



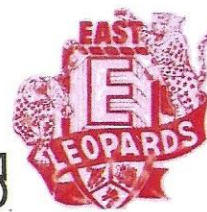
Nibley Park

8th Grade

To

9th Grade

Important Information



Hello 8th grade students and families,

There are many important dates and meetings for our 8th grade students.

School Choice Information: If you are planning to apply to an out of boundary high school, please be sure to complete the following application by February 2, 2023. Principals will be notifying parents by March 15 of open enrollment application status and parents will have until March 31 to accept or decline the open enrollment.

School Choice Application

Middle School Important Dates: Nibley Park School (K-8)

2023-24 School Year Course Selection: January 31 and February 2.

East High School Important Dates:

Freshman Fair: February 7, 2:30 – 8pm

Summer School: Begins **June 12** for first time credit

August: Freshman Orientation - Dates TBD

Freshman Contact: cassidy.bell@slcschools.org

Highland High School Important Dates:

* **8th Grade Open House: January 24, 6-7:30 pm** *

International Baccalaureate Information Nights: Library at Highland

Wednesday, January 18, 4:30pm OR Thursday, January 19, 6pm

IB Contact: Kyle.bracken@slcschools.org

West High School Important Dates:

International Baccalaureate Information Nights: Come and learn about both the Diploma Program and the Career-Related Program

Wednesday, January 11 OR Thursday, January 12, 7pm in the Choir Room

IB Contact: Jenny.nicholas@slcschools.org

Innovations Early College High School (SLC School District):

Information Nights: **January 17 or February 21, 6:30pm** at Innovations Early College High School.

Learn about opportunities for prospective students at <https://innovations.slcschools.org> This link includes information about tours, information nights and programs at Innovations.

Salt Lake Center for Science Education (SLC School District):

Learn about the Salt Lake Center for Science Education and apply to the lottery by February 3, 2023.

Contact for SLCSE: samantha.borders@slcschools.org

Application Process for SLCSE



Highland High School

8th Grade Information Night

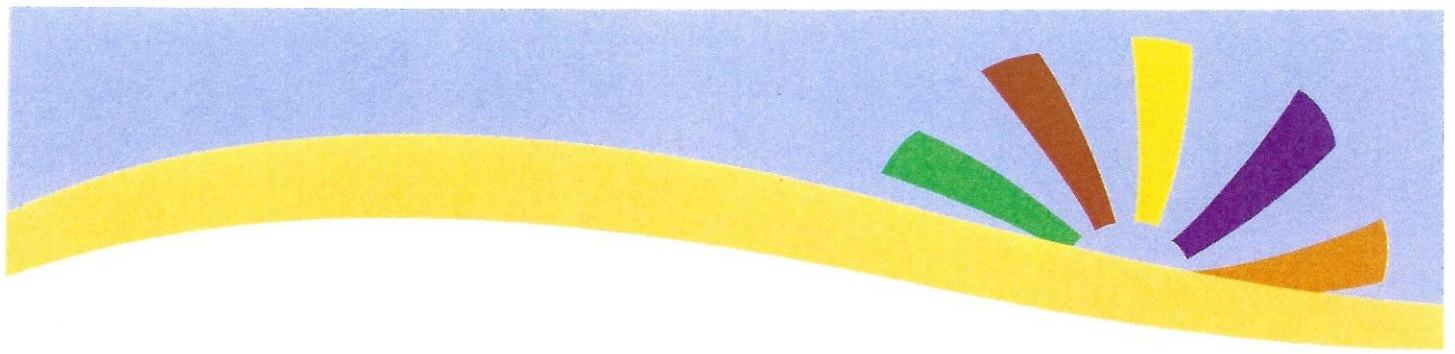
for Students and Families

Tuesday, January 24th, 6-7:30 pm

2166 South 1700 East

**Join us to learn more about classes, programs,
the arts, sports and other activities**

**Interpreters for Spanish, Swahili, Somali and
Arabic will be available**



IB Information Nights!!!

