



# SCHOOL PROFILE

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL | SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**ENROLLMENT: 1,695** (+286 Salt Lake Performing Arts students)  
**FACULTY: 73 FULL-TIME, 3 HALF-TIME**

Highland High School is a very unique urban high school that blends the feeling of a strong community base with a diverse student body. Highland High School is

located in the Sugarhouse Area, a suburb of Salt Lake City, which lies along the Wasatch Mountains in Northern Utah. It is part of the Salt Lake City School

District and is one of four high schools in the district. Salt Lake City is the state's capital city with a population of approximately 193,744 residents. Highland

**OUR MISSION:** HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL EXISTS TO ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS LEARN ESSENTIAL SKILLS TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL ADULTS. THESE SKILLS ENCOMPASS ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND CAREER PROFICIENCIES. AT HIGHLAND HIGH, EDUCATORS WORK INTERDEPENDENTLY TO IMPROVE THEIR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE THROUGH ANALYZING STUDENT PERFORMANCE, ALIGNING CURRICULUM, AND ENGAGING IN QUALITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. EXCEPTIONAL INSTRUCTION IS COMPLEMENTED WITH TIMELY INTERVENTIONS TO ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS LEARN. HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL EXISTS AS AN AFFIRMATION THAT STUDENT SUCCESS IS THE ONLY OPTION.

High School partners with several local businesses in the Sugarhouse area and is very close to Westminster College and The University of Utah. Highland High includes many of their faculty and

profile. Highland High's community extends from the east bench of the Salt Lake Valley to 7500 West in the Glendale area. This boundary provides Highland with very wide socio-economic and ethnic diversity.

staff among its supportive patrons.

**DEMOGRAPHICS:** In the last few years, our enrollment has been very stable with very slight growth. Our demographics have also been stable as has our socio-economic

WE'RE HERE TO HELP  
IT'S THE HIGHLAND WAY

**PRINCIPAL**  
Chris Jensen

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**  
Mary Lane Grisley  
Tim Porter  
Jon Jensen

**COUNSELORS**  
Karrie Jarratt  
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**ATHLETIC DIRECTORS**  
Jon Jensen  
Daniel Shwam

**OFFICE STAFF**  
Audrey Hall, Karrie Allred,  
Whitney Fauver, Kerry Hardy,  
Rebecca Franco, Linda  
Larsen, West Bludworth, Maria  
Smuin, Jennifer Grangroth,  
and Merri Bailey.

**MINIMUM GRADUATION  
REQUIREMENTS**  
All Salt Lake City School  
District schools require  
24 total credits to graduate.

Language Arts	4.0
Social Studies	3.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Physical Education	1.5
Fine Arts	1.5
Career & Tech Ed	1.0
Computer Tech	0.5
Financial Literacy	0.5
Health Education	0.5
Electives	5.5

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**Highland's ethnicity:**

African American	4 %
Asian	3 %
Caucasian	49 %
Hispanic	20 %
American Indian	1 %
Pacific Islander	5 %
Other	19 %

35 different languages spoken

**ACCREDITATION:** Highland High is fully accredited by the State of Utah and with the Northwest Accreditation Commission, a division of AdvancED.

**GRADUATES:** 377 (Class of 2017)  
Graduation rates continue to improve each year. Over \$6,000,000 in scholarships was offered to the class of 2017 from numerous colleges and organizations; 60% of the graduates went on to attend a 4-year college/university and 20% to a 2-year college/university.

Highland is a college preparatory school that has 24 AP classes offered with 1087 tests given, the most National Board Certified Teachers in the state, an IB Diploma program, a Freshman Success Program that serves 490 students (which has received recognition at the state level from the Trust Lands Administration), Youth Advocates for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, an award winning Visual Arts program, and an annual Day of Service which provides over 2,000 hours of service to the community.

Highland values a comprehensive education; offering a wide range of academic, vocational, technical, family science, and fine arts courses. Highland is home to the Salt Lake District Arts Academy and has a very strong visual arts department. Our AP pass rate for the visual art students is double the national average. In addition, college courses are available to students who exhaust Advance Placement offerings. These students may participate in courses offered in Salt Lake Community College and the University of Utah. Other courses are offered throughout the district in the Career and Technical Center, Highland, East and West High Schools.

**ATHLETICS:** 19 Interscholastic Teams  
Baseball, Basketball: Boys & Girls, Cross Country: Boys & Girls, Football, Golf: Boys & Girls, Soccer: Boys & Girls, Softball, Swimming: Boys & Girls, Tennis: Boys & Girls, Track & Field, Boys & Girls, Volleyball, and Wrestling.

**College Recruitment** Reps from over 90 colleges and universities across the nation visit each year. Additional visits by representatives are made at our Post High School Tour and Financial Aid (FAFSA) Nights.

**Class Ranking & School Year**

The grade point average is computed using the following values: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0, I (incomplete) = 0. The class enrollment and the cumulative GPA for all grades starting with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade determine class rank. Classes are not weighted.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)**

- AP American History
- AP Art History
- AP European History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Environmental Science
- AP French
- AP Geography
- AP German
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP Physics C
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art 2D, 3D, Drawing
- AP World History

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)**

- IB Biology HL 1
- IB Biology HL 2
- IB Chemistry SL 1
- IB English A Lit HL 1
- IB English A Lit HL 2
- IB Film Studies SL 1
- IB French B SL 1
- IB French B SL 2
- IB German B SL 1
- IB German B SL 2
- IB History Americas HL 1
- IB History Americas HL 2
- IB Mathematics SL 1
- IB Math Studies SL 1
- IB Music Theory HL 1
- IB Music Theory SL 1
- IB Spanish B SL 1
- IB Spanish B SL 2
- IB Theory of Knowledge SL 1
- IB Visual Arts HL 1
- IB Visual Arts HL 2
- IB Visual Arts SL 1

**CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT**

- Adult Roles Financial Literacy
- English

**HONORS**

- Biology
- College Prep ELA
- College Prep Math
- Chemistry
- Language Arts 9
- Language Arts 10
- Language Arts 11
- Secondary Math I
- Secondary Math II
- Secondary Math III