



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY



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History

2004

Town of Alpine allocates 20 acres of town property to future school site

March 2024

Wyoming legislature authorizes one charter for Western Wyoming

July 2024

Alpine Charter School submits charter school application to the Wyoming Charter School Authorizing Board

January 2024

Town of Alpine establishes the Alpine Education Committee

June 2024

Alpine Charter School application team is established

Community Efforts

Community Survey Results

A survey was distributed to hundreds of residents. The participation rate was above expectations and the overwhelming majority of respondents are favorable of a school in Alpine.

Research and Vetting

As the members of the Alpine Education Committee began researching world class educational models and interviewing Educational Service Providers, many of them (including members of the Applicant Team, the Mayor of Alpine, Senator Dockstader) made personal visits to the American Preparatory Schools in Utah.

Town Hall Meetings

Over a dozen meetings have been held including with Alpine residents, the State Superintendent, city council, and more.

Letters of Support

Letters of support were obtained from the Town of Alpine, the Alpine Education Committee, Lincoln County School District #2, Lincoln County Commissioners, 9H Research Foundation, Senator Dockstader, and many residents.

The Trust of Public Education

A public school's central mission is two-fold:

1. To ensure that each student achieves maximum academic proficiency and
2. To ensure that each student develops virtuous character and motivation for productive citizenry

That thereby students become effective citizens of a free, self-governing nation, and possess the intelligence, skills and desire to dedicate a portion of their lives to changing the world for the better.

The trust of the citizens of our nation, expressed in their hard-earned tax dollars flowing to our public schools, must be maintained through strict accountability to these two objectives, and repaid by students who benefit from that public trust by their diligence, hard work, and commitment to community and self-government.

The Decision



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After research and vetting by the Alpine Education Committee, it was determined that the American Preparatory school model would provide a world class education for all citizens of Alpine and the surrounding areas.



Educational Service Provider



AMERICAN PREPARATORY
SCHOOLS

Our Mission

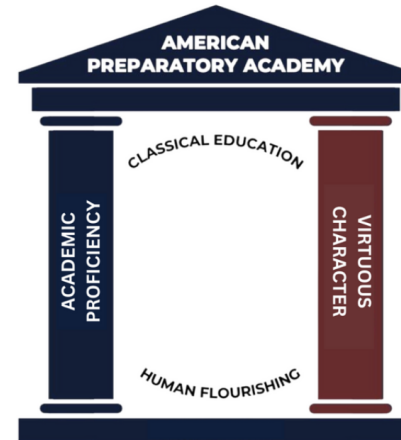
Our school's mission is to build the hearts and minds of children through a classical, liberal-arts education in an orderly, safe and nurturing learning environment wherein content-rich, efficient curriculum and research-based instructional methodologies are utilized to ensure that every student achieves academic success and develops good character based on concrete measurements.

About

American Preparatory Schools is an educational management organization that provides services and turn-key solutions to charter and private schools that yearn to replicate the award-winning American Prep model within their community.

Philosophy

American Prep is a classical liberal-arts school program with an aim to educate both the minds and hearts of our students. Human flourishing is the goal of classical education. Our program strongly focuses on rigorous academics, virtuous character development, college preparation and perpetuating our democratic republic.



American Preparatory Schools

Our Team

American Preparatory Schools is led by a highly qualified and credentialed executive team that is passionate about educational excellence.



Carolyn Sharette
Executive Director
Founder



Jen Walstad
Director of Academics
Director of Elementary



Howard Headlee
Founder
Advisor



Jeremiah Brennan
Director of
Human Resources



Casey Crellin
Chief Financial Officer



David Sharette
Business Development
Director



Lisa Brunson
Director of Compliance



Mandy Brown
Character Development
Director



Tim Evancich
Director of Operations



Ed McDonald
Architect

Awards

American Preparatory Academy has won over 40 Best of State awards



Best of State
Early Childhood Educator
Jen Brown



Best of State
Community Music Program
Sistema Utah



Best of State
Teacher Training
Jen Walstad



Best of State
K-12 Administrator
Carolyn Sharette



Best of State
High School Teacher
Craig Hollinger



Best of State
Special Education
APA Special Education



**Salt Lake City
Top Work places**
American Prep



**Best Charter
High School**
American Prep



Achievement
Gap-busting School
Designation

Pedagogy and Methods

3 Minute Video



Academic Focus

Compare Schools for School Year 2024

Choose a School Year
2024

Select the school you want to use as a comparison
American Preparatory Academy - American Preparator...