Are you interested in the IB Program at
Highland High School?

If so, please attend **one** of our information nights



Wednesday, January 18th at 4:30 pm

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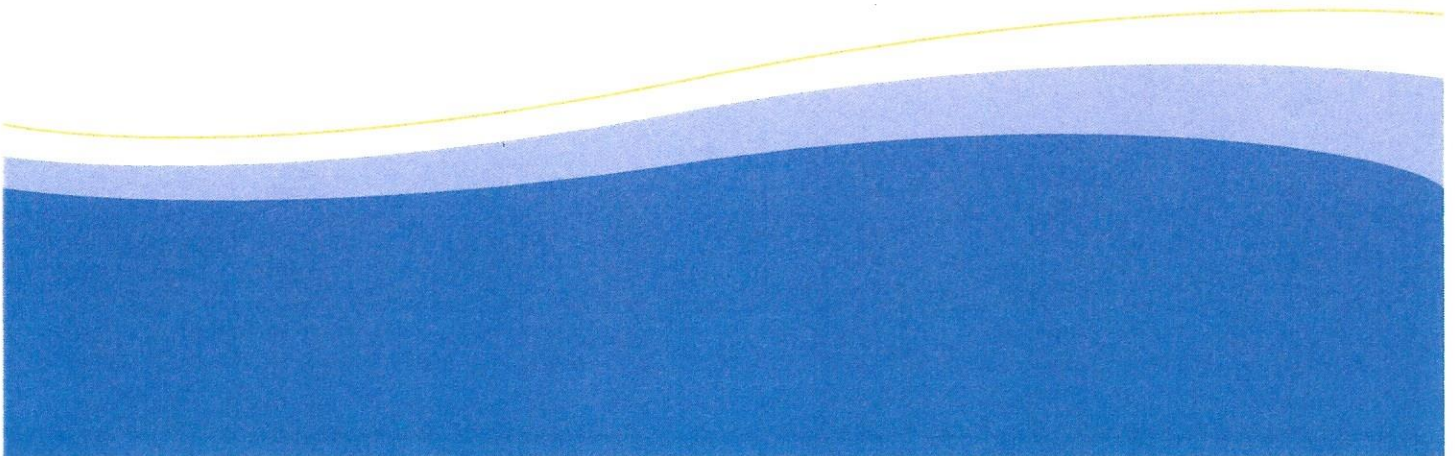
Thursday, January 19th at 6:00 pm

Highland High School Library

1766 South 2100 East

IB coordinator: kyle.bracken@slcschools.org

<https://highland.slcschools.org/academics/programs-options/international-baccalaureate>



NIBLEY PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

PLAN FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

8th GRADERS

Your PCCR is Your Roadmap to Success



Identify Interests and Abilities

- Celebrate student strengths by pointing them out regularly
- Support participation in a variety of interests + activities including sports, clubs, arts, leadership and service
- Encourage your student to keep an open mind

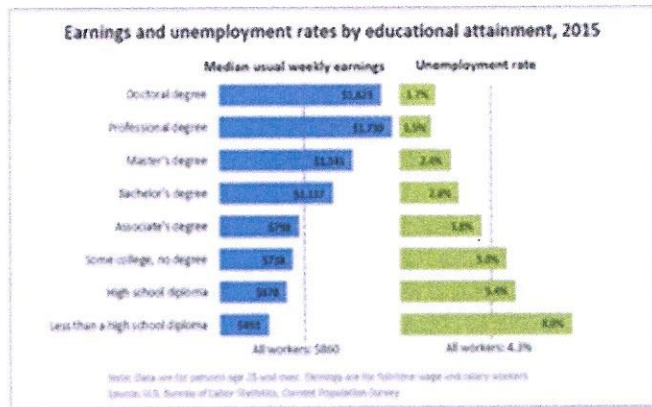
Set Academic Goals

- Encourage career exploration and school achievement
- Realize performance now directly effects future success
- Maintain good attendance and a positive attitude
- Stay organized and use class time wisely
- Regularly review progress toward achieving goals

