

What is Holistic Education? Holistic education is a new way of thinking for most of us. Holistic education provides a quality academic education while supporting the development of the whole child including their social, artistic, physical, emotional, and civic intellect. This holistic approach brings together elements that support the development of a child who is healthy, knowledgeable, motivated, and engaged, seeking to ensure a successful life

Why create another charter school? Because parents need a school focused on mind and body! Charter schools provide parents a uniquely-focused public choice for their child's education. Because of our independence from the district school systems, charter schools are able to focus on systems and practices that support achieving student excellence through innovative methods while engaging our parents.

Why did GreenWood choose to network with EL Learning? GreenWood uses the EL Learning to support our educational programs. EL Learning challenges students to think critically and take active roles in their classrooms and communities. The approach is that the student learns best when they are active participants in the learning process and not passive receivers of information. The model emphasizes high levels of student engagement, achievement, and character development. The Expeditionary Learning Model is successfully being used in more than 150 schools in 30 states. To learn more about how Expeditionary Learning supports student achievement in their schools, visit their website at elschools.org.

What grades will GreenWood serve? GreenWood serves Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Students are taught in single grades Crews in Kinder through 3rd grade, with a teacher loop from 1st to 2nd grade. In 4th through 8th grade, crews have mixed grades (4th and 5th, and 6th through 8th), supporting fewer teacher transitions for a more cohesive family atmosphere, increased sense of stability for students, higher level of student responsibility, increased teacher observation time for each student, and increases in parental involvement and improved student attendance.

Why teach students in a Multiage program in Middle and Upper Grove? We believe that students learn best in a social community organized to foster their learning by prioritizing instruction that builds on children's interests in a collaborative way, where learning activities are planned by children as well as adults, and where parents and teachers not only foster children's learning but also learn from their involvement with the children. Teachers have more time to build relationships with their students, learn their strengths, and to do in-depth evaluation of each child's progress.

Do GreenWood students wear uniforms? No, but our dress code will emphasize the individual creativity, modesty, and safety of our student to keep students focused on their learning

What are the school hours? Office hours are 8 AM to 4 PM.

How can I get involved? We need lots of help—we need you! Your involvement is critical to our charter school becoming all that we envisioned we could become. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at fco@greenwoodcharter.org

What is mindfulness and how will GreenWood develop this in our students? Mindfulness is a particular way of paying attention, developing an awareness of self, of others, of choices and their consequences. It is the mental faculty of purposefully bringing awareness to one's experience. Mindfulness can be applied to sensory experience, thoughts, and emotions by using sustained attention and noticing our experience without reacting. Mindfulness creates space, changing impulsive reactions to thoughtful responses:

Without Mindfulness: Stimulus --> Reaction

*With Mindfulness: Stimulus --> **Mindfulness** --> Response*

What does wellness look like at GreenWood ? We are starting with some basic guidelines that we like to call, the Prescription for Health. These guidelines will support our goals for providing a holistic education to our students and their families:

- 20 minutes of family reading
- 10 minutes of math fact practice
- 5 fruits and vegetables
- 4 positive comments
- 3 structured meals
- 2 or less hours of screen time
- 1 hour of exercise
- 0 sugary drinks

If my child is accepted into GreenWood Charter School, are his or her siblings also accepted? Siblings of enrolled or accepted GreenWood students are given preference, and the practical result of this is that all siblings are usually enrolled. Occasionally, families may have to wait for an opening, but that is rare.

Will my students need to re-enter the enrollment lottery each year? No, once your student is accepted into the school, their enrollment is permanent.

Who can attend a charter school? Charter schools are open to all students, regardless of race, religion, gender, status, or other preference just as any other public school. Charter schools may limit enrollment based on capacity, which means students are sometimes placed on a waiting list if there are more applications than spots available.

What is the tuition? There is NO tuition. GreenWood is a public charter school and receives funding from the State of Utah just as every other public school does.

Does GreenWood Charter School charge fees?? GreenWood Charter School follows all Utah State Rules related to charging school fees as outlined in R227-407. Fees are set, approved and published each school year by GreenWood Board of Directors. Parents and families are welcome to donate general school supplies, art supplies and donations that support our fieldwork.

Are teachers certified? Yes. Teachers are certified and meet state board requirements, but just as important, our teachers are passionate about wellness and the environment and will work cooperatively with our parents to engage their students in EL Education.

Is there a bus service? No. Charter schools do not draw students from a limited area like regular public schools, so providing transportation is not practical. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school.

Is school lunch offered? Yes! We know mealtime is essential to our mission and will work diligently to complete our application in a timely manner.

I have a lot of questions, can I speak with someone? We appreciate if you send inquiries via email at info@greenwoodcharter.org and allow us to respond with information. You can also schedule tour via our website.

Are parents welcome to visit and/or volunteer? We encourage parents to be an active part of the school community. They are always welcome to arrange a time with their child's teacher to visit or volunteer in the classroom.

Is there a Special Education Program? Yes! GreenWood has special education teachers employed to address the needs of children who require special education. GreenWood complies with all federal special education laws, including "IDEA 2004". The school and special education teachers work directly with the parents of special education children to properly address the individual needs of each child receiving special education services.