Choose Comparison Type
Percent Proficient

48% ELL
71% Low Income

	English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
American Preparatory Academy - The School for...	33.6%	33.8%	44.2%
Stansbury School	22.0%	20.3%	27.2%
Hillsdale School	17.5%	14.2%	30.3%
Esperanza School	35.1%	45.6%	41.9%
Pacific Heritage Academy	31.4%	18.6%	29.8%
David Gourley School	33.5%	31.8%	43.1%
Jackling School	14.9%	17.2%	22.6%
Escalante School	25.1%	28.4%	34.0%
Dual Immersion Academy	24.6%	23.1%	21.4%
Odyssey School	13.8%	9.7%	21.1%
Wallace Stegner Academy	47.8%	41.7%	47.2%
Western Hills School	10.9%	13.9%	14.1%
Granger School	13.1%	16.1%	26.6%
Lincoln School	24.0%	27.6%	25.0%
Pioneer School	25.9%	27.4%	35.0%
Timpanogos School	28.0%	36.3%	31.0%
Plymouth School	11.7%	9.3%	16.0%
Columbia School	14.2%	10.6%	23.2%
Midvale School	14.7%	15.1%	14.4%
C.S. Lewis Academy	22.0%	12.7%	21.3%
American Preparatory Academy - Accelerated Sc...	31.4%	27.9%	33.2%

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More Info: 

	English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
American Preparatory Academy - Draper #1	74.4%	76.6%	83.5%
Channing Hall	56.2%	49.3%	54.5%
Odyssey Charter School	56.6%	51.5%	66.0%
Freedom Preparatory Academy - Vineyard	45.1%	48.2%	47.7%
Renaissance Academy	55.9%	59.8%	64.3%
American Preparatory Academy - Draper #2	63.7%	69.5%	71.2%
Summit Academy - Independence	49.7%	45.9%	58.9%
Ascent Academies of Utah Saratoga Springs	46.1%	41.6%	47.9%
Monticello Academy West Point	54.6%	48.6%	51.8%
Leadership Learning Academy	41.2%	29.1%	40.3%
North Davis Preparatory Academy	35.0%	26.1%	37.5%
Hawthorn Academy South Jordan	44.9%	43.0%	52.3%
Summit Academy - Bluffdale	47.1%	53.4%	61.5%
Bastian School	49.4%	42.6%	53.2%
Ascent Academies of Utah Lehi	54.6%	61.7%	66.9%
Neil Armstrong Academy	47.7%	43.1%	54.8%
Vineyard School	49.8%	44.4%	51.2%
Beacon Heights School	72.4%	73.7%	77.5%
Summit Academy - Draper Campus	57.2%	46.1%	59.8%
Antelope Canyon Elementary	46.4%	40.4%	53.7%
Harvest School	61.7%	63.6%	72.2%

Financial Feasibility and Accountability

Fiduciary

The primary responsibility of Alpine Charter School's governing body is to ensure the proper use of taxpayer dollars. As outlined in the proposed Management Agreement, the board will receive monthly financial reports, key performance indicator achievements, and annual independent audit reports to honor its fiduciary responsibility.