Develop the Best Available Schedule

- Understand and meet 7th and 8th grade Completion and High School Graduation Requirements
 - Become familiar with all future school programs, including Concurrent Enrollment, Applied Technology College (certification programs), Internships, and Cooperative Work Experience
 - Explore all course offerings before making decisions
 - Associate Degree = 2 year degree
 - Average wage earnings per year: \$35,100
 - Bachelor Degree = 4 year degree
 - Average wage earnings per year: \$49,900
- Source: Payscale.com

Build a Plan for High School and Beyond



- Research educational and career options that fit your interests and abilities – take an interest inventory test on Utahfutures.Org and share with your school counselor



Plan a challenging but balanced program of classes

- Learn about college entrance requirements
- Develop a plan to pay for college through using savings, scholarships and other resources.

Parents Should Become Involved in the Process

- Students actually want to have their parents involved
- Research consistently shows parents influence their student's educational success more than any other single factor
- Attend the SEOP and parent conferences
- Use <https://ndavis.usoe-dcs.org/Login/> to look up and monitor grades and attendance

High School 4-Year Plan

How many classes do you take in High School?

- It depends on what High School you attend
- You will be taking 8 classes in high school
- You will have 4 classes each day
- Your Schedule may look like this

A Day	B Day
1 st Period	5 th Period
2 nd Period	6 th Period
3 rd Period	7 th Period
4 th Period	8 th Period

What Is A Credit?

- A credit is what you earn when you have a passing grade at the end of a term in a class. You earn .25 credit at the end of each term per class.
- .5 = Semester (Half Year Class)
- 1.0 = Full School Year
- Example: You need 4.0 credits of Language Arts to graduate.
- You need a total of 24 credits to graduate from Salt Lake City School District.

Progression of Classes

AP=Advanced Placement CE=Concurrent Enrollment IB=International Baccalaureate

- **Regular-** A Basic class
 - **Honors-** Is an advanced course for the student who is willing to read and write more extensively than in a regular course.
 - **AP-** After successfully passing an end-of-year advanced placement college exam, college credit may be awarded by colleges and universities. The amount of credit varies from institution to institution. Be sure to check with your college of interest to determine their acceptance policy.
 - **CE-** A student is enrolled and earns high school credit at their home school and college credit at another educational institution simultaneously. These institutions could include: colleges, applied technology colleges, and universities.
 - **IB (West and Highland)-** The IB Program at Highland High School is for academically disciplined students who desire a curriculum that presents subject matter from a worldwide perspective. Students who are highly motivated and productive will benefit from this course of study. Students are admitted for 9th grade through an application process, which begins in November of 8th grade. Selection is based on grades, teacher recommendations, and evidence of motivation. Students who complete the IB Program at a standardized level of competency earn a high school diploma and the internationally recognized IB Diploma. Students may earn college credit and advanced standing at institutions of higher learning throughout the world.

Career Pathways

A pathway will help you acquire the depth of knowledge and skill linked with specific post-secondary programs that will lead to a certificate or degree and/or career.

Utah CTE Pathways

Connecting High School to College and Career. Career and Technical Education Pathways deliver relevant and rigorous academic and technical experiences in:

- Agriculture
 - Business
 - Family and Consumer Sciences
 - Health Science
 - Information Technology
 - Marketing
 - Skilled and Technical Sciences
 - Technology and Engineering
- ✓ CTE will prepare you for more than a good paying job. It is the beginning of a career path. Most jobs today require post-secondary, and advanced technical training. CTE helps meet those needs.
- ✓ CTE Scholarships and Tuition Awards provide applicants with more than a 50 percent chance of receiving approximately \$1,700 in tuition awards this year and possibly even more the next. Would you spend four hours compiling a portfolio to receive \$1,700? That is the reality of students applying for over 110 CTE scholarships and tuition awards.

