

Insights

Your community newsletter from Salt Lake City School District

Salt Lake City Schools Are "Your Best Choice"

A quality education opens doors to an unlimited future of opportunities. A well-educated community provides strength and stability today and for generations to come. Salt Lake City School District is dedicated to setting the standard for excellence in education.



Recent political rhetoric would have you believe public education is nothing but a relic whose time has come and gone. The truth is, public education is and will remain the backbone of a healthy democracy.

"Going to school" means much more than it used to a few years ago. The number of programs and services available to students of all ages is staggering.

Please take a few moments to read the information in this newsletter and discover why Salt Lake City School District is **"Your Best Choice"** in education.

www.YourBestChoice.org

SLC School District Points of Pride

- Salt Lake City students consistently score higher than state and national averages on college entrance exams.
- In many areas, Salt Lake City students score higher than the national average on standardized tests (see graph to right).
- West High School was named best high school in Utah and one of the best high schools in the country by Newsweek.
- The district has won numerous awards from the EPA for its efforts to improve air quality inside schools.
- Over 40% of classroom teachers hold a master's degree or higher.
- Students earn millions of dollars in scholarships each year.



Our Students Our Future

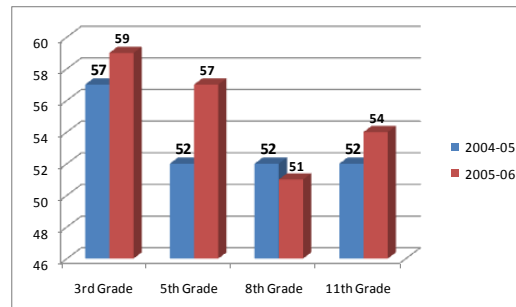
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Iowa Test of Basic Skills – Composite



* On nationally standardized tests a score of 50 represents the national average.

Choice in Education

Salt Lake City School District believes education should be an adventure in which every child is thrilled to learn and has access to a rich array of possibilities. Beyond the traditional classroom experience, the district offers a multitude of choices for students of all ages. Some examples of those programs and services include:

- Pre-Kindergarten
- Full-day Kindergarten
- International Pathways
- K-8 Schools
- Salt Lake Business Academy
- JROTC
- Advanced Placement classes
- Extended Learning Program
- Curriculum and Assessment Lab
- Open Classroom
- Health Professions Academy
- Arts Academy
- International Baccalaureate
- Career and Technical Center

Unique School Designs

Students learn best when they feel safe and comfortable in their surroundings. Over the past few years, the Salt Lake City School District has undertaken a massive construction program

designed to improve the safety and usability of all of our schools. Many schools have been completely rebuilt. Each new building was designed by a committee of teachers, administrators, and

neighbors. The results are innovative designs that reflect the personalities of the individual neighborhoods.



Washington Elementary

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Budget

Salt Lake City School District spends its money where it matters most — **the classroom.**

Nearly 70% of regular K-12 program funds are used directly in the classroom.

