Teacher Academy Schools

The purpose of Teacher Academy Schools (TAS) schools is to provide a pathway to teaching through an embedded field experience in school settings as a central part in teacher preparation programs. In this innovative teacher pathway, preservice teachers earn university credit with a Learn & Earn option that offers the possibility of a paid practicum as a member of an instructional team while students earn their degree (dependent on available funds). In TAS schools, university classes are offered at the school site, and preservice teachers are placed in K-6 classrooms multiple days a week. These schools are models of innovative pathways to teaching and provide pre-service teachers opportunities to apprentice in K-6 classrooms with trained mentor teachers. TAS is designed to provide an apprenticeship with increased hands-on experiences for students before they begin student teaching. The TAS school-university partnership helps universities bridge the gap from university academic coursework to classroom practice. TAS schools have more instructional supports in their classrooms with a smaller teacher-to-student ratio, and more child-to-adult interactions.

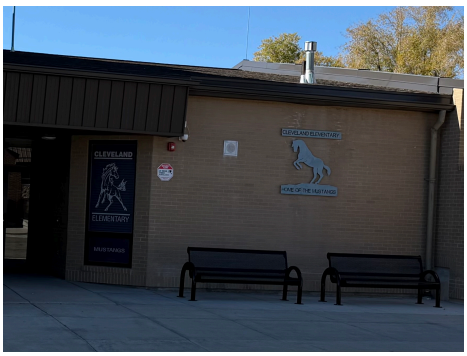
Teacher Academy School Principal Recognized as the Utah 2024 Principal of the Year

South Clearfield Elementary School

Sunburst Elementary School

Adams Elementary School

The Teacher Academy at Adams Elementary has been a tremendous asset to our school. Having preservice teachers in classrooms throughout the entire school year provides them with authentic, hands-on experience and allows them to see the full arc of teaching—from the first day of school to the last. This depth of experience helps future educators enter the profession more confident and prepared to meet the challenges of their own classrooms. While the program requires dedication and a commitment to excellence, it offers an incredible opportunity for those who want to accelerate their growth as teachers and make an immediate impact on students.



Cleveland Elementary School

Syracuse Arts Academy

Odyssey Elementary

Sunset Junior High