



Umatilla High School

September 2026

We welcomed 9th-grade students back to school on Monday, August 24. Mrs. Day and our ASB Leadership students did an incredible job planning and executing freshmen orientation. With a great balance of information and fun, students met their teachers, learned their schedule, and participated in activities throughout the day. The rest of our students returned to school the following day.



We ended the first week of school with our first spirit assembly of the year. Students and staff participated in fun activities, and our UHS cheer squad introduced the Viking row, the newest way to show your support for our student athletes! The viral chant became popular during FIFA this summer, and we believe it has a place here in Umatilla as well. Once again, thank you to Mrs. Day and the ASB all-stars for a great way to finish up the first week, as well as to Mr. Quam for leading the row.

Dorothy Estrada is one of the most passionate educators I have had the pleasure to work with, and she was back at it all summer long facilitating summer school for UHS. Along with her team, she went above and beyond to track down students who needed to recover credits for graduation. Thanks to Dorothy, Brittany Day, Edgar Navarrete, Max Bedolla, and Kelley Swarat, five seniors who were not eligible for graduation this past spring finished up and earned their high school diploma. We celebrated them during a mini graduation ceremony this past week. Thank you to Dorothy and Erick Olson for organizing the event, as well as to Heidi Sipe, Oscar Contreras, Bob Lorence, and Dee Lorence, all of whom participated in leading the event.



Fall MAP testing starts the week of September 14. We will run on a block schedule Monday through Thursday that week, as well as Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week. Once all our testing is complete, ELA and Math teachers will meet with each of their students to develop individualized learning goals for the year.

Upcoming events:

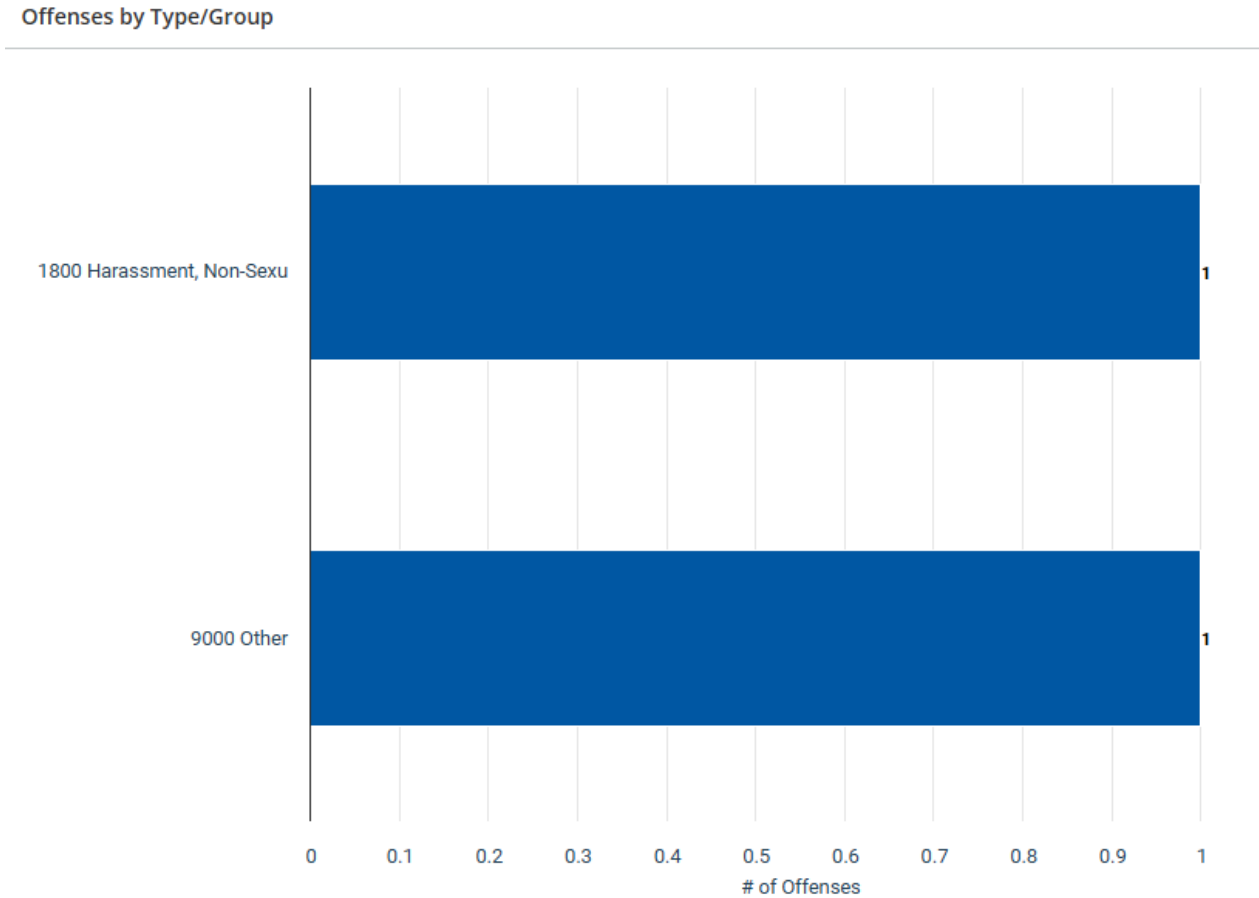
- September 14-October 2: Fall MAPs testing
- September 21: Picture Day
- October 2: Homecoming football game vs. Burns
- October 3: Homecoming dance

Enrollment 2026-2027

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
9th	126								
10th	110								
11th	110								
12th	129								
Total	475								

Discipline

We had 2 referrals during the month of August, outlined in the table below:



Athletics and Activities

Fall sports include volleyball, soccer, cheer, football, and cross country, all of which are up and running. Our homecoming football game and dance are right around the corner, on the weekend of October 2.

Preparations for our fall drama production, 10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse, are also underway. Mr. Hill held auditions and has selected his cast, and rehearsals are already underway. Performances are scheduled for mid-November.

UHS will once again host the fall Hall of Fame Ceremony, honoring graduates of Umatilla High School. The ceremony is scheduled for October 10.

Key Club is preparing for their first blood drive of the year, in partnership with the American Red Cross. The drive is scheduled for October 26 in the UHS gym.

For the most up-to-date information on athletics and activities, please check out our District page:

<https://www.umatilla.k12.or.us/o/athleticsandactivities>