



EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM (ELP)

SERVICES FOR GIFTED, TALENTED, AND HIGH ABILITY STUDENTS
IN SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**THIS POWER POINT COMMUNICATES ELP INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS
WHO WILL BE IN KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1 IN SALT LAKE CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**



EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The Salt Lake City School District Extended Learning Program (ELP) offers educational opportunities to students in grades K-8 who show high academic and reasoning abilities. Elementary students who need gifted services are typically working well above



their age group in reading and mathematics. Secondary students who may need gifted services are typically those opting for honors or advanced classes.

WHEN SHOULD I CONSIDER EXTENDED LEARNING?

When students...

- display advanced thinking skills
- understand new ideas or subjects with little effort
- exhibit highly developed curiosity
- obsess in an interest area
- make connections
- recognize the humor in different situations
- perceive and observe beyond their years
- articulate unusually large vocabulary and complex sentence structure for age



WHAT STUDENTS LEARN IN A MAGNET ELP CLASSROOM

Utah Core Standards outline standards of learning that are essential for all students at each grade level. The curriculum includes ideas, concepts, and skills to provide a foundation on which subsequent learning may be built. The curriculum for each grade level can be accessed on the Utah State Office of Education's website at:

<https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/utahcorestandards>.



ELP CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

Elementary				Middle School	
K-6	K-3	4-6	K-6	7-8	7-8
Neighborhood Teachers Collaborate with General Education Teachers	Neighborhood Teachers form Discovery and Push-in Groups	Neighborhood Pull-out Program for identified high ability students	Magnet School Program for identified gifted students	Neighborhood Program for identified high ability students	Magnet Program for identified gifted students

GRADES K-I MAGNET ELP SERVICES



MAGNET ELP SERVICES (K-I)

Elementary Magnet

- Self-contained, all day (housed at three elementary schools)
 - Emerson – begins in first grade - has Spanish Dual Language Immersion
1017 East Harrison Avenue
 - Hawthorne
1675 South 600 East
 - Whittier
1600 South 300 East

WHEN TO APPLY AND BE ASSESSED FOR MAGNET ELP (K-I)

Applications:

- The application window opens on September 8, 2020, and closes on February 12, 2021. Applications are submitted online only. Applications are on the ELP website.

Assessments:

- Assessments are administered in March
- Assessments take up to one hour to administer



HOW TO APPLY FOR MAGNET ELP TESTING (K-1)

- Parent/Guardian fills out online application on the [ELP website](#)
- The application window closes on February 12, 2021
- Parent/guardian is contacted with assessment schedule from the ELP office.
- All preschool students not attending a district preschool are assessed at the district office.
- Kindergarten students are assessed at their neighborhood school or district office.



ASSESSMENTS FOR MAGNET ELP (K-I)

Assessment measures are standardized, valid, and reliable

- Assessments
 - Include verbal and nonverbal reasoning abilities
 - Are scored by age
 - Are used to identify students who need gifted services

HOW TO PREPARE FOR ELP TESTING (K-I)

Students should get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast!

Abilities assessed are not specifically taught in school.

