

# Hillside Middle School Handbook

## **Absence Policy - Excused and Unexcused**

Absences are marked in PowerSchool each class period and are recorded as “A” (unexcused absence) and “E” (excused). To excuse an absence, a legal guardian can call the school at 801-481-4828 and speak with our registrar. If a student arrives part way through the day, they must sign in the office with a parent/guardian or bring a note to excuse the partial absence.

As per district requirement, guardians will be sent notification letters at 5, 10, and 15 unexcused absences. When a student reaches 15 unexcused absences, legal guardians will be asked to come to the school and meet with a counselor and administration regarding the absences in order to find out how the school can best help the student.

If a student reaches 10 consecutive absences without any communication from the family, the student will be withdrawn from school. In order to return to school, families must come in to reregister their child.

*Street Pass* allows a student to be checked out without a parent/guardian present and walk or ride the UTA bus home. Street Passes are used for emergency-based situations and must be pre-approved by administration.

## **Advanced Classes**

### **MELP**

Placement in MELP is determined by district assessment. At Hillside, MELP students take their core classes (science, language arts, and history) as a cohort. Students receive instruction around Utah Core Standards, but the rigor, pacing, methods, and materials utilized often differ from general content classes. Students can expect to move at a faster pace through challenging curriculum and encounter greater depth and rigor of content for increased mastery. Instructors of MELP classes have or are in the process of getting their Gifted and Talented Endorsement through the district.

### **NELP/Honors**

Honors classes are offered in language arts, science, and history, and are based on self-selection. These classes are advanced courses. Students receive instruction around Utah Core Standards, but the rigor, pacing, methods, and materials utilized differ from general content classes. Students can expect to move at a faster pace through challenging curriculum and experience greater depth of content for increased mastery.

## **After-School Program**

The Community Education Department offers some after-school opportunities in partner with Hillside. Please check their website for registration and dates.

<https://www.slcschools.org/departments/community-education>

### **Back-to-School Night**

Back-to-School Night is a wonderful opportunity for students and families to meet teachers, find their classrooms, and hear about the upcoming school year. We highly encourage you to attend the evening where you will follow your students' schedule to meet the teacher for a brief time and hear about each class.

### **Behavior/PBIS**



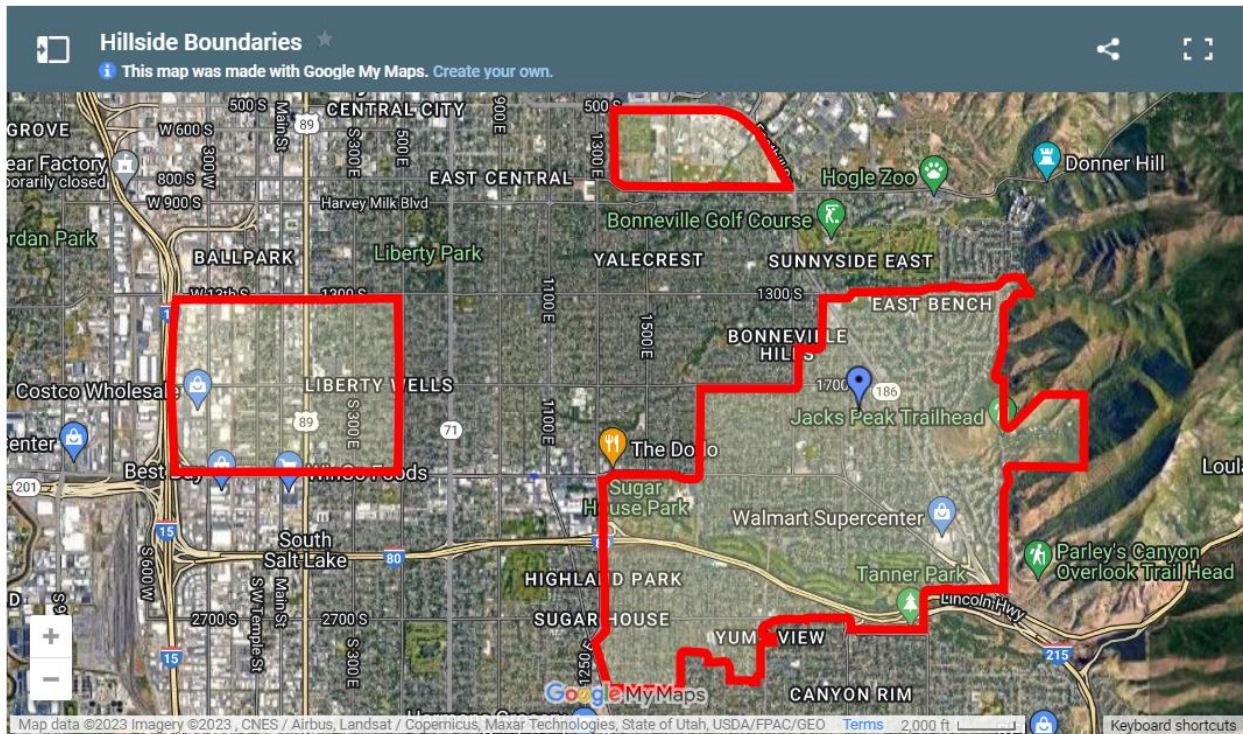
Students can earn a “Husky Way” card from any adult in the building for engaging in respectful behavior. Cards are turned into the office for an immediate prize and then are entered into a weekly drawing for a gift card.

Our PBIS Committee meets monthly to review behavior data, create plans, and improve systems.

### **Birthdays**

We love to celebrate our students in all things, including birthdays. SBOs (student body officers) celebrate each student with a small birthday token during their birthday month. We ask that you save all other birthday celebrations for outside of school hours.

## **Boundary Map**



If you are not sure what school your child should attend, you can access the boundry finder at:  
<https://portal.schoolsitelocator.com/apps/ssl/?districtcode=18008>

## **Breakfast**

Hours 7:40 am - 8:00 am

Cost- \$1.20

Please keep your child's account current by utilizing the district payment link:

<https://www.slcschools.org/departments/child-nutrition/payments>

## **Bussing**

If your bus is late, please contact transportation at **801-974-8345**.  
See appendix 1 for route information and maps.

## **Calendar**

Our public calendar can be found on our school website.

<https://hillside.slcschools.org/calendars>

### **Cellphones/Headphones**

Hillside has a zero cellphone and headphone policy from 7:40 am – 2:30 pm. Phones and headphones/ear buds need to be turned off and away during school hours, including during passing time (between classes). Violations are subject to confiscation. For each violation, the following consequences will be enforced:

- 1st offense – student can pick the item up from the office at the end of the day
- 2nd offense – parent notified; student can pick up from the office at the end of the day
- 3rd and subsequent offenses – parent notified; parent will need to pick item up from the office

### **Coding**

Creative Coding is a first-semester course for introduction to computer programming for the early secondary grades. The course is designed to attract and reach a broad and diverse range of students, including those who may have never considered programming. Students learn how to code by working in a real software development environment to design and program computer games. We will be learning Python coding language to edit and create algorithms to run and play our computer games. The coding language skills developed to edit and create these games will have real world application as all the components and coding languages skills acquired will directly correlate to coding across all types of programming uses and later career opportunities. In addition to our use of Python code, we will also learn some basic HTML coding to understand how the structure and editing of websites is achieved. By learning to code students will begin a journey to understanding how to play a larger role in their digital world and, just possible begin to work towards a rewarding career in coding and related computer technology fields.

