

High School Placement

Attending a K-8 school like The McGillis School provides the opportunity to make the very best high school choice. The McGillis program is designed to prepare our young adolescents for their next step in their educational journey. Children change dramatically in the lower and middle school years, and a K-8 program provides the opening for our 13-14 year old students to attend a high school that ensures continued academic, athletic, emotional, ethical, and social growth.

McGillis has strong ties with the other independent schools in Salt Lake as well as parochial, charter, and International Baccalaureate programs in local public high schools. We also have ties to boarding schools here in Utah and across the country. High school administrators continually remark how much they love McGillis students, not only because they are well prepared academically, but also because of their commitment to their new school community, their positive school citizenship, and their interest in a variety of school sports, clubs, and other extracurricular programs.

McGillis works in partnership with families and students guiding them through a series of steps designed to find the right fit high school for each eighth grader:

- Hosts an annual High School Fair in October for all 7th and 8th grade families and students, which features up to 19 different high school programs.
- Visits with local high school admission administrators and faculty to understand their programs and for the high schools to understand McGillis.
- Provides admission contact information and deadlines for each high school on The McGillis School webpage.
- Consults with families at the end of seventh grade or beginning of eighth grade to identify a list of schools that may suit a student's individual strengths and interests.
- Provides on-going one-on-one meetings and guidance for students and families.
- Advises families about course selection and placement for independent, parochial, and public schools.

List of High Schools McGillis students attend:

Academy of Math, Engineering, and Science (AMES) in Salt Lake City, UT
9-12 public charter school

Annie Wright School in Tacoma, WA
9-12 girls boarding school

Besant Hill School in Ojai, CA
9-12 boarding school

Fountain Valley School of Colorado in Colorado Springs, CO
9-12 boarding and day school

Highland High, IB program in Salt Lake City, UT
9-12 public school

Juan Diego Catholic High School in Draper, UT
9-12 private school

Judge Memorial Catholic High School in Salt Lake City, UT
9-12 private school

Rowland Hall in Salt Lake City, UT
PreK-12 independent school

Salt Lake Center for Science Education (SLCSE) in Salt Lake City, UT
9-12 public charter school

Salt Lake School for the Performing Arts (SLSPA) in Salt Lake City, UT
9-12 public charter school

Skyline High School, IB program in Salt Lake City, UT
9-12 public school

Wasatch Academy in Mt. Pleasant, UT
9-12 boarding school

The Waterford School in Sandy, UT
PreK-12 independent school

West High School, IB program in Salt Lake City, UT
9-12 public school