



Oquirrh Hills Elementary Neighborhood Center

Our Community

At Oquirrh Hills Elementary, United Way of Salt Lake partners with Granite School District and many other organizations to provide programs and resources to children and families. Oquirrh Hills Elementary serves approximately 400 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Eighty-four percent of students fall below the federal poverty line, qualifying them for free or reduced-price lunch. Oquirrh Hills Elementary receives Title I funding to support the high number of students at or below the poverty line.

Fifty percent of students at Oquirrh Hills are minorities, with populations of Latinos, Pacific Islander and Asian ethnicities as well as African Refugees. Nearly half of all students are behind grade level for language arts and math, and only 69 percent of pre-kindergarten students were ready to enter kindergarten at the beginning of the 2013 school year.

Our Promise

Our promise is to create opportunities so that all children and families, regardless of their circumstances, have the same chances to succeed in school and life.

Our Goals

1. Increase reading, math and language arts proficiency.
2. Reduce the effects of summer learning loss.
3. Help prepare children to enter kindergarten.
4. Reduce the rate of chronic absenteeism.
5. Engage parents in their students' education.
6. Ensure that all students have regular access to healthcare and are covered by health insurance.
7. Educate students and families on the importance of saving for college.

Our Progress

Since our partnership began in 2010, Language Arts scores have improved by 6 percent, and Math scores have improved by 15 percent. These improvements are largely due to the collaborative efforts of the partnership and teachers, as well as the alignment of our existing programs.

Promise Partners

- AmeriCorps *Read. Graduate. Succeed.*
- Boys & Girls Clubs of South Valley
- Community Nursing Services
- English Skills Learning Center
- Granite School District
- Granite Pre-K Program
- Junior Achievement of Utah
- Latinos in Action
- Sealants for Smiles
- SLCAP Head Start
- United Way of Salt Lake
- Utah Food Bank
- Utah Health Policy Project
- Utah Partners for Health
- Washington Federal Bank

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Give your time. Lend a hand. Every minute counts toward making a positive impact in others' lives.

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"The Oquirrh Hills community school model offers tremendous support to our students and families. Working with United Way has helped us develop clear goals and a common agenda so that all the partners and faculty are focusing on the same things and addressing our students' needs. The result is that we are making great progress academically—this year, we've seen significant gains in reading and math scores."

Principal Karen Marberger
Oquirrh Hills Elementary