### **Communication**

A weekly calendar is sent out via school messenger to each family on Sunday afternoon for the upcoming week. Please ensure your email address is updated in PowerSchool. Additionally, a school newsletter will come out at the beginning of each month with general school events and celebrations.

### **Contact**

Phone #:801-481-4828  
Fax #: 801- 481-4831  
1825 S. Nevada St.  
SLC, UT 84108

If you need to contact a specific staff member, you can call the main office to be transferred or email them directly. A list of our faculty and staff can be found on our school website.

<https://hillside.slcschools.org/>

## **Counseling**

Hillside Middle School Counselors implement the K-12 College and Career Readiness School Counseling Program Model, promoting a whole-child approach to academic, career, global citizenship, and social/emotional student development. The school counseling program is designed to support all students in acquiring a broad scope of skills, including (but not limited to) college & career readiness, social/life skills, advocacy skills, stress management, etc. School counselors are also involved in leadership support roles to assist the school in providing knowledge and support needs for students, parents, teachers, and staff.

School counselors assist students in acquiring skills, knowledge and support through classroom presentations, group counseling, individual counseling, and group and individual College & Career Conferences.

Counselors are also involved in supporting student scheduling, various committee meetings, and community outreach support.

## **CTE/CCA**

CTE stands for Career and Technical Education. CCA stands for College and Career Awareness.

Required CTE courses:

- Digital Literacy (keyboarding, programming, etc.)
- College and Career Awareness, where students sample careers and learn the fundamentals about high school, college, and life.

Elective CTE courses:

- Exploring Technology (woodworking, engineering, etc.)
- Family and Consumer Science (cooking, child development, etc.).

## **Digital Literacy**

This course is designed to provide 7th grade students with the knowledge and skills to understand and apply tools of our digital world. We will work to improve your digital tools for success in this school year and beyond. In this course we will be learning and improving skills in the use of some of the most used application software. We will also learn how to write and edit computer code. We will use application software to animate and create computer graphics as well as exploring some of the social and cultural consequences of our digital world. We will also need to spend some time working on improving your keyboarding (typing) speed, accuracy, and review and learn some skills in using word processors and spreadsheets. So, you can see we have a lot to accomplish in just one semester of study.

## **Dress Code**

### OUR POLICY

Hillside Middle School expects that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or for any school sponsored event so as to promote safety while minimizing disruptions or unnecessary barriers to school attendance and instruction. Reasons for conflict, inconsistent and/or inequitable enforcement, and discipline will be minimized by adherence to the dress code policy.

Violations of the dress code policy will be dealt with minimal disruption by administration according to board policy S 5.1.G.

**Students Must Wear:** Clothing that covers private body parts at all times. Genitals, buttocks, breasts, nipples, and undergarments (excluding waistbands and bra straps) must be fully covered with opaque (nontransparent) fabric.

*Courses that require certain attire as part of the curriculum (for example, professionalism, public speaking, and career readiness) may include assignment-specific dress but should not focus on covering bodies in a particular way or promoting culturally specific attire. Activity-specific requirements are permitted (for example, athletic shoes for PE) as outlined in course disclosures.*

### **Students Must NOT Wear:**

- Imagery or language of sexually explicit nature or depicting drugs, tobacco, or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity), hate speech, profanity, violence, weapons, or gang associations/activity.
- Imagery or language that promotes a hostile or intimidating environment.
- Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments (excluding waistbands and bra straps).
- Swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice).
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Garments that obscure the face and/or ears (e.g., hats, beanies, hoods, sunglasses).
- Unsafe attire or accessories (e.g., blankets, slippers, capes).

### OUR OBJECTIVE

Hillside Middle School's student dress code supports equitable educational access and safety. To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff will enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size.

Our student dress code is designed to accomplish several goals:

- Promote the safe operation of the school, minimize disruptions to the educational process, protect the rights of all students, prevent illegal activity or foreseeable risks.
- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology (eye or body protection), dance (bare feet, tights/leotards), or PE (athletic attire/shoes).
- Allow students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable.
- Allow students to wear religious and cultural attire without fear of discipline or discrimination.
- Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size.

Hillside's dress code aligns with the goals of the district, which can be found on the Salt Lake City School District website (<https://www.slcschools.org/schools/school-handbooks>). The school district is responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere, and that dress code enforcement does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group. Any restrictions on the way a student dresses must be necessary to support the overall educational goals of the school and must be explained within this dress code.

### **Drop-off/Pick-up**

Hillside is a school built in a neighborhood with limited access and routes. Additionally, the number of students coming from outside the immediate neighborhood is high. To respect our neighbors, we ask that you do not block driveways, even for a moment.

To keep everyone safe, please only drop off or pick up your child from the east side of Nevada Street. In order to keep the traffic moving and keep kids safe, please encourage your child to walk or drop them off at the edge of the school boundary instead of waiting until you are in front of the school doors. Utilizing the west side of Nevada Street requires students to cross traffic on a very narrow street and/or potentially exit a vehicle into the street causing an unsafe situation for kids.

Lastly, please watch for kids crossing streets on and off crosswalks.

### **Emergency Procedures**

Drills are practiced each month, alternating fire, and other procedures such as lockdown, secure in place, hold, etc. Teachers and students are notified before the event to ensure everyone knows the procedures and to reassure that it is a drill for practice and awareness.

## **English Language Arts:**

English language arts (ELA), formerly known simply as "English Class," is a course for literacy. Covering hundreds of speaking, listening, reading, and writing standards throughout the year, 7th and 8th grade language arts predominately focuses on the mastery of literacy skills that will support a student throughout the remainder of their academic career.

## **Fees**

All Levels of Science -	\$15.00
All Levels of Art -	\$14.00
All Levels of Music -	\$17.00 (Band, Choir, Orchestra)
CCA -	\$15.00
Exploring Tech -	\$10.00
FACS -	\$10.00
Yearbooks -	\$15.00 (Optional)

## **Fine Arts**

### *Art 1 and Art 2*

With an emphasis on studio production, these courses are designed to build an understanding of the elements and principles of art. Art production helps students think creatively, generate new ideas, and build confidence. Students will discover artistic mediums, practice artistic techniques, and create something they are proud of.

## **Front Office**

The front office is open from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm. Please access the office from the front doors (main road, not by the parking lot) by ringing the electronic doorbell.

## **Health**

Health class assists students in the development of knowledge and skills needed to live a responsible healthy lifestyle. The course emphasizes the physical, social, and mental dimensions of human development, so students can become better informed in decision making and in creating healthy lifestyle practices and habits.

## **Health Care Plans**

Salt Lake City School District nurses write all health care plans. If you feel your student needs a plan for asthma, allergies, or other specific medical needs, please notify the main office. Plans must be signed by parent/guardians and the child's doctor to be implemented.



## **History**

### *US History- 8th Grade (Required course)*

Students will develop an appreciation and understanding of American institutions, geography, customs, and traditions. Major issues and events are explored and examined with a large variety of teaching methods. Students will develop and refine reading skills and learn to predict and survey the material. Students will understand the basic rights and freedoms of Americans and to recognize and respect culture diversity. This course is divided into four units aligned with Utah State Core Curriculum. Tentative course schedule follows major topics such as Exploration, Colonization, Westward Expansion and concluding with the Civil War.

### *Utah Studies - 7th Grade Required Course*

The focus of this half-year class is to develop an understanding of Utah's past and how it affects us today. Students will develop an appreciation and understanding of Utah's geography, prehistory, prehistoric and historic people, customs, and traditions.