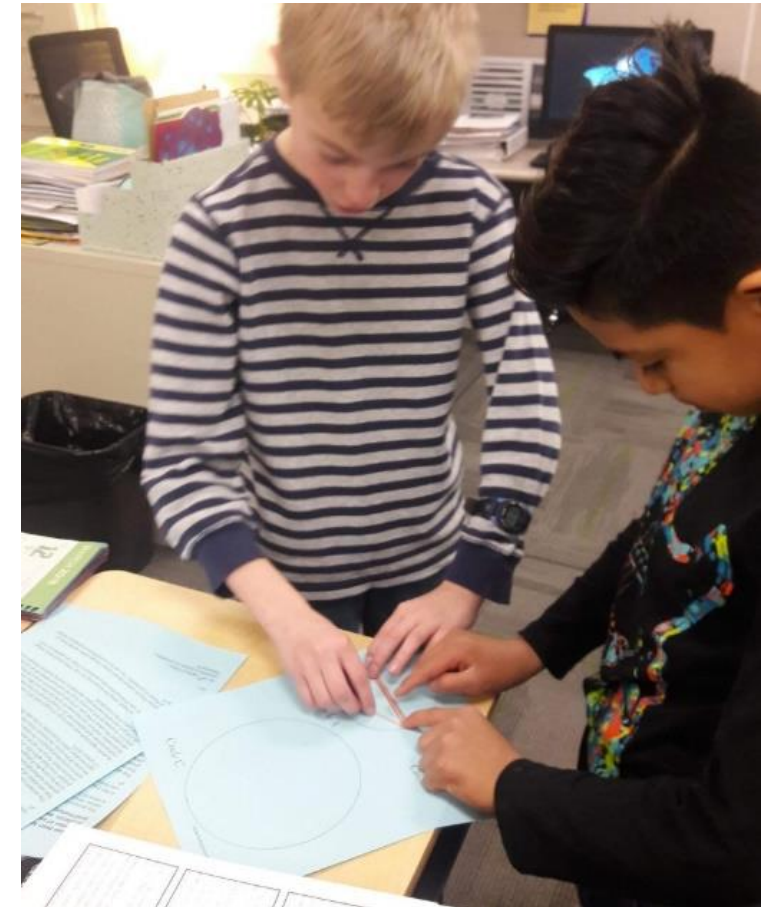


TESTING DISCLOSURE (K-I)

- Students may test for Magnet ELP eligibility once each calendar year
- Once students are found eligible they remain eligible throughout the elementary years without needing to retest
- The assessment results are kept confidential
- After students complete testing, if there is reason to believe the results are not valid because of illness or other extenuating circumstances, parent/guardian must notify the ELP office within two business days of assessment

ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION FOR MAGNET ELP (K-I)

- The ELP Department establishes eligibility criteria
 - Multiple ways to be found eligible
 - Blind review of all students who are tested
- Magnet ELP eligibility is determined by the Assessment and ELP Departments
- Eligibility determination is **NOT** based on taking students in a rank order or filling “slots”



NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS FOR MAGNET ELP (K-I)

- Magnet ELP eligibility letters are mailed to homes by mid-April
- All applicants will receive a letter of eligibility mailed to their home. This letter will include the following:
 - A written letter from the ELP Supervisor, with eligibility status
 - The Student Assessment Profile, with assessment results and eligibility determination
 - A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document
- Eligible students will receive a Letter of School Site Choice
 - Letters of School Site Choice to choose preferred school placement are **due back to the ELP office by April 27th, which is the Tuesday after the Open Houses**
 - Final school placement letters are sent to parents/guardians by May 5th
 - The ELP Eligibility Review Committee meets to determine appeals in mid-summer

CHOOSING A MAGNET ELP SCHOOL (K-I)

- Parents/guardians make a first through third choice of schools; however, this does not guarantee first or second choice of school placement
- School placement is based on several determining factors including balanced class sizes and sibling placement
- The ELP office makes the final school placement decision
- Magnet ELP begins in kindergarten at Hawthorne and Whittier, and first grade at Emerson
- Open Houses are held for eligible students at the three magnet schools on April 20-22, 2021
- **Parents/guardians of eligible Magnet ELP students must register at the placement school in August**

SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS (K-I)

- Students in K-I Magnet ELP must reside in Salt Lake City School District boundaries in order to apply, be assessed, be eligible, and maintain placement in the Magnet ELP program. The only exception is for children of Salt Lake City School District employees.
- Residing within a Magnet ELP school boundary is not a determining factor in school eligibility or priority placement



TRANSPORTATION TO MAGNET SCHOOLS (K-I)

- Bus transportation is offered to Magnet ELP students
- A bus transports Magnet ELP students from their local neighborhood school to their magnet school
- There is no afternoon bus transportation for Magnet ELP students who attend Extended Day services
- Many parents choose to form carpools



COMMUNICATION

How can parents find out about ELP?

