



# Salt Lake City School District

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#### **AYP Designations Show Proof of Progress in Salt Lake City School District**

(Salt Lake City) - The release of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports is showing the progress that can be made with hard work, critical data evaluation, and strategic planning. Glendale Middle School and Parkview Elementary, which last year were in Program Improvement, have made AYP this year. In fact, Glendale has made AYP for two consecutive years and is no longer facing sanctions under No Child Left Behind.

“AYP reports and NCLB requirements are strict and sometimes confusing,” said Dr. McKell Withers, Superintendent. “We encourage parents and community members with questions to contact their local school administrators. We expect parents and the community to take an active role in helping students become proficient and supporting school improvement efforts. All schools can improve and students can achieve more, regardless of simple AYP characterizations.”

Under the accountability provisions in the No Child Left Behind Act, all public schools are evaluated for AYP. Schools, districts and the state are required to meet AYP on three indicators – (1) participation in testing, (2) language arts and mathematics Criterion Reference Test scores, and (3) either graduation rates (for high school and districts) or attendance rates (for elementary and middle/junior high schools). The current AYP designations are based on Spring 2003 test scores. *(Note: Attendance and graduation rate data for school districts will not be used this year.)*

There may be some school results that seem confusing. A school may be doing a good job as a whole but miss the mark for a particular subgroup of students. Schools also may not make AYP because of numbers of students tested or not having acceptable levels on attendance or graduation rates. These and other factors determine if schools have made AYP.

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In Salt Lake City School District the following schools made AYP, as determined by student performance in all subgroups:

- Beacon Heights Elementary
- Bennion Elementary
- Bonneville Elementary
- Dilworth Elementary
- Ensign Elementary
- Escalante Elementary
- Guadalupe School
- Hawthorne Elementary
- Highland Park Elementary
- Indian Hills Elementary
- Jackson Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- Lowell Elementary
- Meadowlark Elementary
- Mountain View Elementary
- Nibley Park Elementary
- North Star Elementary
- Parkview Elementary
- Riley Elementary
- Rosslyn Heights Elementary
- Uintah Elementary
- Wasatch Elementary
- Washington Elementary
- Whittier Elementary
- Glendale Middle School

The following schools in Salt Lake City School District did not make AYP because the number of students participating in the testing was less than the required 95% in at least one subgroup:

- Bryant Middle School
- East High School
- Highland High School
- Horizonte
- West High School

Some Salt Lake City schools did not make AYP because student test scores in at least one subgroup did not reach the established levels. They are:

- Backman Elementary
- Edison Elementary
- Emerson Elementary
- Franklin Elementary
- Newman Elementary
- Rose Park Elementary
- Bryant Middle School
- Clayton Middle School
- Hillside Middle School
- Northwest Middle School

NCLB requires that Title I schools not making AYP, for at least two years in a row, offer additional options to parents and students. Parents are encouraged to contact their school with questions and to help us meet the goals of our school improvement plans.

More information can be found on the district's Web page at:

<http://www.slc.k12.ut.us/depts/pi/nclb/>.

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