

School Demographics

Cottonwood High School currently serves 1,400 students. This figure has declined from 1,870 over the last seven years. Mobility figures for the time period have fluctuated, but the net result is a decline of approximately 14% in seven years. Caucasian students make up 85% of the school population. The minority student population has increased from 8% to 15% in the last three years. The percentage of students on free or reduced lunch has also increased by the same proportions during that time period. Dropout rates have declined by 2% in the last five years, from 7.6% to 5.6%.

Granite District data also show a decline in enrollment in recent years, although not as extensive as that at Cottonwood. In terms of ethnic composition, Cottonwood is nearly identical to surrounding schools. District-wide ethnic populations, however, have increased at a rate faster than Cottonwood's.

Cottonwood and Granite District report similar trends in students who participate in Free or Reduced Lunch, although Cottonwood serves a lower proportion of its students.

Cottonwood's dropout rate ranks in the midrange among all of Granite's high schools. Four schools have higher dropout rates than Cottonwood, and four schools have lower dropout rates.

The staff at Cottonwood is comprised of 53 full time teachers, 4 counselors, 9 secretaries, 8 professional support personnel, 13 custodial staff, 1 principal, and 2 assistant principals.

Cottonwood High's boundaries are unique in that they cover sections from two sides of the valley. Cottonwood busses a large number of students from their homes on the west side of the valley to the school on the east side. This brings together students from all backgrounds. They seem to reside in the school with acceptance and tolerance.