



# SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



November 30, 2021

Student non-attendance days are built into the calendar this year six times. These days provide teachers with time for a half-day training and a half-day work time. The work time is meant to allow teachers time to prepare grades for the end of quarter as well as time for lesson planning, grading, curriculum development, pedagogical preparation, etc. The half-day of training is time for teachers to examine their practice and identify areas that they would like to improve. These workdays, built into the calendar throughout the year, enhance the teachers' ability to meet the demands of the job and better meet the needs of students.

It is encouraging to work at Skyline High School, where teachers en masse recognize that everyone has room to grow. After all, Skyline has been deemed Utah's number one public high school. Yet, teachers spend time and much effort working to improve. Teacher leaders, with administration, spent November 29th engaged in a very serious reflection of the overall system of school improvement for our school. We have lofty goals and believe we have the capacity to reach those goals. The teachers believe that as we unify our efforts into a singular focus on learning, teachers will become more effective at helping all students to learn at high levels. This focus on learning is about helping overcome impediments to learning, pushing advanced students to learn even more, and ensuring teachers are always engaged in learning of their own toward improvements.

Skyline families work so hard to prepare their students for success. Students regularly come anxious to learn and focused on doing all that is necessary to accomplish the task at hand and struggle with the new learning for the day. It is only possible for Skyline to reach its goals because families work so hard to support the efforts to help all Skyline Eagles RISE.

I wanted to send a reminder that the universal deadline for all classes at Skyline will be January 7. Classes will all have the same deadline so as to eliminate confusion of when the last date could be to turn in assignments or re-take an assessment.

Please, tell us about your experiences with your teachers. We will honor a staff member each week based on your feedback. Please, take a moment and tell us about the great things happening in the classrooms of Skyline High School. This is a link for the feedback: <https://forms.gle/mDQP7xybBCKnpg97>.

This week we are honoring Mr. Cade Robertson. He teaches Psychology, World Geography, and U.S. Government and Citizenship. As you will see, he teaches with

compassion and strength. He has also been an amazing Assistant Coach for the Skyline Golf and Basketball teams. Here are some comments about Mr. Robertson:

“He stepped in and helped a student when they got caught up in a little trouble and he calmed everyone down. He also makes sure his students are doing okay every day.”

“Mr. Robertson loves what he does and it shows. Kids can tell how authentic he is and he really reaches them in a profound way! The lessons he teaches go beyond geography- they are life lessons. I’m forever grateful.”

“This teacher has proven time and time again that he cares for my child, taking extra time to care for her and make sure she understands everything he is teaching. Also asking how she is doing when he can tell something seems off.”

Sincerely,  
Mitch Nerdin, Principal