

Principal's Message

As the principal at Cascade Elementary, I deeply value the partnership we have formed with our families and local community. I believe that everyone benefits from a strong community school where students are known personally and their present and future contributions to society are valued. In an effort to strengthen this joint venture, I provide the following accounting of community engagement, curriculum, staffing and programs, and summaries of student data.

Community Engagement

Cascade utilizes the service and leadership of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and School Community Council (SCC). The PTA provides numerous volunteer hours in assisting with activities such as the Take Home Library, Room Parents, Book Fairs, radKIDS, and other school activities. The SCC is an elected body consisting of parents, teachers, and the principal. This group meets regularly in open public meetings to determine the annual use of the school's LAND Trust funds and the progress of the school's improvement goals.



Curriculum and Instruction

Cascade faculty members teach the Utah State Core Curriculum. Physical education, fine arts, and computer technology is taught in specialty classes. A collaborative team model guides instructional decisions at Cascade. Each Monday, teachers dedicate one hour to work as teams on strengthening lessons and examine student learning. Teachers then make plans for making instruction meaningful and appropriate for every student. A balanced approach emphasizing conceptual understanding and building skill fluency is used to teach math and language arts.

Staff Experience and Training

There are currently 27 licensed teachers at Cascade with a combined experience of over 300 years of teaching. Many teachers have advanced degrees and specialized training in technology, literacy and math instruction, curriculum development, gifted and talented education, and second language acquisition. Dedicated staff members also provide healthy meals, a clean and orderly campus, and treat students respectfully.

Programs

Cascade provides students an opportunity each day for 75 minutes of small group literacy instruction. "Double Dose" instruction also takes place in small groups for students that are missing critical concepts or skills. Cascade offers additional enrichment opportunities after school including book clubs, orchestra, and choir.

Along with a traditional track, Cascade also offers a Chinese Immersion program. Chinese is the most widely spoken first language in the world and is most easily learned when young. Cascade is excited to offer this program to families who choose this opportunity. Students quickly develop communication skills in both languages while learning grade level core academic skills. Applications for this program are available each Spring for the upcoming year's 1st grade class.



Student Enrollment

The number of students attending Cascade's student has grown consistently for the last four years. The additional enrollment allows the school to continue to strengthen and expand its programs and opportunities for students.

Additional classrooms and improvements to the campus are part of Alpine School District's capital investment plans. Emphasis is made to use available resources to keep class sizes as low as possible (see 2011-2012 Enrollment below).

2011-2012 Enrollment: 569

Grade	Total Students	Ave. Class Size
K	76	25
1	115	29
2	92	23
3	72	36/24*
4	68	34/23*
5	74	25
6	72	36

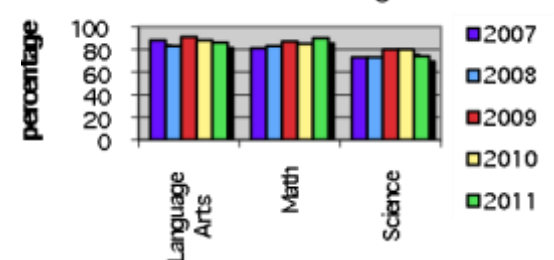
*Class size adjusts during math/literacy instruction

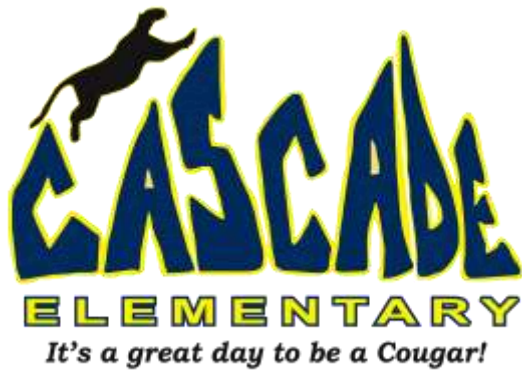
Student Academic Performance

Student learning is the top priority at Cascade. The school's goal is for every student to learn at high levels. Student learning outcomes are closely monitored through frequent assessments, and interventions are provided when needed.

Cascade students consistently score more than 10% above state averages in math and literacy. In a recent report of similar schools, Cascade scored the highest in math academic growth. See the figure below for historical trends of average student performance on criterion referenced tests:

Cascade CRT Averages





Cascade Elementary is a quality public school that is closely knit to the community it serves.

The programs available offer students many exciting and valuable learning opportunities.

The qualified and professional teachers work collaboratively to support educational achievement and growth for all students.

It's always a great day to be a Cougar!

At Cascade:

We Love to Learn,
We Show Respect,
We Do Our Best!



Home of the Cougars!

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