## **Homework Requests**

If your child is missing one or more full days of class time, you can call the front office and request coursework to be gathered and picked up later in the day for completion at home. Coursework requests can take up to 24hrs.

Students are also encouraged to email their teachers and/or check Canvas for coursework in case of illness.

## **Hope Squad**

Hope Squad is a national peer-to-peer suicide prevention program. Hope Squad members are nominated by their classmates as trustworthy peers and are trained by advisors. The program reduces youth suicide through education, training, and peer intervention.

## **Hours**

### *School*

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am – 2:30 pm

Friday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

### *Office*

Monday through Friday 7:30 am-3:30 pm

## **Husky Den**

The Husky Den is home to Middle School Success, an innovative program here at Hillside created to help students navigate this new and exciting chapter in their life. The transition from elementary to middle school can be overwhelming. Our mission is to help relieve stress and make this a successful school year for everyone.

The Husky Den's team of advocates works to track student academic progress and attendance, reaching out to those who need additional one-on-one support. If a student is having issues with classes or homework, the Den's team of advocates is here to help, to congratulate successes, and guide students through problem solving and goal setting.

Students are welcome to visit the Husky Den before and after school and during lunch. Additionally, walk-in help during classes is available with teacher approval. Need some homework help? Come on in. Forgot to print a paper? No problem. Just need a moment to breathe? We have got you covered. No question is too silly, no problem too big. We will do our best to help you get what you need.

Our goal is to help keep students on track academically and to help them maintain a sense of enthusiasm for school and learning. The Husky Den is in room 1019. Stop by and say hi any time!

## **Library**

Our library is open for students in the mornings before school starts, lunches as available and until 2:45 p.m. and is also used for some after-school activities. Library services include the following:

- Computer access for homework and printing
- Book checkout
- Lunchtime activities such as origami, floor puzzles, Zentagles and more
- Weekly activities such as button printing, Book Bites, or craft activities in coordination with the Sprague Public Library

## **Lockers**

In lieu of hall lockers, students carry their backpacks to all classes. This decision has been made by the School Improvement Committee and School Community Council and is revisited multiple times a year.

PE (Physical Education) lockers are used for PE classes and the sports program for equipment.

## **Lunch**

Hillside is a closed campus, which means students cannot leave school for lunch. We have dedicated and supervised areas, inside and outside, for students to use during their lunch break.

Students can bring a lunch from home or purchase one from the school's cafeteria. If your child forgets their home lunch, we encourage students to purchase a school lunch. Parents can drop their child's lunch off to the office before their lunch period. However, we do not accept any food delivery services.

\$2.30 per meal

Please keep your child's account current by utilizing the district payment link:

<https://www.slcschools.org/departments/child-nutrition/payments>

## **Math**

The Middle School Math Curriculum helps students develop a deep understanding through rich, meaningful tasks. Students discuss problems, learn multiple approaches for solutions, and justify solutions through written or verbal explanations of their mathematical understandings. The math department at Hillside offers several math courses to meet your learners' needs.

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Honors
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors
- Math 7/8 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade\*(accelerated course)
- Secondary Math 1 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade\* (accelerated course)

\*To qualify for accelerated courses, students must complete and pass a district exam.

We use the Mid School Math Curriculum to help students develop deep understanding through rich, meaningful, tasks. Success in math requires students to be present and ready to learn! Our math department believes that all students can learn math to high levels. We believe that good math learning involves curiosity, skill building, and application. The greatest challenge to many students entering middle school is that mathematics becomes more about thinking and problem-solving and less about who finishes first. For any student to achieve at high levels in mathematics they must be able to discuss, reason, and write about their mathematical understanding. The answer becomes second to the process; answers must be justified by various means. This means students **MUST SHOW THEIR WORK**. Deep understanding mathematics pathway they choose upon entering high school.

### **Medication (over-the counter)**

SLCSD (Salt Lake City School District) policy allows the front office to give your child Ibuprofen (Advil) or Acetaminophen (Tylenol) with verbal permission from parent/guardian only. Students can only receive Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen from the office 4 times before the district nurse shall meet with the parents. However, we work to limit this because it takes students out of the classroom, and so if you anticipate your child will need an over-the-counter painkiller such as above, you may send your child to school with a single dose to use when needed.

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1680636918/slcschoolsorg/gqdlpkolonry1lvntgrv/s-9-administrative-procedures-english.pdf3>

### **Music Department**

We have an award-winning music department at Hillside. Your student can begin or continue their musical journey in Band, Orchestra or Choir. Though students can come with their own instruments, Hillside provides an affordable rental option for instruments. We provide a broad range of musical performance opportunities that include school concerts, assemblies, adjudicated festivals, parades (band) and combined concerts with Highland High School. The advanced groups can attend the Music in the Parks Festival at the end of the year. Those students will compete against other schools and get to spend the day at Lagoon. We often have the chance to perform for state and district events as well. Our music groups consistently receive superior ratings at district festivals and have won several awards at Music in the Parks.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship and helps middle-level students develop the knowledge and skills to become well-rounded student leaders in their school, community, and beyond.

7th grade students with a GPA of 3.75 or greater and no U's in citizenship are invited to join NJHS (National Junior Honor Society). Invitations and applications are sent out in April of each year. Once the application is approved, members are announced and invited to participate in the Induction Ceremony that takes place in May.

In September of the next school year, NJHS members begin to have meetings, vote for officers, and plan for service projects. Meetings are held on Wednesdays after school. Officers determine the meeting dates based on service project needs. Meetings are required for all members.

Each year, Hillside members work on three in-school group projects. Individual projects are ongoing outside of school. To meet NJHS requirements for certification, members must have 12 service hours during the school year. Three of the 12 hours must be spent on group projects. Hillside's NJHS is a student-led program. Officers and members work together to establish norms and service goals. A teacher facilitates by supporting members to use their collective

resources to achieve these service goals. NJHS is a remarkable organization with an excellent group of students who work hard and have fun. Their service has a positive impact on our school and community.

### **Outside Service Providers**

#### **University of Utah Wellness Team**

Our University of Utah Wellness Team offers a variety of options to support students in achieving wellness goals. This growth-promoting program encourages students to build goals, motivation, accountability, and many life skills. The wellness counselor supports people in activities such as: finding balance in life coping with stress, dealing with anger, calm down strategies and many other skills. The U of U Wellness counselor will also work with students in one-on-one or group settings to help students develop life skills based upon the student's needs.

#### **Promising Youth**

The Promising Youth Project is to provide promising youth with the opportunities and support needed to unlock their promising potential. The project achieves this by teaching life skills, social-emotional learning skills, conflict resolution skills, and resistance techniques to antisocial behaviors. The Promising Youth Project conducts case management for program participants by assessing their individual risks and needs, connecting them with a variety of services and opportunities through a multi-disciplinary intervention team, and conducting ongoing support and follow-up with participants.

### **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

PTA is a parent lead organization in partner with Hillside Middle School. They provide support, resources, and activities for students. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 at Hillside and are open to everyone.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent teacher conferences are held via Zoom and are scheduled with teachers using Calendly. Invitations will be sent via email, so make sure your email is accurate during registration. Conferences are held twice a year, fall and spring. If you have questions or concerns about your child or teacher, please reach out to the teacher, and do not wait for formal conferences.

### **Parking**

Visitor parking is located in the north parking lot at the west entrance. Street parking is allowed, except during school drop-off/pick-up times.

