

# School Choice

## Choose Your Adventure



### **Choice. Excellence. Equity.**

In this pandemic year, when school choice has meant weighing educational options for keeping children learning and safe, a growing number of families are choosing Canyons.

About 22 percent — or more than one in five — of Canyons District's 34,000 students are enrolled in the school of their choosing, or a school other than the one assigned to them by geographic boundaries. Of those, nearly 1,226 come from outside the District, a 6 percent increase over the number of out-of-district students welcomed by Canyons the year prior.

Canyons strives to be the district of choice, and there are plenty of reasons to choose to enroll in one of our schools, from the dual language immersion programs we offer in Chinese, French and Spanish to the Step2theU partnership through which Alta High students can earn two semesters of college while still in high school. Each of our schools has its special emphases and traditions — something to capture the spirit and spark of every student.

### **School Choice Transfers**

# 22%

**CSD students  
attending a school  
outside of their  
assigned boundary**

# Special Programs

Canyons also offers specialized programs to meet students' evolving educational needs.

- In 2017, the first cohort of Alta High students participated in a partnership with the University of Utah called Step2theU. Students begin coursework during the summer of their junior year, and work toward having two complete semesters of college credit by the time they enroll in college.
- Roughly 600 students are enrolled in our SALTA magnet program for gifted learners.
- About 3,400 students are learning Spanish, French or Mandarin Chinese in dual language immersion programs at 14 elementary and middle schools and all five of CSD's traditional high schools.
- Students can sign up for a more rigorous, college-ready curriculum and diploma through the Middle Years Programme at Midvale Middle and International Baccalaureate Programme at Hillcrest High.
- All of CSD's high schools provide an array of concurrent enrollment and Advanced Placement courses through which students can earn early college credit. Brighton High additionally offers the AP Capstone Diploma to students who complete six Advanced Placement courses and earn a score of 3 or higher on the corresponding exams.
- In 2016, a supplemental kindergarten instruction program was introduced to provide extra academic options to the community. With this opt-in, tuition-based program, kindergarteners at 17 elementary schools can receive nearly four additional hours of instruction every school day.
- Eight CSD schools offer tuition-based preschool programs.
- Through the Canyons Technical Education Center (CTEC), CSD's high school students have access to training in diverse fields ranging from criminal justice to nursing.
- Alta and Brighton field marching bands.
- Summer programs, such as workshops in woodworking, dance and computer coding, keep students of all ages busy while school is out of session.
- With its tight-knit faculty and staff and small class sizes, CSD's Diamond Ridge High is the school of choice for students looking for an alternative to the traditional high school experience.



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