

## ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS SCHOOL TO WATCH MODEL SCHOOL – VISITOR’S GUIDE

### Eisenhower Junior High School



Designated in 2008;  
Eisenhower Jr. High School \* Granite School  
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### 2008 -2009 School Statistics

Community: Suburban  
Enrollment: Grades 7-9  
School Schedule: 8 period block schedule

#### Student Demographics:

531 Male  
469 Female  
3.01% African American  
1.60% American Indian/ Alaskan Native  
5.41% Asian  
59.72% Caucasian/ White  
26.15% Hispanic/ Spanish  
0.30% Other  
0.10% Pacific Islander  
43% Free/ Red. Lunch  
10.4% Students with Disabilities  
27% ESL

AYP: 2007 passed 34/40 categories  
2006 passed 39/40 categories  
2005 passed 39/40 categories  
2004 passed 38/40 categories  
2003 passed 40/40 categories

## School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

### Academic Excellence:

- Implement the Eisenhower Way, a program that defines and clarifies the expectations and roles for all stakeholders in our learning community
- Teachers have established “Walk-a-ways” which address specific skills students must learn and are tied to the state core curriculum
- Teacher and students develop rubrics which convey academic expectations and assist students in self assessment
- Student –led conferences are conducted to allow students to self access and communicate their progress to teachers and parents
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are teamed in English, science and social studies
- School philosophy is that failure is not an option for any of our students
- Specialized advisories in reading and math are conducted to provide extra support for students who struggle in these specific areas
- After school remediation programs are in place for student identified as having difficulty at midterm
- Skills Center is available for all students before and after school to assist students with homework
- The SMART program is offered as an alternative placement for students who are either gang affiliated or have at –risk factors that may lead them to gang affiliation
- Reading Program: Three Tier, Next Steps
- Our ESL program serves 24 languages and countries

### Developmental Responsiveness

- Within our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade pods we offer small learning communities
- Specialized units and mainstreamed classes are offered for our various specialized programs: Valley Mental Health Behavioral unit, intellectually handicapped, severely intellectually handicapped, emotionally disturbed and the YESS program
- Competitive sport teams, student government, dance cheerleading and yearend activities
- After school programs and clubs are offered to all students
- MESA – 93 members
- Hold more world record attempts than any other school in Guinness Book of World Records
- Advisory classes promote reading and give students the opportunity to complete homework
- Academic team was in the final four

## Social Equity

- Gifted and Talented program offers rigorous curriculum guiding students to engage in higher level thinking skills and application
- Staff development training is offered to all faculty on how to make accommodations for all students
- Weekly team meetings are held with administrators, counselors, the school psychologist, the prevention specialist, resource department head, SMART instructor, Skills for Success teacher, attendance tracker and Behavioral Intervention Aide to discuss issues concerning student academic and social behaviors
- Students are given pre-tests in math and reading at the beginning of the year to access if they have been properly placed in math and reading classes
- Most of our staff has received REACH training and educated on the culture of poverty
- Hold an annual cultural fair where students share their culture with the community through posters, food, performances and other activities
- Eisenhower is a Community of Caring School
- Family Center provides parenting classes, workshops and services to all families during school and in the evening
- Salt Lake Community College provides tutors after school to assist students in their learning
- Counselors provide comprehensive guidance services to all students
- Counselors conduct SEOP meetings with all students
- Each year, 24 students are recognized as Students of the Month and go to lunch with an administrator
- Five Star General Program recognized students for sustaining academic excellence or improvement
- 200 Club rewards students for exhibiting positive Community of Caring values
- General of the Month award
- UBI implements positive behavior strategies and interventions

## Organizational Structures and Processes

- Adopted the Urban Learning Reform Model in 2001 and continue to maintain the organizational structure
- Faculty and staff reflect on our school improvement plan each year and form subcommittee to accomplish established goals
- Every Friday is a early-release day which allows faculty to work on professional development and subcommittees
- Each year teachers meet with the principal to discuss individual professional goals