### **Physical Education (PE)**

The Hillside Middle School Physical Education department strives to support student learning in areas of lifelong fitness. These concepts are presented in an inclusive and student-first manner with particular emphasis on Social Emotional Learning and through assorted activities. Activities

include, but are not limited to, mountain bike riding, archery, table tennis, pickleball, lacrosse, and Speedminton.

### **PowerSchool**

PowerSchool is a great tool for students and parents. You can see grades, schedules, absences, tardies, and can utilize it to access teachers. If you need help accessing your login, please notify the office.

### **Registration**

Registration is open for the new school year in early August and can be completed online or in person. Please see our website for registration details and required documents or contact the main office, 801-481-4828 to speak with our registrar.

<https://apex.slcschools.org/apex/r/slcsd/online-registration/login>

### **School Choice**

If you live outside our school boundaries and would like to attend Hillside, please complete an Open Enrollment application. Early Open Enrollment starts November 15<sup>th</sup> through the first Friday in February. Late Enrollment applications open April 1<sup>st</sup>.

<https://apex.slcschools.org/apex/f?p=1900:1:7677093799202>

### **School Community Council (SCC)**

SCC meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month via Zoom and are open to everyone. Please see our webpage for dates, agenda items, and the link.

<https://hillside.slcschools.org/community/school-community-council-scc>

### **School Rules**

Respect

Respect for Myself, My School, My Education

Strengthening Our community (classroom, school, and larger community)

We follow the district S-3 discipline policy when handling rule violations.

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1688074930/slcschoolsorg/nseqoa8ahhpdpkmb0o/s-3-administrative-procedures-english.pdf>

## **Science**

Our students participate in the rich field of science using an interactive, hands-on approach to learn SEEd standards and the latest trends in science. In our classrooms, student learning starts with real-world questions or problems. These questions and problems are directly aligned with the Utah Core Curriculum and offer students an opportunity to answer or create solutions together. Knowledge is built piece by piece, allowing learners to construct understanding over time. These processes are used in real world problem solving and prepare our students for future endeavors.

SEEd standards for each grade are as follows:

7th Grade SEEd	8th Grade SEEd
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Cause and Effect</li> <li>-Forces and Motion</li> <li>-Transfer of Energy</li> <li>-Cycling of Matter</li> <li>-Environments and Organisms</li> <li>-Adaption</li> <li>-Fossil Record</li> <li>-Genetics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Matter and Energy</li> <li>-Stored Energy</li> <li>-Transfer of Energy</li> <li>-Chemical and Physical Interactions</li> <li>-Matter and Energy Cycles</li> <li>-Ecosystems</li> <li>-Photosynthesis and Respiration</li> <li>-Natural Systems and Resources</li> </ul>

## **Social Work**

Salt Lake City School District (SLCSD) provides mental health services conducted by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). This district social worker is assigned to Hillside Middle School, Parkview Elementary School, and Whittier Elementary School. The following services are offered by the social worker: individual and group counseling for students, parent psychoeducation, support groups and crisis support.

The social worker utilizes techniques from evidenced based models including Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Play Therapy, Mindfulness and Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR). Group counseling can include the following topics: mindfulness, anxiety, depression, coping skills, healthy relationships, racism, grief, community healing after a tragic event, etc.

Students of concern are referred to the social worker by the school guidance counselors, and/ or directly from their caretaker. Students are referred to the social worker for a variety of reasons, some, but not all include passive or active suicidal ideation, self-injurious behaviors, substance use/abuse, eating disorder behaviors, any major life change, divorce, health, incarcerated family member, bullying, grief, trauma response.

Our social worker meets with students weekly for 45 minutes during school hours, The social worker provides services at Hillside 1-2 days a week depending upon student need. Typically, the social worker works with students for 8-12 weeks (about 3 months). The social worker may then recommend ongoing outside therapeutic resources for the family, or a step-down plan that

ensures ongoing support for the student from the school guidance counselors or our district partners the U of U Well-Being Team. The social worker communicates directly with classroom teachers to ensure academic classes are not being missed.

Please visit <https://www.slcschools.org/departments/student-services/social-workers> for more information.

**Below is a list of community mental health resources:**

**UNI Crisis Line**

P-801-587-3000

Services are available 24/7 both locally and statewide as the Utah affiliate for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255). Our licensed clinicians provide prompt and compassionate crisis intervention, suicide prevention, information and referrals, follow-up services, emotional support and assistance to individuals experiencing emotional distress or psychiatric crisis

**UNI Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT)**

P-801-578-3000

Triaged through the CrisisLine, UNI MCOT provides a free, prompt, face-to-face response to any resident of Salt Lake County who is experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Youth and adult services teams are available 24/7 and offer consultation and support to: individuals, families, schools, treatment providers, and first responders.

**Latino Behavioral Health Services**

P-801-355-4447

LBHS offers professional, low-cost therapy in Spanish and English. These services include child, individual, couples, and family counseling and substance use disorder treatment. Professional therapy helps many clients with grief from separation or loss, divorce, relationship problems, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder, and other problems.

Payment: Medicaid and sliding fee scale

**Encircle**

P-801-610-672

Is an LBGQT + family resource center that seeks to deepen and enrich the conversation among communities of faith and LGBTQ+ people. By teaching individuals to love themselves and empowering families. Encircle helps cultivate an environment where LGBTQ+ individuals can thrive. Our programs and services meet people wherever they are in their lives with cultural competency and sensitivity, using community partnerships, best practices, and innovative techniques. Programs include a safe space, therapy, friendship circles and writing/art workshops.

**Private Mental Health**

[www.psychologytoday.com](http://www.psychologytoday.com)

Psychologytoday.com is a comprehensive website that helps you identify a mental health practitioner based off your insurance, presenting issue, age of client, faith and/or type of therapy desired.



## **Spanish**

The Spanish class at Hillside is dedicated to providing a positive experience for all students so they are encouraged to pursue their love of Spanish well into high school and beyond.

With characters like Billy la Bufanda from Señor Wooly and traditions like human tower building in Spain, students are sure to come out with a fresh perspective and a love of Spanish.

## **Special Education (SPED)**

### ***Essential Elements***

Hillside's Essential Elements Program is unique in the way our students are integrated with inclusion and a robust peer tutoring program. Students are offered many opportunities to excel academically, to participate in the community, and through inclusive environments while integrating functional, adaptive, and social skills.

### ***Resource Services***

All students with Special Education services in the areas of reading and math receive services within a general education setting in a co-taught classroom. Students have access to a general education teacher along with a Special Education teacher to provide scaffolding and supports to help students access the general education curriculum. Some students can also qualify for an additional skills course that will provide extra support and specialized instruction to work on basic math skills, basic reading skills, and executive functioning.

## **Sports Program**

Hillside Middle School has one of the highest academic achieving and competitive teams in the district. A 2.0 GPA is required for all student athletes. The sport programs include competitors from Glendale, Clayton, Nibley Park, Bryant, Northwest, and various Granite School District schools. Hillside represents four different sports: Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, and Track and Field. Sport programs tend to be Mondays-Thursdays with practice time ending between 4:30-5:00 and gamedays typically end at 5:30. Tryouts are open to all Hillside students in both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This year, there will be a boys' and girls' team (not coed) for every sport. The two teams will practice together but play their games separately on gameday. If your student is interested, it is highly encouraged they come and try out. Coach Jared Edwards is the coach for the soccer, volleyball, and basketball teams and Coach Okubo is the coach for track and field. If you have any questions, please reach out to Coach Edwards at [jared.edwards@slcschools.org](mailto:jared.edwards@slcschools.org). Go Huskies!