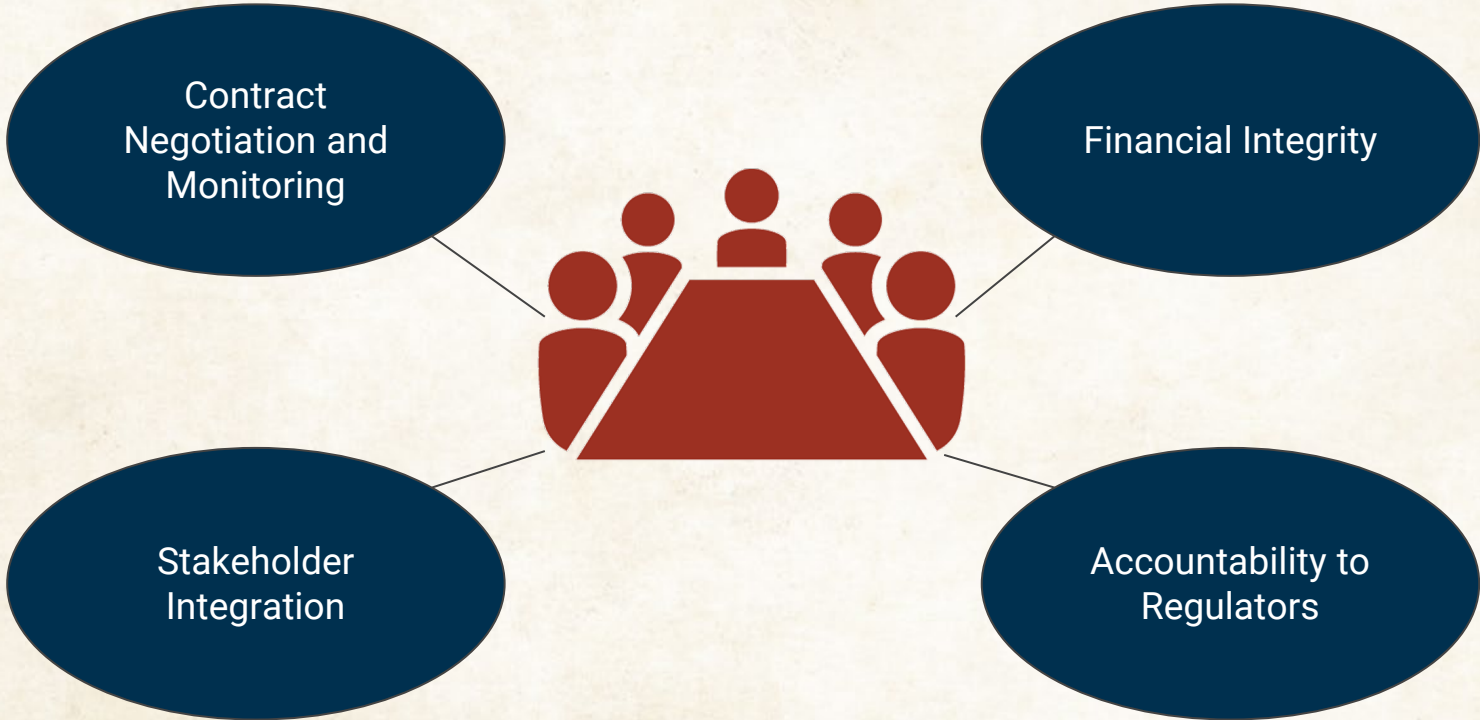
Feasibility

Funding for Wyoming's charter schools has been shown to be sufficient to operate, when properly managed. Recent funding changes such as lease reimbursements and major maintenance have enhanced the financial feasibility of the funding model for charter schools. Our budget analysis has shown healthy operating budgets under these conditions.

Accountability

American Preparatory Schools manages Utah's largest charter school network, which has an operating budget of \$60,000,000 per year and facility assets in excess of \$100,000,000. American Prep's experienced team includes a CFO with Certification in Public Accounting, and a robust support staff with a proven track record.

Governance Responsibilities



A Charter School That Wyoming Can Be Proud Of

A school is the **heart and soul** of a community

A school for our children represents our hope for a bright future

A school is the very **least** that our children deserve

A charter school's purpose **is not** to disrupt and divide

A charter school's purpose **is** to introduce choice and opportunity to a community

A charter school **may not** be the best choice for everyone

But a charter school is **a choice** for everyone

No school is without struggles and challenges

But **every** school that commits to doing what's best for kids has the chance to change the community, and the world, for the better