



Granite Park Junior High Neighborhood Center

Our Community

Granite Park Junior High (GPJH) is rich in diversity. Thirty-six languages are spoken and over 90 countries are represented. For most students, English is their second language and they are considered English Language Learners (ELL). Ninety percent of the students at GPJH qualify for free and reduced priced lunch. A high mobility rate, with 4 out of 10 students leaving GPJH within a given year, makes consistent academic achievement a potential barrier. Granite Park Junior High is the first in the state of Utah to be named a demonstration site for the Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) program; an evidence-based, college preparation strategy that encourages college-going culture.

Our Promise

Granite Park Junior High's vision is to inspire students to dream of college and beyond.

Our Goals

1. Every student achieves on grade level in math, language arts, literacy, and science.
2. Every student aspires to attend and graduate from college.
3. Chronic absence rates decrease.
4. Parents are engaged in their students' education.

Promise Partners

- Utah Health Partners of Utah
- AmeriCorps: Destination Graduation
- Community Nursing Services
- Granite School District
- City of South Salt Lake
- Promise Refugee Youth Partners
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah
- Latinos in Action

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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 intentional collaboration with United Way of Salt Lake and other partners, we are aligning efforts and scaling up strategies that will help our youth succeed academically and set a strong foundation for their futures."

The Promise South Salt Lake Partnership is helping us identify and fill gaps, while building upon the many assets of our youth and community."

Danny Stirland
Principal, Granite Park Junior High School

