

Our Community

#HuskyStrong is Hillcrest High’s motto — and the source of the school’s strength is the diversity of the community it serves. Founded in 1962, the school has a rich history of academic excellence. Through high-quality programs like the International Baccalaureate, and with the help of community partners like United Way of Salt Lake, the school has consistently ranked among the top 10 high schools in Utah, according to U.S. News & World Report. More than a third of Hillcrest’s 2,306 students are ethnic minorities, and 40 percent qualify as economically disadvantaged.

Our Promise

Hillcrest’s promise is to prepare all students for the rigors of college and careers. In 2016 the Board of Education funded a \$461,000 initiative at Hillcrest to boost student achievement by identifying struggling learners before they reach high school and offering them early supports.

Our Progress

The Community Schools model is making a difference. In the summer of 2016, about 80 incoming freshmen attended an inaugural “Boot Camp” where they received four hours of daily instruction in math, science, English and geography to prepare them to succeed their first year at Hillcrest. A referral system has, with the aid of community school partners, helped identify students who are in crisis or in need of academic support. A collaborative of teachers, the CARE committee, meets weekly to discuss how to best connect families with social supports.



Promise Partners

- AmeriCorps
- Boy and Girls Club of South Valley
- Canyons Education Foundation
- Eye Care 4 Kids
- Family Learning Centers
- Latinos in Action
- Midvale City
- Midvale Road Home
- Playworks
- Sealants for Smiles
- Savage Industries
- TOSH
- University of Utah College of Social Work
- United Way of Salt Lake
- Utah Food Bank
- Valley Behavioral Health

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Give your time. Lend a hand. Every minute counts toward making a positive impact in others’ lives.

To volunteer now, contact:

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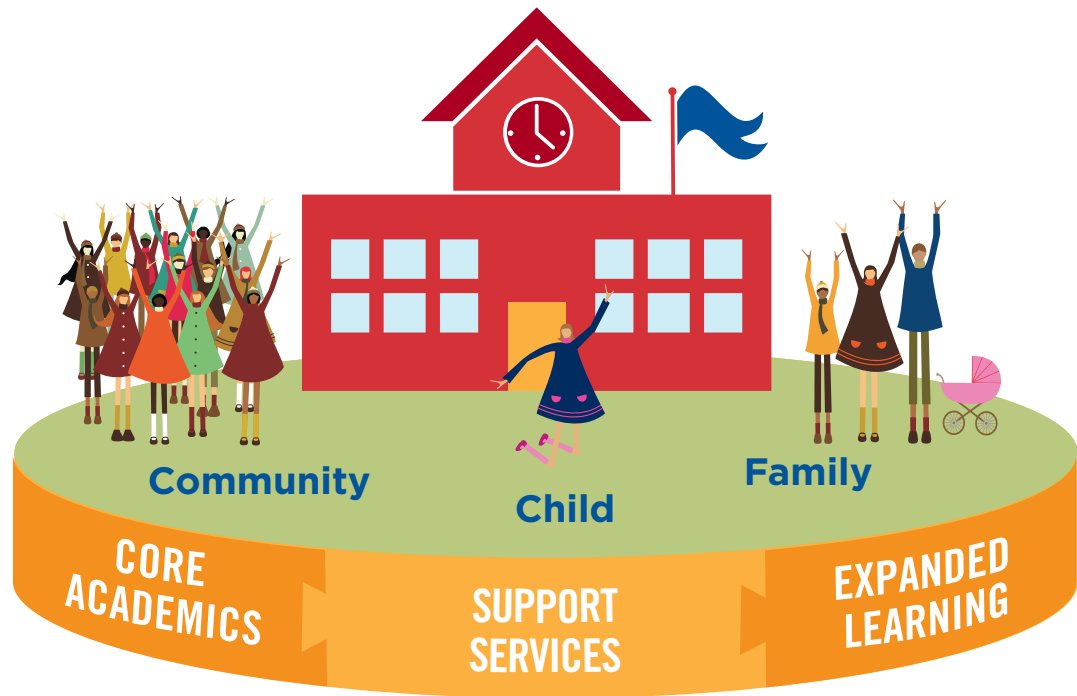
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Community Schools

A NEW WAY OF TACKLING OLD PROBLEMS

Community schools provide opportunities for children, families, and communities. Partners integrate education, health, basic needs, tutoring, afterschool programs, and more to ensure kids are on track to succeed in school.



Promise Partnerships by the Numbers*:

8 PROMISE PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITIES

43+ COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

170+ PROMISE PARTNERS

1,000's OF VOLUNTEERS

137,000+

LOW-INCOME STUDENTS HAVE BEEN POSITIVELY IMPACTED IN OUR COMMUNITY

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* Source: "2017 Results Matter Report of the Promise Partnership Regional Council", uw.org/research-and-reports

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