle schools. Its purpose is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage good citizenship among its members. Seventh and eighth grade students who have earned at least a 3.7500 cumulative grade point average and who are in good disciplinary standing are invited to join the National Junior Honor Society each spring.

Moderator: Shannon Gregoire

**National Art Honor Society**

The National Art Honor Society, a student affiliate of the National Art Education Association, is designed to inspire and recognize those students who have shown outstanding ability in visual arts. It is open to students in grades 10 - 12 who have completed Art I or higher with a 3.500 average in art and a 3.200 cumulative grade point average.

Moderators: Therese Knowles and Nancy Von Brock

**National French Honor Society**

To be considered for membership, a student must have a 3.500 GPA in French, have completed French III and have a 3.200 cumulative grade point average. Qualified
students must submit a resume and an essay written in French to be considered for membership.

Moderator: Scott Harris

**National Spanish Honor Society**

The National Spanish Honor Society, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, accepts students who are enrolled in Spanish III or higher, have a 3.200 cumulative GPA and a 3.500 GPA in Spanish. In addition, the applicant must be recommended by a UHS Spanish teacher. The National Spanish Honor Society is involved in service activities for the school and community.

Moderator: Isabelle Ortegon-Manzillo

**Key Club**

The Key Club is primarily a service club for the home and school community. Sponsored by the Capital City Kiwanis Club, the club works to develop initiative and leadership. It strives to build better citizenship by providing opportunities for participation in school and community services. The Laboratory School Chapter is a member of the Key Club International and the LA-MS-TN District.

Moderator: Karen Holden

**Academic Clubs**

**Art Club**

The Art Club is open to all high school students enrolled in Art. The objectives of this club are to stimulate interest in art and to help students become producers and consumers of art.

Moderators: Therese Knowles and Nancy Von Brock

**French Club**

The French Club is composed of those students who are taking French. Its main objective is to make students more aware of the cultural influences of the French.

Moderator: Scott Harris

**Spanish Club**
To be in the Spanish Club, you must be enrolled in Spanish. The club’s main objective is to make students more aware of the cultural influences of the Spanish in the United States.

Moderator: Isabelle Ortegon-Manzillo

**Mu Alpha Theta (Math Club)**

Mu Alpha Theta is an honorary mathematical society for high school students. It sponsors various math related activities.

Moderators: Math Department

**New Clubs**

The purpose of school clubs is to either (1) augment the school curriculum (e.g., Spanish Club, Art Club) or (2) engage in service. To become an official Laboratory School club, the following procedure must be used:

1. A written request to form a club must be submitted to the Dean of Students by the students wishing to launch the club. The request must include a rationale for establishing the club including an explanation as to the manner in which the proposed club meets the criteria for either a service organization or an extension of the approved school curriculum. The request must be signed by a minimum of 12 students as well as one faculty member who agrees to serve as advisor to the club.
2. The request will be reviewed by the administration within one academic quarter (nine weeks) of its receipt.
3. After administrative review, the principal will send a letter to the potential advisor confirming approval or denial of the request.

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**Cub Club**

Families are encouraged to join the parent/teacher organization at the Laboratory School. This group normally meets three times during the school year. To get more information about Cub Club and their activities please visit their section of the school website.

**The Cub**

The major work in the publications field is the school yearbook. THE CUB is the Lab School’s yearbook. It provides a pictorial reflection of the school year.

Moderator: Adrienne Gale
Other Clubs, Organizations, and Teams Officially Sponsored by the Laboratory School

1. Art Club
2. Football (varsity, junior varsity, 6/7/8 grade)
3. Volleyball (varsity, junior varsity, 6/7/8 grade)
4. Swimming (Grades 6 - 12)
5. Cross Country (Grades 6 - 12)
6. Basketball (boys/girls varsity, junior varsity, 7/8)
7. Soccer (boys and girls varsity, junior varsity)
8. Baseball (varsity, junior varsity, freshmen)
9. Cub Garden
10. Girls Bowling
11. Girls and Boys on the Run
12. Track (boys and girls)
13. Tennis (boys and girls)
14. Golf (boys and girls)
15. Varsity Cheerleaders
16. Spirit Steppers (high school)
17. Quiz Bowl (Middle/High)
18. Green Club
19. Ping Pong Club