



## **Sistema Utah Vision Statement**

Sistema Utah is an afterschool music program held at American Preparatory Academy for grades 2 through 12. Sistema Utah includes music instruction for three hours each day, five days a week on most days school is in session. Students receive the following classes daily:

- Group Instrument
- Singing
- General Music
- Homework Help
- Grades 7-12 participates in Sistema for one hour daily in addition to participating in Collegium Hall.

We are an enrichment opportunity for students who have demonstrated the skills necessary to be successful in an after school environment.

**Expectations:** High expectations in academics and character reflect the unwavering confidence we have in our students. We believe that our students can and will achieve whatever is set before them. Students participating in the Sistema Utah program are expected to attend classes daily, practice their instrument regularly at home, and have an attitude of respect in all tasks assigned to them.

**Effort:** We believe that properly reinforced effort is the key to achievement. Our students and staff know the value of hard work and they are committed to working hard every day. Successful Sistema Utah students will come to class daily prepared with all materials, will actively and positively participate in their classes, and will complete all required assignments including daytime homework assignments.

**Enthusiasm:** Enthusiasm propels greater effort, makes work enjoyable, and provides encouragement for others to put forth their increased effort. All Sistema Utah students will demonstrate enthusiasm for the program even when faced with challenges and difficult times while learning their instrument.

**Excellence:** Excellence is a self-perpetuating value. When one achieves excellence, motivation is generated which leads to a natural increase in expectations. This encourages one to apply effort and enthusiasm to obtain new and even higher levels of excellence.

Patterned after the El Sistema movement that originated in Venezuela, it is our hope that we can empower students to achieve success not only with music, but also in their academic pursuits. Students will learn to work cooperatively with others and develop a stronger self-confidence as they work hard to become proficient with their instrument.

### **Instruments offered for the 2020-21 school year**

WV1: Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, French Horn, Alto Saxophone, and Percussion

WV2: Violin, Viola, Cello, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Bucket Band