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Tryouts</b>
Soccer	September 5 – November 9	September 5, 6 & 7 Hillside's Field 2:30pm-4:30pm Girls & Boys Teams
Volleyball	November 13 – February 1	

Basketball	February 5 –March 28	
Track & Field	April 8 – May 23	

### **Student Government**

Hillside's Student Government is a group of elected students voted on by the student body and faculty. They work together with Mr. Jared Edwards (coordinator) within the framework and policies of Hillside Middle School to provide the means necessary for student expression and participation in school affairs, activities, and representation.

Through this leadership opportunity, student body officers work to:

- Promote activities/events
- Promote positive cultural values
- Promote student involvement and school pride
- Promote understanding between student body/faculty/community
- Promote law and order
- Promote individual and group successes
- Promote leadership

### **Tardy Policy**

Students are considered tardy if they are not in their classroom door by the tardy/attendance bell. Students who are tardy three or more times to one class in a quarter receive lunch detention the next day. Any student who has three or more lunch detentions in a quarter will receive a two-hour after school detention.

### **Technology/AUP**

Students are expected to follow board policy S-11 while using technology. Parents review and sign notice of this policy at registration and students are taught this during the first two weeks of school.

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1686605658/slcschoolsorg/rji7nvt8bgmjtdtggvjk/s-11-administrative-procedures-english.pdf>

### **Theatre**

#### **Theatre I**

Theatre I class focuses on fostering students' various interpersonal communication skills. Through many different theatrical styles, students learn valuable lessons that they will be able to take with them into their higher academic and professional fields.

#### **Theatre II**

Theatre II builds off the skills that students learn in Theatre I with increased focus on understanding emotions and how to apply these emotions in a theatrical setting. This practice

involves learning valuable lessons in predicting and controlling their own emotions in their daily lives and how to apply them for their own successes outside the theatre.

### **Musical**

This year's musical is "Frozen Jr." The performance is scheduled March 12-16, 2024. A mandatory parent meeting, as well as auditions, will most likely be in October. The musical is open to the entire student body, and HMS students do NOT have to be in theatre or music classes to participate.

### **Tutoring**

If your student needs additional support, please contact their teacher(s). Your student can also utilize the Husky Den before, during, and after school. Please check the Husky Den's hours. [Husky Den - Hillside Middle School \(slcschools.org\)](https://slcschools.org)

### **Volunteering and Donations**

We welcome volunteers and donations in many capacities. If you are interested in volunteering or donating for courses or programs, please contact a school administrator. Please check the district website for further information and requirements. [Volunteers Frequently Asked Questions - Salt Lake City School District \(slcschools.org\)](https://slcschools.org)

### **Yearbook**

Yearbooks cost \$15, which is not covered with a free or reduced waiver. Parents can pay during registration or later in the school year if their student expresses a wish for one. Students will receive purchased yearbooks during the last week of school. If a student has any outstanding school fees, their yearbook will be held until the end of the last day of school.

**Yearly Overview**

First Day of S.....	Tuesday, August 22, 2023
Last Day of School.....	Thursday, May 30, 2024

First Day of School .....	Tuesday, August 22, 2023
Picture Day .....	Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Labor Day-No School .....	Monday, September 4, 2023
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Midterms .....	Friday, September 22, 2023
Parent Teacher Conferences .....	Tuesday, September 26 & Thursday, September 28, 2023
Non-Student Day.....	Friday, September 29, 2023
Make-up Picture Day.....	Wednesday, October 4, 2023
No School-Fall Break.....	Thursday, October 12--Friday, October 13, 2023
Non-Student Day.....	Monday, October 16, 2023
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter.....	Friday, October 27, 2023
Thanksgiving Break.....	Wednesday, November 22--Friday, November 24, 2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Midterms.....	Friday, December 1, 2023
Winter Recess.....	Thursday, December 21--Wednesday, January 3, 2024
End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter/Semester 1.....	Friday, January 12, 2024
No School - Martin Luther King Day.....	Monday, January 15, 2024
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open House .....	Thursday, January 25, 2024
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterms.....	Friday, February 16, 2024
No School - President's Day.....	Monday, February 19, 2024
Parent Teacher Conferences.....	Tuesday, February 27 & Thursday, February 29, 2024
School Musical.....	Tuesday, March 12-Saturday, March 16, 2024
End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter.....	Friday, March 15, 2024
Spring Recess.....	Monday, April 1--Friday, April 5, 2024
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Midterms.....	Friday, April 19, 2024
Memorial Day.....	Monday, May 27, 2024
Last Day of School.....	Thursday, May 30, 2024
Emergency Makeup Day.....	Monday, June 3, 2024

**\*\*Note some "event" dates are subject to change.**

## Appendix I

**Hillside Middle School**  
**2023/2024 - Bus Route Schedule**

**506 HILLSIDE #1 AM**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:20 AM	S 1400 E & Zenith Ave
7:21 AM	Chadwick St & E Claybourne
7:24 AM	Melbourne St & E Claybourne
7:25 AM	Melbourne St & White Ave
7:26 AM	Atkin Ave & Hartford St
7:27 AM	Atkin Ave & Filmore St
7:45 AM	Hillside Middle School

**514 HILLSIDE #2 AM**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:10 AM	Hartwell Ave & 300 W
7:12 AM	1445 S 300 W (Enclave Apt)
7:19 AM	S West Temple & Grove Ave
7:20 AM	S West Temple & Quayle Ave
7:22 AM	S West Temple & Andrew
7:26 AM	E 1300 S & Edison St
7:27 AM	Browning Ave & S 200 E
7:40 AM	Hillside Middle School

**517 – HILLSIDE #5 AM**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:26AM	S 600 E & E Stratford Ave
7:28AM	E 2700 S & Lake Street
7:30AM	S 900 E & Crandall Ave
7:31AM	Crandall Ave & S 1100 E
7:33AM	E 2700 S & S 1100 E
7:45AM	Hillside Middle School

**506 HILLSIDE #1 PM**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
2:37 PM	Hillside Middle School
2:49 PM	Atkin Ave & Filmore St
2:50 PM	Atkin Ave & Hartford St
2:51 PM	Melbourne St & White Ave
2:52 PM	Melbourne St & E Claybourne
2:55 PM	Chadwick St & E Claybourne
2:57 PM	S 1400 E & Zenith Ave

**514 HILLSIDE #2 PM**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
2:37 PM	Hillside Middle School
2:53 PM	Browning Ave & S 200 E
2:54 PM	E 1300 S & Edison St
2:57 PM	S West Temple & Andrew Ave
2:59 PM	S West Temple & Quayle Ave
3:00 PM	S West Temple & Grove Ave
3:03 PM	Hartwell Ave & 300 W
3:05 PM	1445 S 300 W (Enclave Apt)

**517 – HILLSIDE #5 PM**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
2:37 PM	Hillside Middle School
2:50 PM	S 600 E & E Stratford Ave
2:52 PM	E 2700 S & Lake Street
2:54 PM	S 900 E & Crandall Ave
2:56 PM	Crandall Ave & S 1100 E
2:58 PM	E 2700 S & S 1100 E

**515 HILLSIDE #3 AM**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:34 AM	E Stratford Ave & Beverly St
7:35 AM	E Stratford Ave & S 1500 E
7:36 AM	E Stratford Ave & Imperial St
7:37 AM	E Stratford Ave & S 1700 E
7:39 AM	E Stratford Ave & S 2000 E
7:45 AM	Hillside Middle School

