

University Cooperative School

where childhood is a journey, not a race



Welcome to our school

University Cooperative School is a community-oriented, K-5 school founded in 1975. We offer a joyful education rooted in engaging academics, creative arts, outdoor learning, and social-emotional developmental support. Our program features a dynamic, multi-age learning environment, exceptional teachers, and passionate learners actively engaged in their community. At University Cooperative School, you will find a small and intimate setting of 82 students, comfortable and beautifully designed learning spaces, affordable tuition, and a collaborative community of students, educators, and parents.



Our mission

University Cooperative School is a community of children, teachers, and families. Together, we create an environment that is both vital and caring, in which children deepen their love of learning, build confidence in their voices, and come to value their own gifts and those of others. We respect each child's unique nature and foster in our children a strong sense of belonging—the knowledge that they are accepted and valued for who they are. At the same time, we prize and hold before them a vision of their highest potential.



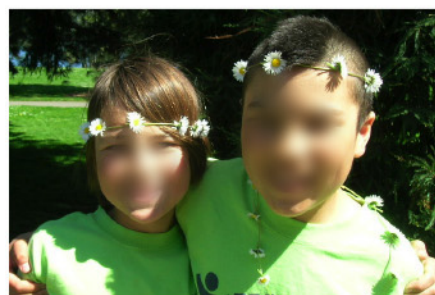
Fast Facts: University Cooperative School

Grades:	K-5
Enrollment:	85 students
Neighborhood:	North University District
Year founded:	1975
Class (grade) size:	14-16 students
Student/teacher ratio:	12:1
Kindergarten hours:	M-F 8:45-1:30 p.m.
Grades 1-5 hours:	M-TH 8:45-3:30 p.m. & Friday 8:45-1:30 p.m.
Extended day program:	Available after school daily until 6 p.m.
Tuition 2014-2015:	Kindergarten: \$7,940 Grades 1-5: \$10,090 <i>We work hard to keep our tuition affordable—about half the cost of most Seattle independent schools.</i>
Tuition assistance:	18% of students receive assistance
Certifications and affiliations:	Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) approved independent school, member Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS).



Our educational approach.

- Our practices include:
- Multi-age classrooms, which provide the opportunity for children to be collaborators and mentors as well as independent learners.
 - Team teaching, which offers children examples of dynamic, on-going, collaborative relationships.
 - A holistic education in which children become capable thinkers, readers, writers, mathematicians, artists, and scientists; and, at the same time, benefit from even growth in social, emotional, physical, and intellectual skills.
 - A flexible curriculum that is a jumping off place for learning, not a set of expectations held rigidly for all.
 - Hands-on, theme-based learning that integrates the arts and academics.
 - Service learning that creates awareness, engagement, and participation in the broader community.
 - Outdoor and physical education that promotes healthy bodies and a healthy planet.



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We are . . . our students. University Co-op students are lively, inquisitive, caring, and compassionate. Students build life-long confidence, academic skills, creativity, and friendships. The University Cooperative years are a time of great joy, passion, and discovery. Our students graduate fully prepared for the many different middle schools, both independent and public, that they go on to attend. University Cooperative School alumni often receive recognition for their high-level collaborative and problem-solving skills.

Our faculty. University Co-op has a strong team of exceptional teachers, many of whom have advanced degrees. Our teachers bring their expertise and passion for various subject matters to the classroom, create a nurturing environment, and form close relationships with the students. Teaching specialists share their talents in art, music, drama, creative movement, and Spanish.

Our parents. Parents play an active and pivotal role in our community. Parent involvement includes assisting the teachers in the classroom, performing a school job, and participating in the school's fundraising efforts. University Co-op parents experience a richness in their lives from spending time with the children and sharing the journey of parenting.

Our home. We intentionally design our learning spaces to be inviting and comfortable. Our building is filled with natural light, rich wood, and tall banks of windows. There are several cozy reading lofts and nooks. Once you tour our school, you will agree—it just feels good! We also prize our urban location—see the back side of this brochure for information on the parks and other amenities we regularly enjoy in our neighborhood.

Our core beliefs.

