



UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

CLASS OF 2031 ADMISSIONS GUIDE

For students applying in 8th grade for entry in September 2027.

READ THIS FIRST: YOU CANNOT APPLY UNTIL YOU ATTEND

UCVTS does not publish an open application. **Application information is released only to families who have attended a virtual information session.** You receive a unique application link by email on the first school day after you attend, and that link works for one applicant only.

No session, no application. The final session of the cycle is Monday, December 7, one week before the deadline.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Required. Virtual. Pre-register.

2026 DATE	NOTE
Wednesday, September 9	General session
Tuesday, September 22	General session
Monday, October 5	Academy for Global Logistics focus
Tuesday, October 13	General session
Wednesday, October 28	General session
Thursday, November 19	General session
Monday, December 7	Final session of the cycle

ON CAMPUS TOURS

Optional

2026 DATE	TIME
Saturday, September 26	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Thursday, October 8	6:00 to 8:00 PM
Saturday, October 24	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Tuesday, November 10	6:00 to 8:00 PM
Saturday, December 12	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tours are the only opportunity to set foot on campus. They are not a required step, but registration runs through the application platform, so you must attend a virtual information session first.

WHAT GOES IN THE APPLICATION

The completed online application, submitted through your unique link

Records Release Form, delivered by you to your school

7th grade final transcript and 8th grade first marking period grades

A current IEP or 504 Plan, only if testing accommodations are needed

KEY DATES

WHO MAY APPLY

8th grade students who are residents of Union County before the application deadline.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Sept. 9 to Dec. 7, 2026

Attendance is a required step.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

December 14, 2026

No exceptions. This is the district's own wording.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

December 18, 2026

Records release form and transcripts. Arriving later may make the applicant ineligible.

ADMISSION EXAM

January 9 or 23, 2027

Assigned to you by resident municipality. Snow date January 30.

TESTING DETAILS EMAILED

Early January 2027

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

February 12, 2027

PERFORMING ARTS AUDITIONS

February 20, 2027

First choice Dance and Theatre applicants who qualify academically.

FINAL DECISIONS

On or before April 1, 2027

HOW COMPETITIVE

For the Class of 2030, UCVTS received **1,512 completed applications** and offered admission to **594 students**, roughly 39 percent. At least two qualified applicants from each municipality are offered a place at each school.

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

ftadmissions@ucvts.org
908-889-8288 ext. 845
1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains

THE APPLICATION TIMELINE

Every date confirmed for the Class of 2031

WHEN	WHAT HAPPENS	WHAT YOUR FAMILY DOES
From Sept. 9	Information sessions begin	Pre-register and attend. Without this you cannot obtain an application
Next school day	Your unique application link arrives by email	Check spam. If it does not arrive, email ftadmissions@ucvts.org with your name and session date
Any time before the deadline	You complete the online application	Edit freely, but do not rush the submit button. Once submitted, the application is final. Print a copy
After submitting	A Records Release Form becomes available	Deliver it to your school so they can send the 7th grade final transcript and 8th grade first marking period grades
December 14	Application deadline	No exceptions. Late applications are not accepted
December 18	Records and supporting materials must be received	You get an email once documents are recorded. Allow three to four business days
Early January	Your exam date, time and location are emailed	Only applicants with a complete application are contacted. UCVTS assigns the date, families do not choose it
January 9 or 23	Admission exam	Snow date January 30. If your child is ill, a make up may be arranged after the regular administration
February 12	Phase one notice: did your child academically qualify?	This is not yet an admission decision
April 1, 2027	Final admission decisions	UCVTS keeps no waiting list. Unplaced applications simply stay on file

THE SIX FULL TIME ACADEMIES

Allied Health Sciences. Rutgers School of Health Professions credit and an EMT certification pathway.

Global Logistics. Supply chain and global commerce, with Rutgers and Union College credit.

Information Technology. Business or computer science tracks, AP Capstone Diploma, NJIT articulation.

Performing Arts. Dance, theatre or technical theatre. Senior year at Kean University. Dance and Theatre require an audition.

Union County Magnet High School. Engineering based science, mathematics and technology. AutoCAD and Fusion 360 certification.

UCTECH High School. Umbrella for six internal academies: Clinical Care Sciences, Law and Justice, Exercise Physiology, School of Design, Sustainable Sciences, and Teacher Education. About 25 students each.

THE EXAM AND HOW IT IS SCORED

100 points

SECTION	LENGTH	POINTS
Language Arts	1 hour	35
Mathematics	1 hour	35

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7th grade GPA	8th grade MP1	Mathematics exam	Language Arts exam

THE FINE PRINT	DETAIL
Minimum qualifying score	65 of 100
Courses counted in GPA	LA, Math, Social Studies, Science
Honors and advanced weighting	None
Testing accommodations	IEP or 504 on request

Both sections are multiple choice, assessing Grade 8 skills as defined by the NJ Department of Education. **Honors courses carry no extra weight:** a B in an honors class scores lower than an A in a standard one.

YOUR FAST TRACK 8 SCHEDULE FOR THIS EXAM

COMPONENT	WHEN	PURPOSE
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