**516 HILLSIDE #4 AM**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:26 AM	S 400 E & Kensington Ave
7:28 AM	S 400 E & Sherman Ave
7:29 AM	Browning Ave & S 300 E
7:30 AM	S 300 E & Kensington Ave
7:31 AM	S 300 E & Downington Ave
7:32 AM	S 300 E & Ramona Ave
7:35 AM	E 2100 S & S 600 E
7:36 AM	E 2100 S & S 800 E
7:37 AM	E 2100 S & S 1000 E
7:38 AM	E 2100 S & S 1200 E
7:45 AM	Hillside Middle School

**515 HILLSIDE #3 PM**

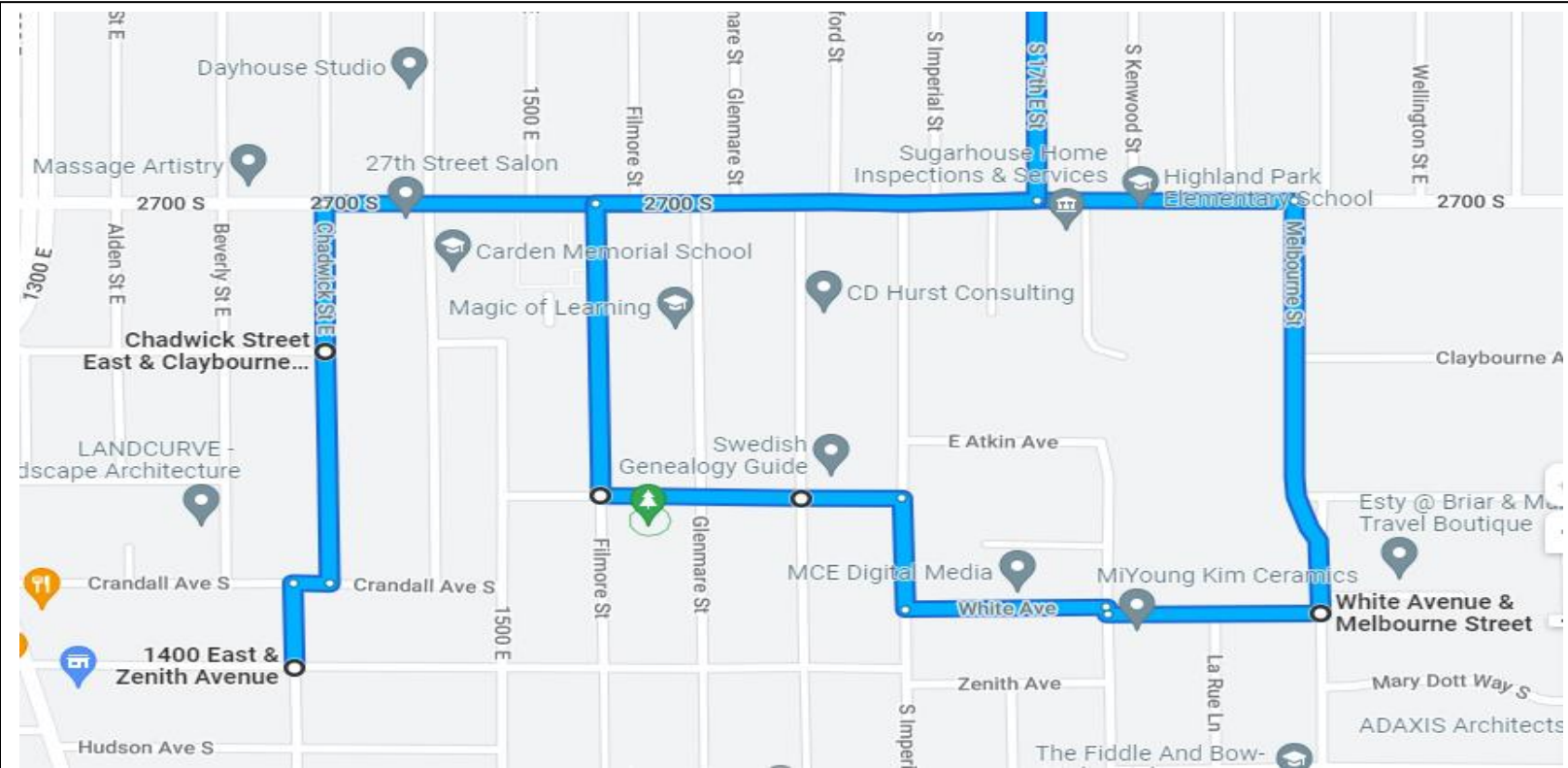
<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
2:37 PM	Hillside Middle School
2:45 PM	E Stratford Ave & S 2000 E
2:46 PM	E Stratford Ave & S 1700 E
2:47 PM	E Stratford Ave & Imperial St
2:49 PM	E Stratford Ave & S 1500 E
2:50 PM	E Stratford Ave & Beverly St

**516 HILLSIDE #4 PM**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
2:37 PM	Hillside Middle School
2:46 PM	E 2100 S & S 1200 E
2:48 PM	E 2100 S & S 1000 E
2:49 PM	E 2100 S & S 800 E
2:50 PM	E 2100 S & S 600 E
2:52 PM	S 300 E & Ramona Ave
2:54 PM	S 300 E & Downington Ave
2:56 PM	S 300 E & Kensington Ave
2:57 PM	Browning Ave & S 300 E
2:58 PM	S 400 E & Sherman Ave
2:59 PM	S 400 E & Kensington Ave

