



# PROMISE KEARNS

## South Kearns Elementary Neighborhood Center

### Our Community

United Way of Salt Lake partners with Granite School District and many other organizations to bring programs and resources to the children and families of South Kearns Elementary and the greater community. South Kearns is a Title 1 school and serves approximately 425 students with nearly 75 percent of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch. 52 percent of students at South Kearns are minorities and 37 percent English Language Learners.

Services offered to students include before and afterschool programs, reading tutoring, and arts programs. A partnership with the Department of Workforce Services has also been established to provide case management for families in an effort to reduce intergenerational poverty.

South Kearns has an average of 62 percent of students proficient in Language Arts and 61 percent of students proficient in Math. Through high-quality instruction, data teams, and the resources offered through the community school, partners will work together to improve proficiency.

### Our Promise

Our promise is to provide a nourishing learning environment for students and foster a caring, collaborative school community. Our goals focus on literacy, mathematics, and improving the school/home connection.

### Our Goals

1. Increase math and language arts proficiency
2. Implementation of high-quality data teaming.
3. Positive behavior interventions and supports.

### Our Progress

South Kearns has had the opportunity to grow the afterschool program and introduce a number of new programs, all geared towards enhancing students' academic proficiency and adding capacity to school staff and teachers.

### Promise Partners

- AmeriCorps *Read. Graduate. Succeed.*
- Salt Lake County Youth Services
- Department of Workforce Services
- Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program
- Granite Pre-K Program
- Kearns High Latinos in Action
- Community Nursing Services
- Sealants for Smiles
- SLCAP Head Start
- United Way of Salt Lake
- Granite School District
- Utah Health Policy Project
- 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.**

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*"The partnership with United Way of Salt Lake, although in its infancy, has proven to be an extraordinary support network for our students*

*and their families. We plan to use our partnerships and community resources to work smarter in order to meet the needs of our students and work with families to overcome the unique challenges they face."*

**Principal, Dr. Julie Lorentzon**  
South Kearns Elementary

