

About Our Program

Phoenix SALT High (PSH) is a state approved, contract alternative program serving Minneapolis Public School (MPS) students. The school is located at the VOA Education Center at the Hiawatha Light Rail station near the intersection of Cedar and Franklin. PSH prizes its diverse student population- serving students from all over the metro area as well as neighboring suburbs. This program allows for credit make-up and student success by offering flexible scheduling, small class sizes, extra credit earning opportunities, an on site independent study program and a great amount of student support. An additional feature is the SALT component of the program (Service Adventure Leadership Team). Students have an opportunity to focus on leadership development and community service learning through hands-on experiential learning, outdoor adventures and environmental activities.



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School Hours

8:15am to 3:01pm (M-Th)
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Students who have attended a Minneapolis Public School or MPS Contract alternative school may enroll at Phoenix at any time throughout the school year. Students new to Minnesota, the Minneapolis Public School district, in need of language support services or special education services must contact the MPS placement Center before enrolling at Phoenix. When Phoenix is at maximum enrollment, students will be placed on a waiting list. Students must complete registration materials before attending and parent or guardian approval is necessary for enrollment. Please contact the school office for more information: 612-375-0700.

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Phoenix SALT

High School

Volunteers of America Education Center



- Serving grades 10-12 (up to age 21)
- Minneapolis Public Schools State Approved Contract Alternative Program
- Credit make-up
- College and Career preparation
- Independent study and flexible scheduling options
- Experiential, hands-on learning component
- Intensive & comprehensive student support
- ESL level 3 and Special Education services available*



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Academics

Phoenix SALT High (PSH) offers courses required for graduation by the Minneapolis Public School district and instruction aligned with Minnesota state standards. All staff are highly qualified, licensed in their field of study and trained to meet individual student needs with their instructional methods. Aside from core content classes in Math, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science, Phoenix SALT offers Health, Phy Ed, and Art as electives. Support classes in English, Social Studies and Math are built into the daily schedule for students who have fallen behind with class content. Class sizes are small and staff at PSH emphasize relationship building to foster, trust and a safe learning environment. An independent study program operates on site for students who qualify and need more flexibility to earn credit. Students at PSH have opportunities to further their credit earning and gain leadership skills by partaking in hands-on experiential learning adventures offered every quarter. Camping, backpacking, canoeing and urban experiences happen in and around Minnesota.



Credit Make-Up



Phoenix SALT High can help move you toward a diploma and making up credit by offering:

- Flexible scheduling
- After School classes
- Extra credit-earning opportunities
- Quarterly adventure trips for more credit earning
- A credit-earning advisory within the daily class schedule
- Careful credit monitoring by counselors and advisors to ensure you stay on track for diploma
- Help in creating goals and a timeline for graduation
- Three week grading periods for frequent grade and credit accumulation
- Small class sizes
- Individualized help and instruction
- Independent study for students who qualify.
- Early Intervention process in place to identify students who are struggling

**For more information contact us at:
612-375-0700**

Support

At PSH we know our students desire good relationships with their teachers and can benefit from academic support during the school day and after. But we also realize that students might need resources for out of school challenges as well. There are two licensed counselors on staff as well as social workers on site. PSH partners with many community agencies and Hennepin County to provide our students and their families with as much information and help as possible. Volunteers of America-Minnesota (VOAMN) services are available to students, including family support, mental health services and therapeutic support to foster homes.