Hillside Middle School  
2023/2024 - Bus Route Maps

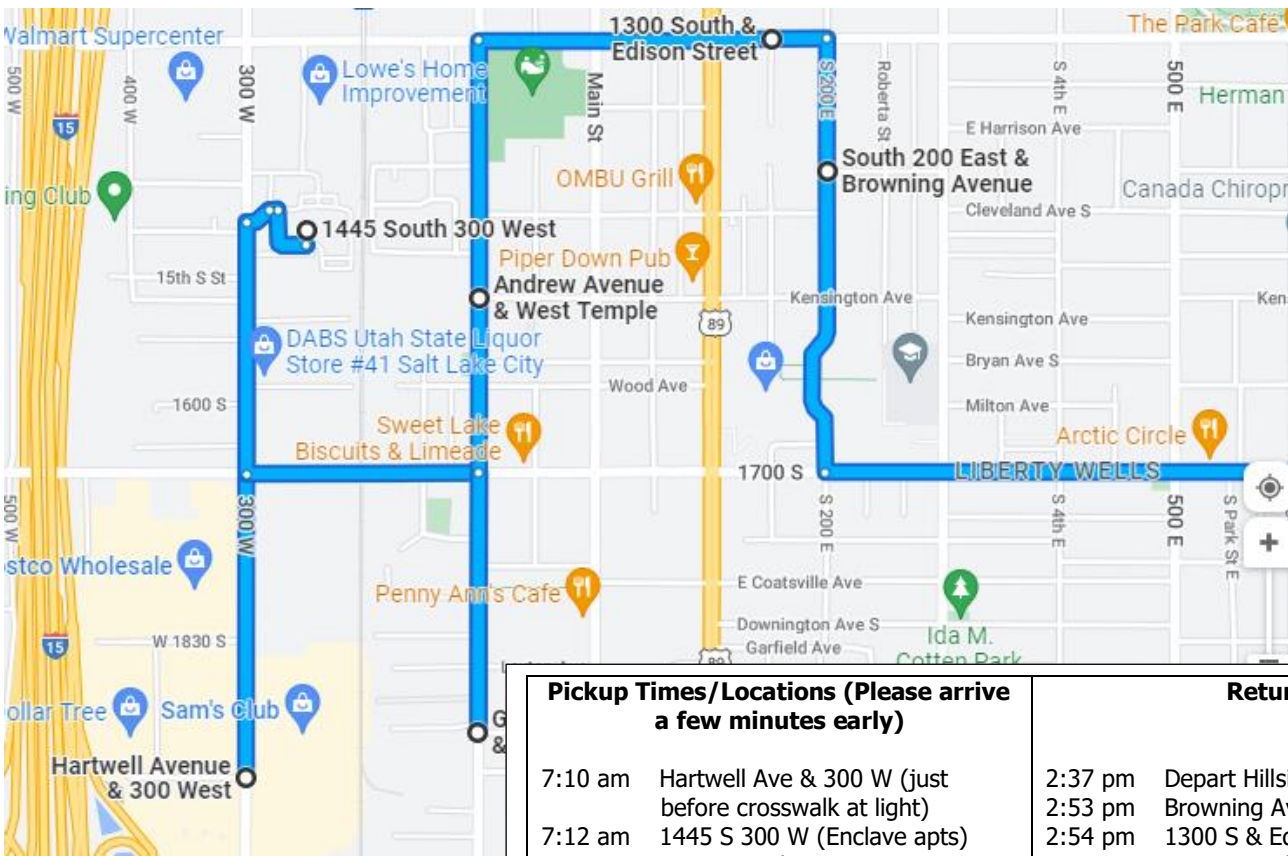
BUS ROUTE 506



<b>Pickup Times/Locations (Please arrive a few minutes early)</b>	<b>Return Home</b>
7:20 am 1400 East & Zenith Ave (2910 S)	2:37 pm Hillside Middle School
7:21 am Chadwick Street & Claybourne Ave	2:49 pm Atkin Ave & Filmore St (2835 S & 1530 E)
7:24 am Melbourne St & Claybourne (1830 East & 2770 S)	2:50 pm Atkin Ave & Hartford St (1640 E & 2810 S)
7:25 am Melbourne St & White Ave (1845 East & 2900 S)	2:51 pm Melbourne St & White Ave (1845 East & 2900 S)
7:26 am Atkin Ave & Hartford St (1640 E & 2810 S)	2:52 pm Melbourne St & Claybourne (1830 East & 2770 S)
7:27 am Atkin Ave & Filmore St (2835 S & 1530 E)	2:55 pm Chadwick Street & Claybourne Ave
7:45 am Hillside Middle School	2:57 pm 1400 East & Zenith Ave (2910 S)



# BUS ROUTE 514



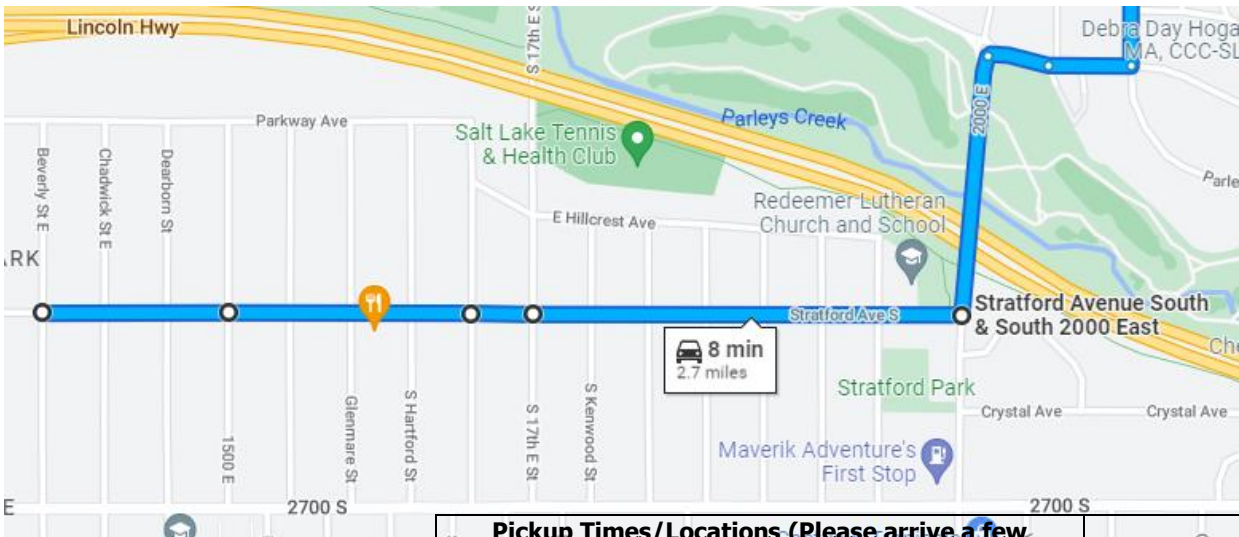
## Pickup Times/Locations (Please arrive a few minutes early)

7:10 am	Hartwell Ave & 300 W (just before crosswalk at light)
7:12 am	1445 S 300 W (Enclave apts)
7:19 am	West Temple & Grove Ave (100 W & 1910 S)
7:20 am	West Temple & Quayle (1770 S)
7:22 am	West Temple & Andrew (1505 S)
7:26 am	1300 S & Edison St (140 E, first street east of light)
7:27 am	Browning Ave (1410 S) & 200 E
7:40 am	Hillside Middle School

