

# Taylorsville Network Reconfiguration Information

## Current configuration:

Elementary: K-6  
Junior High School: 7-9  
High School: 10-12

## Proposed reconfiguration:

Elementary: K-5  
Middle School: 6-8  
High School: 9-12

### Currently:

- Curriculum is created for a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 model.
- Junior High Schools are running 2 different schools. 7-8 programming is very different from 9<sup>th</sup> grade programming.
- Most schools in Granite School District have already moved 9<sup>th</sup> grade into high school. Olympus High has submitted their proposal to the board. Taylorsville High is the last one, which affects transfer students.
- Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade athletics programs are limited because there are few schools we can compete with in the current model.

### Pros of moving 9<sup>th</sup> grade into Taylorsville High School

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade students would have access to more electives.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade students would have more access to GTI (Granite Technology Institute) programs.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade students could more easily participate in high school athletics and arts programs.
- Increased enrollment would create more elective options for all students at the high school.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade students have fewer behavioral problems in high school than junior high school.
- 9<sup>th</sup> graders have improved academic performance when they are in the high school.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade students have improved graduation rates when they are in the high school.

### Pros of moving 6<sup>th</sup> grade students into Eisenhower and Bennion JHS

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students would be taught by content area specialists. (Math is taught by a math teacher and science is taught by a science teacher, etc.)
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students would have access to individualized education and Honors and GT level classes.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students would have access to more elective classes.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students would have access to more support resources (counselors, mental health experts, college readiness, etc.).
- Schools could create a true Middle School environment.
- Only having 7-8 grade students in a school significantly reduces electives that are offered in junior high school.

### Concerns:

- Taylorsville High addition will likely be built in 2026/2027.
  - Delay from original proposal of 2022 is due to increased cost of construction.
- 10-12 rels will be added to Taylorsville High to accommodate increased number of students.
  - There will be adequate parking even with additional rels.
  - Safety concerns are being addressed.
- Projected 2300 students will be at Taylorsville High with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.
  - Taylorsville High has had 2300 students in the past.
  - This is considered "max capacity".
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are not mature enough to move up to new school.
  - Schools will develop programs to support younger students. Behavior problems decrease with 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders moved to junior high and high school.
- Class sizes will be bigger.
  - Class sizes will remain the same regardless of reconfiguration.
- Students will lose out on opportunities to participate if the school is bigger.
  - Programs can be developed to meet the needs of all students, regardless of where they attend school.