

March 18, 2025

To: Board of Education

From: Superintendent Grant

Re: Reconfiguring Nibley Park as a K-6 School

Over the years, we have heard concerns that Nibley Park students in grades 7 and 8 do not receive a full middle school experience. The Middle Level Review Group Report, presented at the February 18th Board Meeting, highlighted some of those concerns. After conversations with school administrators, teachers, and district leaders, we recommend that we reconfigure Nibley Park as a K-6 school and rising 7th and 8th grade students attend Hillside Middle School, or a school of their choice.

At our March 4 Board Meeting, we discussed Nibley Park and decided to move forward along the timelines and expectations of the proposed G-5 Administrative Procedures. We also heard from Principal Green, Dallin Miller, and Dr. Tiffany Hall on the enrollment history and curriculum options available as well as some of the reasons we are bringing this topic forward (please see attached powerpoint for reminder of that presentation).

At this meeting, the Board has a chance to discuss this topic again and may want to share feedback members have heard from teachers and parents, including during the community open house at Nibley Park on Wednesday evening, March 12th.

Board Action

Ask that the Board consider and vote on the recommendation to reconfigure Nibley Park as a K-6 school.



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Nibley Park K-6 Reconfiguration

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History of grades 7-8 at Nibley Park

The planning for Nibley Park in the years prior to 2007 envisioned a robust 7th & 8th grade program with 150+ students and 8+ faculty.

YEAR (OCT 1 COUNT)	GRADE 7	GRADE 8	TOTAL
2007	30	X	30
2008	38	28	66
2009	44	41	85
2010	64	45	109
2011	45	53	98
2012	54	38	92
2013	38	54	92
2014	38	37	75
2015	33	35	68
2016	27	31	58
2017	30	25	55
2018	33	31	64
2019	33	34	67
2020	29	33	62
2021	31	26	57
2022	17	39	56
2023	32	25	57
2024	43	27	70



Estimated 2025-26 Nibley Park Enrollment

Current 6th Graders

- General Ed Students: 44
- Magnet/Spanish-DLI Students: 18 (DLI program continues at Clayton MS in grade 7)

Current 7th Graders

- General Ed Students: 45 students

Total: 89 6th & 7th graders in 2025-26



Why reconfiguration?

Since 2007, the enrollment at Nibley Park has not enabled the school to support a complete complement of high-qualified secondary teachers to meet state course requirements.

Section R277-700-5:

Middle School Education
Requirements

- Grade 7 & 8 Language Arts
- Grade 7 & 8 Mathematics
- Grade 7 & 8 Integrated Science
- United States History
- Utah History
- at least one course in each:
 - Health Education
 - College & Career Awareness
 - Digital Literacy
 - the Arts
 - Physical Education



Middle School Educational Opportunities

- Access to World Language, Honors or Extended courses, Accelerated Math, or Secondary 1
- Semester- or year-long options for electives including PE, music, art rotations, computer skills
- Additional options for students in:
 - CTE exploration electives
 - Advanced performing/visual arts
 - Robotics and Coding



Middle School Options

Students are already pointed to Hillside Middle as their boundary school; however, open enrollment is available to any middle school in the district.



Discussion