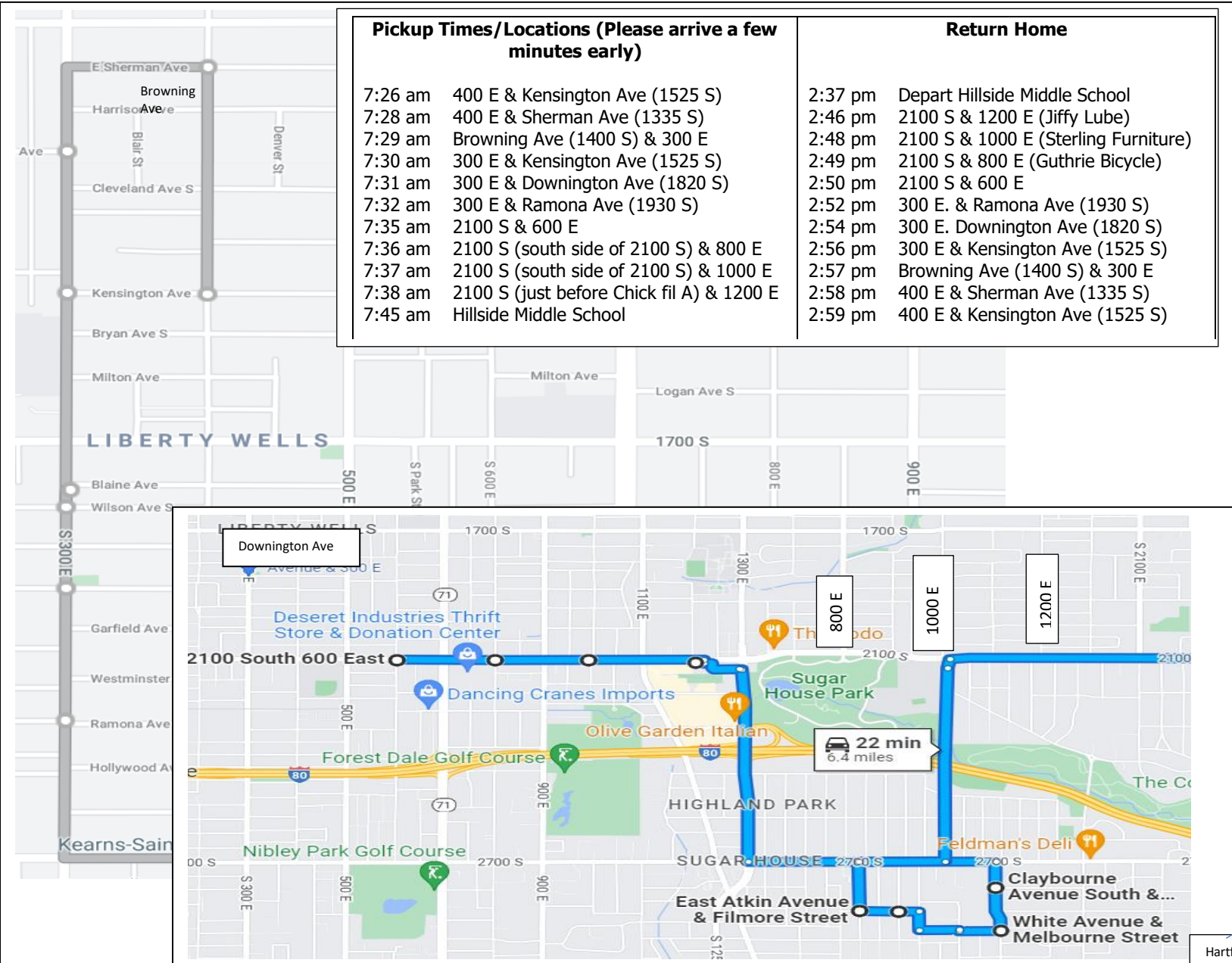
## Return Home

2:37 pm	Depart Hillside Middle School
2:53 pm	Browning Ave (1410 S) & 200 E
2:54 pm	1300 S & Edison St (140 E)
2:57 pm	West Temple & Andrew Ave (1505 S)
2:59 pm	West Temple & Quayle (1770 S)
3:00 pm	West Temple & Grove Ave (1910 S)
3:03 pm	Hartwell Ave & 300 W
3:05 pm	1445 S 300 W (Enclave Apts)

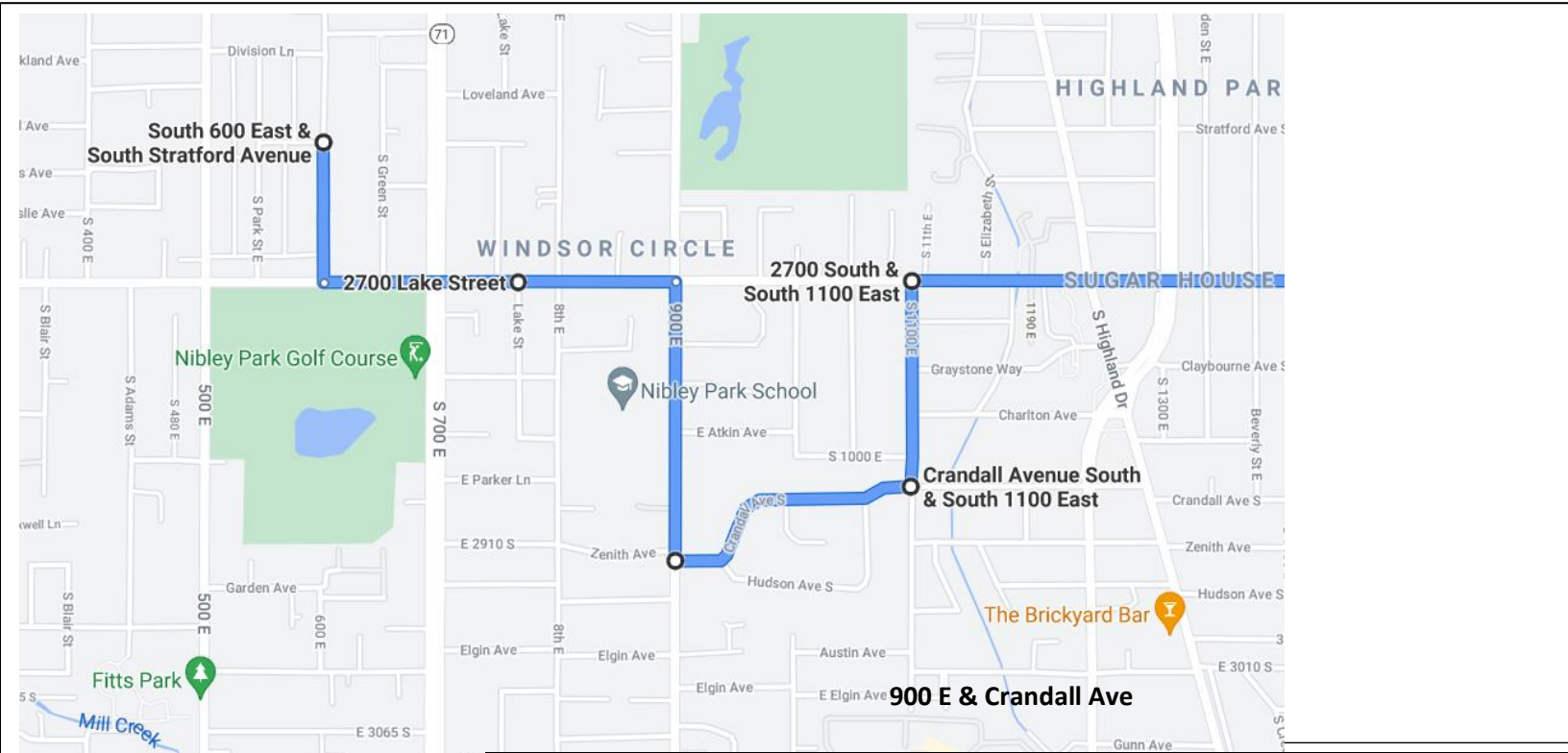
BUS ROUTE 515



Pickup Times/Locations (Please arrive a few minutes early)		Return Home	
7:34 am	Stratford Ave & Beverly St (2585 S & 1365 E)	2:37 pm	Depart Hillside Middle School
7:35 am	Stratford Ave & 1500 E @ the church	2:45 pm	Stratford Ave & 2000 E
7:36 am	Stratford Ave & Imperial St (1650 E)	2:46 pm	Stratford Ave & 1700 E
7:37 am	Stratford Ave & 1700 E	2:47 pm	Stratford Ave & Imperial St (1650 E)
7:39 am	Stratford Ave & 2000 E	2:49 pm	Stratford Ave & 1500 E
7:45 am	Hillside Middle School	2:50 pm	Stratford Ave & Beverly St (1365 E)



**BUS ROUTE 517**



**Pickup Times/Locations  
(Please arrive a few minutes early)**

7:26 am 600 E & Stratford Ave (2545 S)  
7:28 am 2700 S & Lake St (760 E)  
7:30 am 900 E & Crandall Ave (2920 S)  
7:31 am Crandall Ave & 1100 E  
7:33 am 2700 S & 1100 E  
7:45 am Hillside Middle School

**Return Home**

2:37 pm Depart Hillside Middle School  
2:50 pm 600 E & Stratford Ave (2545 S)  
2:52 pm 2700 S & Lake St (760 E)  
2:54 pm 900 E & Crandall Ave (2920 S)  
2:56 pm Crandall Ave (2870 S) & 1100 E  
2:58 pm 2700 S & 1100 E