<http://www.utahcte.org/>

College Scholarship and Funding Information

Money Sources

- Grants – Free Money
- Work Study – Jobs on Campus
- Student Loans – Low interest loans that must be repaid
- Save Money

These are Federal financed programs. You will want to start by filling out a FAFSA between January and February of your senior year. Parents need to complete their tax return *before* you can complete the FAFSA. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Funding is determined on a “First come, first serve” basis.

All Scholarships will ask for information in the following four areas:
Academics, Service, Leadership, Extracurricular Activities

Types of Scholarships

- Academic – Determined by an index score
- Departmental – Expertise in a certain college discipline
- Leadership – Involvement in extracurricular activities at the high school and/or college level
- Community Service – Requires documented record of service hours
- Sports (NCAA requirements) – Must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse Recommended after your junior year of high school (www.ncaa.org). In addition, students must complete 16 core classes to be eligible.

Private Funding Sources

- Check for scholarships for dependents of employees
- Employer Tuition Reimbursement programs
- Monthly payment plans for colleges

Scholarship Information

- 90% of all scholarship money comes from universities and colleges. They should be a first priority.
- Regents Scholarship offered through State of Utah go to www.utahsbr.edu
- Do a www.UtahFutures.org scholarship search
- Check on the internet and register with FASTWEB (www.fastweb.com)
- If Military is your choice there are scholarships offered through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at most universities but it does require military commitment as an officer upon completion of school.
- Write a **resume** that includes all community service, leadership experience and extra-curricular activities. You can do this on UtahFutures.org.
- Get three letters of recommendation
- Always be neat and accurate

Make-Up and Original Credit Options 9th Grade and higher

Average Cost: \$45.00 per .25 credits

BYU INDEPENDENT STUDY UNITS -

www.elearn.byu.edu

\$95.00 to \$110 per half credit

See you counselor for more information.

THIS IS AN OPTION FOR ORIGINAL or MAKEUP CREDIT.

SUMMER SCHOOL -

Fees vary

Offered at the high school you will attend during 10th grade.

Schedule is available in May for most high schools.

Sylvan Learning Center -

\$38-49 per hour

801-543-4400

ALL HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS ARE REQUIRED TO GET YOUR DIPLOMA.

Do your best the first time in class so you don't have to spend additional time, effort and money!

UTAH UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

- BYU Admission req. 3.4+ GPA / ACT 25+
- 60% of classes should be college prep
- www.byu.edu / (801) 422-4636
- SUU Admission 2.6+ GPA/ACT 18+
- SUU uses an admissions index of 85 or higher
- www.suu.edu / (435) 586-7700
- U of Utah Admission 2.6+ GPA/ ACT 18+
- www.utah.edu / (801) 581-7200
- USU Admission 2.9+ GPA / ACT 18+
- USU uses an admissions index of 90 or higher
- www.usu.edu / (435) 797-1000
- UVU Open Admissions / must take ACT
- www.uvu.edu / (801) 863-4636
- WSU Admissions are evaluated case by case w/most accepted
- www.weber.edu / (801) 626-6000
- Salt Lake Community College
- www.slc.edu / (801) 957-4111

Top 8 Survival Words in Planning for School Success

8- ACT - The American College Test which measures your preparedness for college in math, English, social studies and science. The ACT is required for college entrance. It is recommended to be taken first during your junior year of high school. If you are planning on attending NUAMES notify your counselor

7- Cumulative GPA - an average of grades earned throughout high school. A high GPA in 9th grade is important for maintaining a high cumulative GPA.

6- AP/Honors - Advanced courses that may be taken in high school. These prepare you better for college. Passing AP tests will give you college credit.

5- Concurrent Enrollment - An opportunity for high school students to earn college credit while in high school. Some classes count for both H.S. and college credit.

4-Scholarships - Cash awards to be used to pay some or all of tuition, books and other college costs. Grades, talents and leadership skills can qualify a student for many different scholarships.

3- Centennial Scholarship - Provides \$1,000 towards tuition at Utah colleges for students who complete graduation requirements by the end of 11th grade.

2- New Century Scholarship - For students who leave high school with an associate degree. They can receive their next two years of college in Utah at a great savings.