- Sign up for emails on ELP Website
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Brochures
- Parent Meetings
- Flyers
- Calendars
- Letters

Visit us on our [ELP website, slcschools.org](http://slcschools.org),
Departments, Extended Learning Program.



Getting to Know the SLCSO Elementary Magnet Schools

Emerson

The Magnet ELP's dual language immersion program is a full day Magnet ELP program for students in grades 1-6 and is housed at Emerson Elementary School. The dual immersion program at Emerson begins in grade one.

A few of the features include:

- Two-way Immersion provides two language groups (English and Spanish) with an opportunity to become bilingual and biliterate. Students learn to read, write and speak both languages.
- By using both languages equally, students stand strong, appreciating and bridging cultures while achieving academic success.
- Becoming proficient in both languages is recognized as a significant intellectual and cultural achievement which prepares students to be powerful contributors in our global society.

Hawthorne

Over its history, this program has developed a unique offering of educational opportunity, supported by qualified teachers and a large and cohesive parent organization. Hawthorne's goal is to promote a lifelong love of learning for intellectually gifted students and to give them the tools they need for effective problem solving, critical thinking, and communication.

A few of the features include:

- Jr. Great Books and College of William and Mary literature;
- Math Olympiads and Mathcounts competitions;
- Shakespeare Festival;
- Conversational Spanish instruction five days a week.

Whittier

Whittier Elementary School is committed to providing an educational program that promotes the social, emotional, and academic growth of gifted and talented students. Whittier provides rigorous and accelerated academics in an atmosphere that encourages scholarly habits and individual responsibility for learning.

A few of the features include:

- Problem-based learning utilizing depth and complexity;
- Open and compassionate thinking;
- Rigorous acceleration of the expanded core;
- Focus on a spectrum of cognitive strategies.

Next issue: **Getting to Know SLCSO Middle School
Magnet and Neighborhood ELP**



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Assessment information for the 2019-2020 school year:

Exciting news: District employees who live outside of the boundaries may apply to assess their child for K-3 Magnet ELP eligibility. Applications will be automated on the SLCSO ELP website in mid-September. The application and assessment windows are:

Students who are currently in grades 1-7:

- Applications will be available from September 23-November 1.
- Assessment will be at the school from November 4-December 6.

Students who are currently in grade K:

- Applications will be available from December 9-January 24.
- Assessment will be at the school in February.

Students who are currently in Preschool:

- Applications will be available from December 9-January 24.
- Assessment will be at the school in March.

Children who are in a SLCSO Pre-K-4 and Kindergarten this year will take a screener which may identify the child for the complete battery of assessments used to determine eligibility for ELP services.



"One child, one teacher,
one book and one pen can
change the world."

Malala Yousafzai

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facility use, accommodations and other Equal Employment Opportunity matters. The district also provides equal access to district facilities for all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Tina Hatch, Compliance and Investigations, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-8388. You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, Denver, CO, (303) 844-5695.

ELP DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

- Department phone number: 801.578.8573
 - Michele Riggs, ELP Supervisor
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 - Lucy Jacob, ELP Psychologist
- ELP Office webpage: slcschools.org, Departments, Extended Learning Program
<https://www.slcschools.org/departments/teaching-and-learning/extended-learning-program-elp/>
- Location of ELP Department: Teaching and Learning Department
 - Second floor of Administration Building, west side of building, Room 210

Q & A SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Wednesday, September 23 – Grades 6 and 7
- Thursday, September 24 – Grades 3-5
- Tuesday, September 30 – Grades 1-2
- Wednesday, October 1 – Grades Preschool and Kindergarten

The Zoom meeting link will be on the ELP website the day of the Q & A session. The meetings will begin at 6:30 PM.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Attend the Q & A session on
October 1, 2020 through
Zoom, or contact the ELP
office at 801-578-8573.

