

## Q & A

### **What is the plan for Canyon Rim Academy?**

It is the desire of the board to keep 6<sup>th</sup> grade at CRA indefinitely. However, it is unknown how CRA will be impacted by this change therefore the board approved a three-year plan. Canyon Rim will absolutely offer 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the school years 2017/18, 2018/19, & 2019/20 and intends to continue to offer 6<sup>th</sup> grade beyond those years if it is sustainable for the school.

### **What will the class size look like for 6<sup>th</sup> grade going forward?**

CRA will be asking this question each year and there is not an exact answer. Based on the response to the survey it looks like approximately 70% of CRA parents want their children to attend CRA through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If we apply that percentage to anticipate next year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class we would have approximately 50 students, which would be two full classes.

### **Will there be changes to the core Canyon Rim Academy education?**

No. CRA will continue to offer the best education experience. Music and art programs will continue as will the focus on Core Knowledge Curriculum. Academically, CRA is held to the state standards, but strives to far exceed those standards.

### **Will CRA offer the traditional 6<sup>th</sup> grade events (i.e. graduation, dance) to 5<sup>th</sup> graders that are leaving to attend junior high?**

This will not be determined by the board. School administration and faculty will determine all the extracurricular activities with the best interest of the students in mind. These discussions are underway currently. No final decisions have been made but at this time they do not intend to combine any of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade traditions with 5<sup>th</sup> graders, but rather create different 5<sup>th</sup> grade appropriate opportunities that will include all the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **If my 6<sup>th</sup> grader stays at CRA will he/she be as well prepare as 6<sup>th</sup> graders attending junior high?**

Yes! The state has set curriculum standards that must be taught to all sixth graders. We believe that the student experience at CRA is superior to a 6<sup>th</sup> grade experience elsewhere even though the curriculum is the same. Teachers at CRA supplement the curriculum more fully and can integrate learning across all subjects. CRA teachers are also able to build an individual relationship with their students allowing for a more tailored education experience.

Socially students are learning as well. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at CRA are very aware of the personal development that is happening at this age. They are not only teaching students about math and reading they are teaching them how to work collectively with other students, teaching them personal responsibility and helping them develop their individual personality. CRA may not have lockers and long hallways to navigate between classes, but students at CRA will be prepared to mentally and social transition to junior high.

## Junior High Enrollment

CRA will continue to provide enrollment information for Wasatch, Evergreen Junior High and Olympus Junior. Counselors from these three Jr. High schools come to CRA at the end of January to give students registration materials for junior high. If your student is transitioning to a public school within your home boundary, that school must enroll your child regardless of when you begin attending the school.

If you would like to attend a school that is not in your home boundary you must apply during the open enrollment period for that school. Below is the Granite District Open enrollment policy.

## Granite School District Enrollment Options Guidelines

Granite School District provides school choice enrollment in all schools where space is available. Parents are responsible for transportation when exercising school choice. This letter explains **Granite School District's Open Enrollment Guidelines**; Open Enrollment is necessary for students to attend a school other than their home boundary school.

There are two open enrollment periods: Early Open Enrollment and Late Open Enrollment. The Early Open Enrollment period is the recommended time to enroll for the next school year. Late Open Enrollment period is for the current year and may be applied for at any time. Early open enrollment period for the 2017/2018 school year begins on Thursday, December 1, 2016 and ends on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Open Enrollment Applications are available at all schools, and are processed in the order received. Students residing within Granite School District boundaries are given priority. Enrollment depends on space available in the requested grade, class, or program. Open Enrollment requests do not require a release from the student's home school or district.

A one-time, non-refundable \$5.00 processing fee, payable to the requested school, may be charged at the time the application is submitted. This fee can be waived for qualified applicants.

If your student is accepted for Open Enrollment, annual reapplication is not required—as long as the student remains in the same school, and space is available. When a student transitions from elementary school to junior high, or from junior high to high school, there is no automatic feeder system for Open Enrollment; therefore, reapplication is necessary to attend a school outside of the student's home boundary school.

For more detailed information, refer to the back of the Open Enrollment Application or Granite School District's website: [www.graniteschools.org](http://www.graniteschools.org); select Departments>Prevention and Student Placement>Open Enrollment Guidelines.