

SALTA
Middle School Application – current 5th and 6th graders
2015 – 2016 school year

SALTA Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why does my 6th grader need to be tested to attend Midvale Middle School's SALTA Magnet Program as a 7th grader?**

On February 17, 2015, the Canyons School District Board of Education approved a new requirement of testing for admittance into the middle school SALTA gifted-education services, much like students are required to do for elementary SALTA programs. The Board approved the proposal following three public discussions. Students who are currently in SALTA as 5th graders have already tested and therefore do not need to re-test at this time. This new provision is for students who would like to join the SALTA program in the middle school.

- **When is SALTA testing taking place?**

Testing for entrance into the SALTA Magnet Middle School Program (at Midvale Middle School) for the 2016-2017 school year will take place in November, 2015. The SALTA *Request for Testing Form* will be available online beginning September 21, 2015, at salta.canyonsdistrict.org.

- **How long will the SALTA *Request for Testing Form* (SALTA Application) be available?**

The SALTA *Request for Testing Form* will be available online until Friday, October 30, 2015. If you would like to have your 5th or 6th grader tested for entrance into the SALTA magnet program for the 2016-2017 school year, you will need to complete the application *Request for Testing Form* by Friday, October 30, 2015. **Late applications will NOT be accepted.**

- **Is SALTA a school or a district-wide program?**

SALTA is intended to include a range of services for Canyons School District students meaning that all elementary and secondary schools provide supports for advanced learners to achieve high levels of performance.

The SALTA Magnet Services are district-wide programs. All SALTA magnet schools are district programs and are supported through the Evidence-Based Learning Department in the Canyons School District. District programs may or may not remain at a specific school based upon the needs of the district as a whole. Current SALTA magnet schools include: Peruvian Park Elementary (1st – 5th grade), Sunrise Elementary (1st – 5th grade) and Midvale Middle School (6th – 8th grade).

- **When will the results of SALTA testing be available?**

All parents/guardians of 5th and 6th grade students who were tested for the Canyons School District SALTA Magnet Program will receive a letter in the mail and an email in mid January 2016. The letter will include assessment results. This letter will also include a statement indicating whether or not your child met criteria for the SALTA Magnet Services Program. Students who meet criteria will be recommended for full-time services in the Midvale Middle School SALTA Magnet Program. Parents/guardians of children who remain at their neighborhood school for any reason are encouraged to share the results of SALTA testing with the principal, school counselor, or teacher. This information will help shape future instruction to meet the unique needs of your student.

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- **Will I be able to discuss test results with someone at the district-level?**
Yes, you will be provided an opportunity to discuss test results with someone at the district level. Information about when and how this will take place will be provided in the letter you receive in regarding your student's assessment results.
- **What happens if my student is not recommended for the SALTA Magnet Services Program?**
Students who are not recommended for the SALTA Magnet Services Program will continue to attend school at their neighborhood school. Canyons School District is dedicated to providing advanced learning services at each school within the district.
- **Will there be an appeals process?**
Yes, if you have concerns about the decision/recommendation made regarding your student's placement in the SALTA Magnet Services Program, an appeals process will be made available. Information regarding the appeal's process will be made available in the assessment results letter.