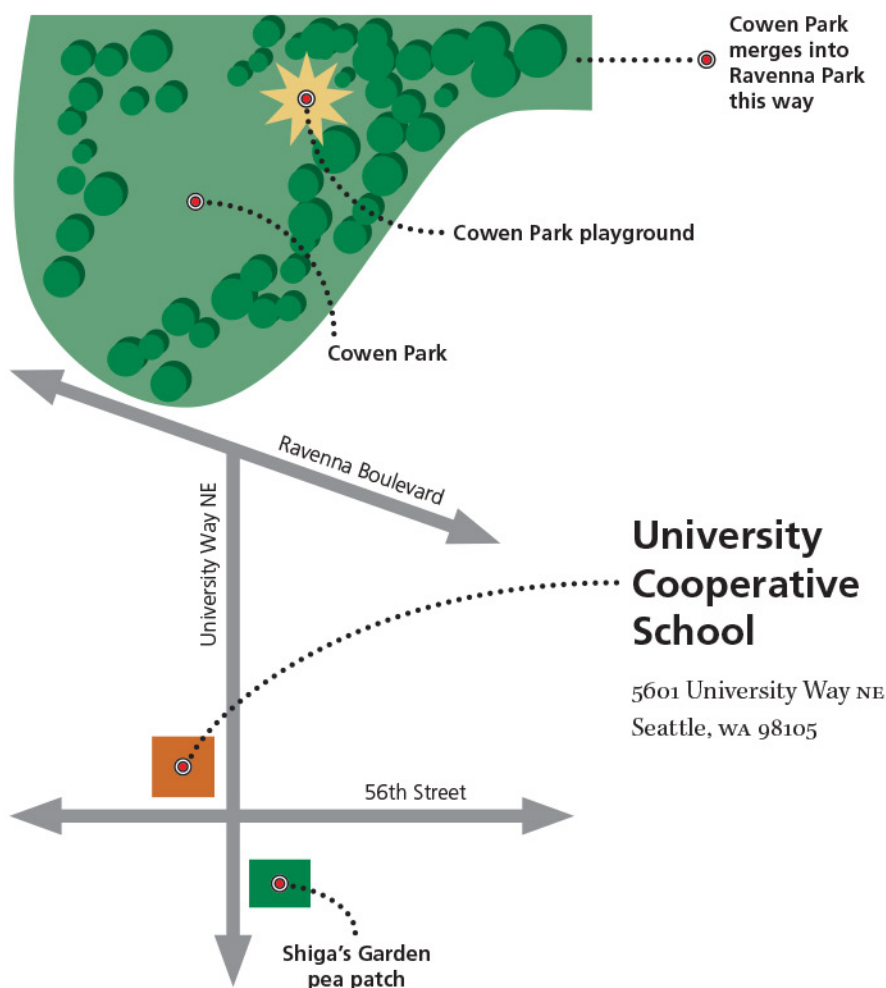
- We are committed to:
- Challenging but not hurrying children.
 - Empowering children to become positive and responsible contributors to their classroom, community, and the wider world.
 - Teaching children to speak with honesty and compassion, and to resolve conflicts peacefully.
 - Creating a respectful environment in which we invite children to try new experiences and encourage them to welcome mistakes as opportunities for learning.
 - Cultivating a participatory community approach, which enables parents and teachers to grow and learn alongside the children.
 - Utilizing and recognizing the diverse talents and perspectives that parents bring to the school, as children flourish when they are known and cared for by the family that is our school.



Admissions. The best way to get to know our school is to come and see it in action. We invite you to come meet the students, teachers, and families at an open house and school visit. Please contact us to learn more about our admissions process and visiting the school— call us at 206.524.0653 or visit us at www.ucoopschool.org.



University Cooperative School does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, or any other legally protected status, in the hiring of staff or in the administration of educational policies and programs, admissions policies, scholarship, and other school-administered programs.



Our neighborhood

University Cooperative School is located in the north part of the University District, just one block south of Cowen Park, which the kids visit every day—rain or shine—to climb trees, build forts, and play countless games together. We also regularly use Ravenna Park with its beautiful ravine and 5 miles of hiking trails, Shiga's Garden pea patch, and the University of Washington campus.

Contact us

If you would like to learn more about University Cooperative School, please contact us via our Web site (www.ucoopschool.org) or via phone (206.524.0653).



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