

Mission Statement

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We are an inclusive learning community with a tradition of inspiring, supporting and collaborating with students as they prepare to be engaged citizens in their pursuit of continuous success.”

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ALTA HIGH SCHOOL



Alta High School is a public, four-year comprehensive high school that opened in 1978. The Northwest Accreditation Commission, an accreditation division of AdvancED, accredits Alta High School. Alta has an enrollment of approximately 2177 students. Students are served by a comprehensive guidance and counseling program, focused on college and career readiness.

Students

Alta High School has a total enrollment of 2177 students with a graduating class of 547.

Demographics by percentage:

White: 75.7%, Hispanic-Latino: 14.8%, American Indian: 0.4%, Asian: 2.4%, African American: 1.5%, Pacific Islander .6%, Multiracial: 4.9%

Community

Alta High School is nestled in the heart of Sandy, Utah, serving a vibrant and diverse community. Our school is a hub for local activities and a source of pride for residents. We actively engage with community members, fostering strong partnerships and encouraging involvement in school events and initiatives.

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ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

GPA is calculated based upon all courses. *No courses are weighted.*

A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D+	1.3
B	3.0	D	1.0
B-	2.7	D-	0.7
C+	2.3	F	0.0

Schedule: Alternating A-B day block schedule (4 classes per day, 80 minutes per class), 30-minute Advisory period, and an Engagement Time of 30 minutes for individual help from teachers.



Why Alta?

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

National Merit: 2 finalists

Advanced Placement:

Students taking AP courses: 694

Exams passed at 3 or above: 79%

AP Scholars: 75

AP Scholar with Honor: 42

AP Scholar with Distinction: 69

Students enrolled in a Concurrent Enrollment course: 667

College credit hours earned: 4,356

Students meeting 2025 ACT Readiness:

English 74% Math 50% Reading 63% Science 48%

Students who earned a Utah State Seal of Biliteracy: 73

Scholarship Offers: \$9,851,954

College Attendance:

71% attend a four-year institution

15.5% attend a two-year institution

Course Offerings:

Advanced Placement courses: 29

Honors courses: 17

Concurrent enrollment courses: 26

ATHLETICS

Alta is a 5A-size school which offers 31 UHSAA sanctioned activities. Team sports are offered at the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Varsity, and Varsity levels. They include: football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, softball, tennis, soccer, track, cross-country, golf, drill team, cheer, wrestling and lacrosse. Alta has a long tradition of State Championships.

LATINOS IN ACTION

Alta High School maintains two Latinos in Action classes where students are empowered to lead and strengthen their communities through college and career readiness activities. Alta's LIA members tutor students at a local elementary school, fostering learning and growth through connections made with future Hawks. Latinos in Action students also engage in service learning projects and build community support through outreach initiatives such as Latino Family Night and in-house engagement with students new to the community.

LINK CREW

Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen, providing mentorship throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Alta's Link Crew program trains students to become mentors and student leaders tasked with guiding freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school.

DEBATE

Last year, Alta Speech and Debate earned 2nd and 3rd place at State, with an Alta student placing 5th in Extemporaneous Debate at Nationals among more than 1,100 competitors. Alta consistently qualifies 14+ students for Nationals each year, and five students have earned the prestigious Academic All-American award. Beyond competition, Alta Speech and Debate gives students a place to belong, have fun, build confidence, and develop skills while working toward personal and team success.

CAREER & TECH EDUCATION

Through Career and Technology Education, students can gain necessary training and education to create a successful career path. CTE courses include Business and Marketing, Health Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Digital Media & Technology, Skilled and Technical Sciences, Family and Consumer Science, and Woodworking and Technology. Students have the opportunity to take part in 5 CTSOs.

Other CTE programs include: Career Internship Program and classes offered through the Canyons Technical Education Center and Jordan Applied Technology Center.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

By taking Concurrent Enrollment classes, students may earn college credit through multiple colleges and universities across the state. During the 25-26 school year, 667 students successfully completed one or more CE classes, earning 4,356 Concurrent Enrollment college credits. 867 students are enrolled in a Concurrent Enrollment course for the 26-27 school year.

PERFORMING ARTS

Alta Theatre has placed in the top three at Region for the past 16 years, including a 2nd-place overall finish last year. The entire team of 40 actors and technical members qualified for State, with the One-Act earning 2nd place and the team receiving the Region's Best Ensemble award.

Students earned numerous regional and state awards in acting, musical theatre, design, and technical theatre. Highlights included 1st-place finishes in Humorous Monologues and Pantomime, as well as 2nd-place awards in Costume and Set Design.

At the statewide High School Musical Theatre Awards, an Alta student was named a Top 10 Actor in the state, and Alta earned 1st place for Best Sound Design in a Musical. An Alta student also earned 1st place nationally in the Comedic Monologue category at the High School Shakespeare Competition.

In 2025-26, Alta's music programs achieved outstanding success. The Marching Band placed 3rd at State and was a BOA Arizona Regional Finalist. The Drumline became State Champions, while Jazz Band and Chamber Orchestra each earned 1st place at State.

DIPLOMAS & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student must earn 28 credits to be eligible for a standard diploma. Minimum credits for graduation are as follows:

Language Arts	4.0	Fine Arts	1.5
Social Studies	3.0	Career & Technology Education	1.0
Mathematics	3.0	Digital Studies	0.5
Science	3.0	Financial Literacy	0.5
Healthy Lifestyles	2.0	Electives	9.5

Advanced Diploma: includes the Standard requirements plus two world language courses and a 2.0 cumulative GPA. 107 Seniors earned the Advanced Diploma during the 25/26 school year.

Honors Diploma: includes all of the above requirements plus the student must meet the ACT college benchmark scores for English (18), Science (23), Reading (22), and Math (22) and a 3.0 cumulative GPA. 149 Alta Seniors earned an Honors Diploma during the 25/26 school year.

Seal of Biliteracy: awarded to students who are proficient in English and one or more World Languages. 73 Alta students earned this distinction during the 25/26 school year.