



Cottonwood High Neighborhood Center

Our Community

When Granite High School closed its doors in 2009, Cottonwood became the “neighborhood” high school for South Salt Lake teens and a crossroads where diverse cultural, economic, and geographic communities meet. The school serves:

- Students representing 35 native languages;
- 160 students who are refugees;
- 250 English Language Learners;
- 120 students enrolled at the school’s English Language Academy;
- 630 students (38 percent of enrollment) eligible for free or reduced-price lunch; and
- 730 students (44 percent) who have fee waivers.

Cottonwood was the first high school in Utah to adopt the community school model and is a key part of South Salt Lake’s growing cradle-to-career pipeline, serving children from their early years through college graduation.

Our Promise

All students have the right to a quality education. Our work is to cultivate a safe, positive and accessible learning environment in which each student can develop the essential skills they need to become successful, ethical, and productive members of the global community.

Our Goals

1. Increase written, verbal, and math proficiency.
2. Increase graduation rates and prepare students for post-secondary education.
3. Enrich parent and community engagement and build collaborative cultures across the curriculum.

Promise Partners

- AmeriCorps *Read. Graduate. Succeed.*
- Asian Association of Utah
- Catholic Community Services
- City of South Salt Lake
- Granite School District
- Hser Ner Moo Neighborhood Center
- International Rescue Committee
- Latinos in Action
- PAL Boxing Center
- Sunnyvale Neighborhood Center
- United Way of Salt Lake
- Utah Partners for Health

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Give your time. Lend a hand. Every minute counts toward making a positive impact in others’ lives. To volunteer now, contact:

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“Through mentorship, tutoring, post-secondary readiness, and access to opportunities for our youth and their families, our collaboration with United Way and the Promise Partnership ultimately enriches the lives of not only our students, but the entire Cottonwood community.”

Alan Parrish
Principal, Cottonwood High School