1- Utah Scholars Initiative – Students, who complete a rigorous high school course load, as defined by the program, can qualify for up to 2 years of scholarships to local colleges and universities. Visit the web site www.utahscholars.org for details.

What Colleges look for in a High School Student

1. A high school curriculum that challenges the student. Academically successful students should include several Honors and Advanced Placement classes.
2. Grades that represent strong effort and an upward trend. Grades should show an upward trend over the years. However, slightly lower grades in a rigorous program are preferred to all A's in less challenging coursework.
3. Solid scores on standardized tests (SAT, ACT). These should be consistent with high school performance.
4. Passionate involvement in a few activities, demonstrating leadership and initiative. Depth, not breadth, of experience is most important.
5. Community service showing evidence of being a "contributor." Activities should demonstrate concern for other people and a global view.
6. Work or out-of-school experiences (including summer activities) that illustrate responsibility, dedication and development of areas of interest. Work or other meaningful use of free time can demonstrate maturity.
7. A well-written essay that provides insight into the student's unique personality, values and goals. The application essay should be thoughtful and highly personal. It should demonstrate careful and well-constructed writing.
8. Letters of recommendation from teachers and guidance counselor that give evidence of integrity, special skill, and positive character traits. Students should request recommendations from teachers who respect their work in an academic discipline.
9. Supplementary recommendations by adults who have had significant direct contact with the student. Letters from coaches or supervisors in long-term work or volunteer activities are valuable; however, recommendations from casual acquaintances or family friends, even if they are well known, are rarely given much weight.
10. Anything special that makes the student stand out from the rest of the applicants! Include honors, awards, evidence of unusual talent or experience, or anything else that makes the student unique. Overall, colleges are seeking students who will be active contributing members of the student body.

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Not Going to a Four-Year College?

It is okay not to go to college. Actually, most jobs do not require a 4-year degree but it is very important to have training to ensure that you will get the best job for you. The following are options for students not desiring a 4-year college degree but desire a solid, rewarding career.

- ✓ **Applied Technology Colleges:** The training programs are two years or less. Davis Applied Technology and Ogden/Weber Technology College offer a wide variety of courses. Many of these courses can be started while a student still attends high school. See your counselor or CTE coordinator for more information.
- ✓ **Community Colleges:** Salt Lake Community College and other community colleges in the state offer several programs of varying lengths of time to train. The training programs take two years or less to complete.
- ✓ **Business School:** Schools such as LDS Business College and Stevens-Henager College offer several programs of varying lengths of time to train. Many programs take less than a year to complete.
- ✓ **Specialized Schools:** There are many specialized schools located along the Wasatch Front. They train students for a specific occupation. Students can get bachelor degrees, associate degrees or certificates depending on the training program. Length of time varies with each program but it is often shorter than the traditional college degree program.
- ✓ **Apprenticeships:** An apprenticeship is a relationship between an employer and an employee during which the worker, or apprentice, learns a trade. The training lasts a specific amount of time. It covers all aspects of the trade and includes both on-the-job training and related instruction. Get more information about apprenticeships from your CTE coordinator, DATC or the Department of Workforce Services.
- ✓ **Military:** The various military branches offer numerous ways to get schooling. In the military, a student attends a tech school after basic training. The skills gained in the military often transfer to the civilian setting. College credit is commonly given to personnel for the work they do in the military. The GI Bill is a financial benefit for people to use for higher education opportunities after they leave the military.
- ✓ **Department of Workforce Services:** Provides employment services to anyone in the community. The DWS offers vocational testing, applications, job leads, apprenticeship information, etc.
- ✓ **On-the-Job Training:** On-the-job training is often provided for jobs that require relatively short training periods or if the employer wants to teach very specific skills. A high school diploma is desirable for this type of training, and may be mandatory for employment. There are some good career opportunities in this area. Some potential employers may be: airlines, federal government (postal workers), UPS, Fed Ex, factory machine operator, retail sales, warehousing, etc.