

UAIS Procedures for Completing Algebra I Requirement

As indicated on the application and the uais.utica12.org website, all students must successfully complete both semesters of Algebra I prior to the beginning of the 9th grade to be eligible for enrollment at UAIS. Completion of Algebra I is not a necessary requirement to apply to the program or take the entrance testing, however. If your student is currently enrolled in Algebra I during the 8th grade, he/she will be eligible to attend UAIS provided that he/she successfully earns credit in both semesters.

The following should help families whose children are not currently enrolled in or have completed Algebra I:

What if my child has not already taken Algebra I and is not currently enrolled in Algebra I?

Your child can/should still apply to UAIS, if interested and plan to take the entrance testing in the winter. However, you do need to make plans for your child to satisfy the Algebra I requirement.

How does my child satisfy the Algebra I requirement?

You should contact your home school counselor to receive information about completing both semesters of Algebra I through Michigan Virtual High School (MVHS), an online curriculum option for all Michigan students. The website address is: <http://www.mivhs.org/>. The cost of both semesters is available online. Once your child enrolls, UCS policy is that any student must pass the exams for both semesters with at least 70% to earn UCS credit. Once the transcript becomes available online, you MUST print and submit proof of completion to the UAIS office staff the week before school starts. Email submission is not allowed. Failure to provide proof of successful completion will result in a transfer back to your home school.

Are there any scholarships available through Utica Community Schools to help pay for the costs of Michigan Virtual High School?

No financial compensation is available through the school district. Parents must pay these costs out-of-pocket.

When should my child take the MVHS courses?

Parents are encouraged to visit the MVHS website directly for this information and should make plans for your child to complete these requirements either in second semester or the 8th grade year or the summer before 9th grade. However, we do not advise students to pay for these courses until they received confirmation that they have successfully passed the application tests and have received an acceptance or waitlist letter from UAIS.

Can I enroll my child in summer school or a community college option to satisfy the Algebra I requirements?

No. Summer school is available for make-up credit only, and college courses are not aligned with Michigan Merit Curriculum; therefore, they cannot be added to high school transcripts.

Is there anything else I should know?

Yes. Parents should keep in mind that they will receive no reimbursement for MVHS cost, regardless of whether they pass or their child is offered a spot at UAIS. Additionally, if your child receives a waitlist letter, there is no guarantee that a spot will become open, even if parents pay for the MVHS option to complete Algebra I. Families should carefully weigh all options and risks regarding MVHS registration.