

Board Summary

April 4, 2023 Board Meeting

The Utah State Board of Education:

- Extended their support for the legislature's decision to compensate Tooele County School District.
- Approved waiver requests from several charter schools and for Duchesne School District.
- Reviewed school counseling program and services rules [R277-462](#) and [R277-464](#).
- [Full agenda](#).

Utah Board Supports \$10 Million Compensation to Tooele County School District

The Utah State Board of Education voted to support the Executive Appropriations Committee's decision to provide the [Tooele County School District with \\$10 million](#). Tooele was affected by a recent change in code pertaining to student enrollment counts based on a local change in an educational service provider. The legislature provided one-time funding to help mitigate the financial impact on Tooele for the current school year.

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Board Approves Waiver Requests to Accommodate Several Charter Schools and Duchesne School District

The Utah State Board of Education approved the following waiver requests:

- [Academy for Math, Engineering, & Science \(AMES\)'s request](#) for a waiver renewal from R277-700-6(13)&(15). The waiver permits AMES' students to bypass credit requirements for certain courses.
- [Utah County Academy of Science's request](#) for a waiver renewal from R277-700-6(13)&(15) and R277-419(4). The waiver would allow the school to better align its schedule to that of Utah Valley University (UVU) to support its early college mission.

- [InTech Collegiate Academy's request](#) for a waiver renewal from R277-700-6(13)&(15). This waiver would allow students to replace a physical education or arts credit with a class that more closely aligns with the student's career goals.
- [Itineris Early College High School's request](#) for a waiver renewal from R277-419-4(1)(a) and R277-700-6(13)&(15). The waiver would allow the school to better align its schedule to that of Salt Lake Community College to support its early college mission.
- [Duchesne School District - Altamont Elementary and High School's request](#) for a waiver from R277-419(4). The waiver would allow for a four-day school week.

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Board Approves LEA Annual Assurances Document

The Board approved the fiscal year 2025 [LEA Annual Assurances Document](#). Recent amendments categorize federal and state requirements. Additionally, the Board requested staff review the revised assurance document to determine whether there are items that could be removed and/or added based on public input, levels of risk, and new legislation passed during the 2024 Session. The revisions would be considered and implemented ahead of the next fiscal year's assurance document.

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Board Discretionary Funds Repurposed and New Requests Finalized

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) approved the repurposing of [board discretionary funds](#). The remaining discretionary funds from the parking gate upgrade, totaling approximately \$23,000, will be used to purchase furnishings for the break room and complete a basement office remodel. USBE also approved the use of repurposing funding set aside for John Hancock Charter School in the amount of \$2,140,000. \$360,000 of tax delay funding will be used for the San Juan School District broadband infrastructure in alignment with the Board's legislative priority that was not funded. Lastly, the Board approved allocating \$300,000 of the remaining tax delay fund balance

for use by the Regional Education Service Agencies (RESA) for the continuation of literacy coaches for fiscal year 2025.

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Board Approves Process for Future Legislative Funding Requests

The Utah State Board of Education approved the process and template for the [creation of future legislative funding requests](#) to facilitate the preparation and presentation of budget proposals. These legislative funding proposals will be requested by board members over the coming months, drafted by staff, and then presented to the full Board starting in the August 2024 board meeting to be considered for the 2025 general legislative session.

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Board Establishes Annual Training Draft Schedule and Prioritization for Development

The Utah State Board of Education approved an [annual training draft schedule](#) for educators. The training schedule will be three years in length and provides direction to staff, who will develop educator training to support Utah's K-12 teachers in meeting the requirements outlined in law.

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Board Approves Supplemental Standards for English Language Arts

The Utah State Board of Education approved [supplemental standards](#) for a course in mythology. Supplemental standards for mythology did not previously exist, and educators relied solely on the core English Language Arts standards for this elective course.

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New Administrative Rules and Amendments Approved

The Utah State Board of Education approved the following new administrative rules and administrative rule amendments:

- [R277-108, Annual Assurance of Compliance by Local School Boards](#). This rule is being amended to simplify assurance documents in alignment with Board direction to reduce LEA reporting requirements.
- [R277-631, Student Toilet Training Requirements](#). This rule is being created following the passage of [HB 331](#), which requires the Board to make rules regarding toilet training for incoming kindergartners.
- [R277-700, The Elementary and Secondary General Core](#). This rule is being amended to clarify whether a student can earn high school credit for courses completed before the student starts grade nine.
- [R277-462, School Counseling Program](#). This rule is being continued upon its five-year review. A new document that was incorporated into this rule was also approved.
- [R277-464, School Counselor Direct and Indirect Services](#). This rule is being continued upon its five-year review.
- [R277-404 Requirements for Assessments of Student Achievement](#). This rule is being amended to incorporate changes requested in the 2023 internal audit, including an update to the incorporated Standard Test Administration and Testing Ethics Policy for Utah Educators.
- [R277-406, Early Learning Program and Benchmark Assessments](#). This rule is being updated following the passage of [SB 2](#).

Board Approves Consent Calendar

The Utah State Board of Education approved its consent calendar.

Highlights of Friday's Committee Meetings and Study Session

The Utah State Board of Education [Finance, Law and Licensing, and Standards and Assessment Committees](#) met on Friday, April 5.

Items approved in committee meetings will be heard by the full Board during its May meeting.

Finance Committee met online from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Highlights from the meeting include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-480, Charter School Revolving Account](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-602, Carson Smith Scholarship Funding and Procedures](#).

Law and Licensing Committee met in a hybrid format from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Highlights from the meeting include:

- Preliminary approval of a [Research Data Sharing Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services \(USBE230081RA\)](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-490, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program](#).

Standards and Assessment Committee met in a hybrid format from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Highlights from the meeting include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-469, Instructional Materials Commission Operating Procedures](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-628, School Libraries](#).