

East Elementary School Overview



East Broncos

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Principal

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School Staff

East has 25 classroom teachers, 2 Special Education teachers, a Speech Pathologist, a School Councilor, 2 Media Coordinators, 3 Secretaries, a Staff Developer, a Reading Interventionist, a Librarian, an ESL Coordinator, a Music Teacher, a Preschool Teacher, a Title I Coordinator, and Principal. There are also many paraprofessionals that work with our special education teachers, reading interventionist, preschool teacher, and staff developer to provide individual and small group instruction.

Grade Levels

Preschool – 5th

School Times

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Friday Early Out: 1:15 p.m.

Secondary Boundary Schools

Tonaquint Intermediate School
Dixie Middle School
Dixie High School

Parent and Community Involvement

East has an active PTA that coordinates activities which support the curriculum and instruction. We also use our Community Council consisting of parents and teachers to plan out the use of select funding from Trust Lands as well as Title I. We have parent nights throughout the year where parents receive specific activities in which to help their students in reading and math. We also hold parent teacher conferences 3 times throughout the year. We utilize volunteers for small group supervision and individual reading and math practice. We have many practicum students and student teachers from Dixie State University that visit our school regularly and participate in classroom instruction.

School Background

East Elementary is located in downtown St. George next to Dixie State University's Hansen Stadium. It was built in 1955 and some renovation was done in 2000. East elementary has had boundary changes many times and many students throughout the St. George area have attended East Elementary at one time or another.

Teacher Quality Report

Bachelor's Degree	33
Masters Degree	20
ESL Endorsement	22
Reading Endorsement	5
Administrative Endorsement	2
Math Endorsement	6

Teachers receive professional development throughout the year by attending educational conferences, district training, and school training by our staff developer.

Enrollment

East serves approximately 614 students
46%---Caucasian 44%---Hispanic
6%-----Native American 3%-----Pacific Islander
1%-----African-American .33%--Asian

Average Class Size

Pre-K--15 K-----19 1st-----20 2nd-----27
3rd-----18 4th-----23 5th-----21

Language Arts

We are currently using the program Treasures published by McGraw-Hill. Teachers follow this program as it aligns with the state core curriculum to instruct students in the content areas of reading, writing, vocabulary, spelling, and grammar. We also provide small group reading instruction using a program titled Leveled Learning Instruction (LLI). We have incorporated the America Reads program where volunteers from the community read and instruct students individually throughout the week. We provide small group instruction on specific skills within the Treasures program as well as instruct students on individual reading levels. We use the software program Success Maker from Pearson Publishing for 3rd-5th grade to provide leveled instruction for each student.

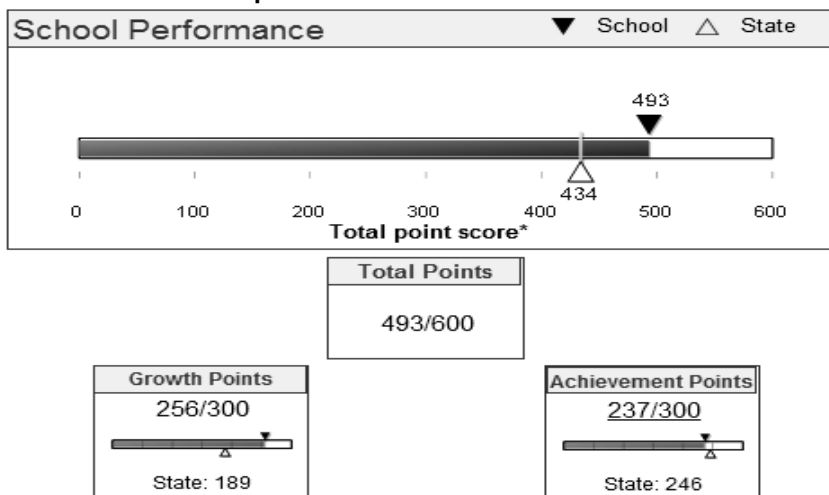
Math

We are currently using the program My Math published by McGraw-Hill. This interactive program allows the students and teachers to utilize many technological tools to instruct and learn. This program follows the state core curriculum and provides problem solving, reasoning, math skills practice, performance tasks, and manipulatives for enriched learning. We also provide small group instruction on essential math skills for each grade level. We use the software program Success Maker from Pearson Publishing for 3rd-5th grade to provide leveled instruction for each student.

Computers and Technology

- East Elementary has two computer labs. One is used specifically for the Success Maker software program. The other is used to provide keyboarding instruction, testing, project creation, and research.
- Each teacher has a computer, Ipad, and a minimum of 4 classroom computers.
- Classrooms are equipped with digital projectors, Elmos, Student Response Systems, Audio Enhancement Systems, and interactive whiteboards.
- Each 2nd grade classroom has 28 Samsung Nexus tablets that students use regularly to reinforce instruction, and provide small group activities in math, language arts, and science.
- Each 5th grade classroom has a set of 26 Chromebooks that students use on a daily basis. Students use these to work on a simulated writing software program and to reinforce concepts in math, language arts, and science. They are also used for research and to create projects.
- Our school has 50 Ipads that are rotated throughout the classrooms to provide engagement activities to reinforce concepts in math, language arts, and science. They are also used for research and to create projects.
- We provide professional development training in technology for our teachers and staff many times throughout the year.
- All of our Kindergarten - 2nd grade as well as all ESL students in 3rd - 5th grade use a software program called Imagine Learning that provides leveled instruction in language arts on a daily basis.

East School State Report Card



Successes

- 79% of East students scored proficient on the Language Arts CRT
- 73% of East students scored proficient on the Math CRT
- 96% of East 5th grade students scored proficient on the state DWA test
- 76% of East students scored proficient on the Science CRT

Challenges & Special Needs

81% of East students meet Federal standards of poverty.
44% of East students are English Language Learners.

After School Program

We have an after school program that is ran by a certified teacher and students from Dixie State University. Students are provided support for homework and class assignments.

Tutoring

Each classroom teacher selects students that are behind academically and provide individual instruction before or after school.

Gifted and Talented

East uses the district identification process to identify gifted students. When students qualify they are invited to attend our district gifted and talented magnet schools. Those that stay at our school are clustered into the same classroom where our teachers have been trained in providing academic acceleration activities. We also provide an after school program called Odyssey of The Mind.

Dual Immersion

East has a Spanish dual immersion strand that was started in 1st grade in the fall of 2013. It will continue on with second grade next year and 3rd-5th grades each consecutive year.

Music

We received the Beverly Taylor Sorenson grant this year and it provides music instruction for all students.