

Board Summary

November 6, 2025 Board Meeting

The Utah State Board of Education:

- Approved alternate achievement science standards for students with significant disabilities
- Approved usage of Federal Mineral Lease funds for fiscal year 2025
- [Full agenda](#)

Board Approves Alternate Achievement Science Standards for Students with Disabilities

The Utah State Board of Education approved the [alternate achievement science standards revision](#) discussed during the meeting. The Utah State Board of Education contracts with the Dynamic Learning Maps Consortia (DLM) to develop and assess Alternate Achievement Standards, known as Essential Elements (EEs), for students with significant cognitive disabilities. These EEs adapt the Core Standards to be accessible for these students.

Currently, 4,509 students are enrolled in the DLM system for assessment; last year, 3,826 received a Mathematics score and 3,323 a Science score.

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Board Addresses Voted and Board Local Levy Program Legislative Request

The Utah State Board of Education directed staff to create a [working group](#) to address the topics of the Voted and Board local levy, the guarantee, truth in taxation, and transparency.

The working group should include invited stakeholders representing:

- Business administrators from local LEAs
- Local board members
- Legislators
- Representatives from USBE
- The Utah Taxpayers Association
- The State Tax Commission
- A representative from the county level
- A representative from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
- A representative from the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's office, and
- Two members of the general public

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Board Approves Carry Forward Balance

The Utah State Board of Education has approved the use of a [carry-forward balance](#) of \$50,000 from Federal Mineral Lease funds for fiscal year 2025. The funds will be used to support the Utah Community Math Initiative: [Math Workshop and Research Proposal](#).

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Board Makes Statutory Requests

The Utah State Board of Education [directed](#) staff to work with legislators to amend 53G-4-402(27)(b). The amendment will include options for parents to review curriculum and supplementary instructional materials from home upon request.

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Board Addresses Alpine's Corrective Action Appeal

The Utah State Board of Education approved R277-114-6(3)(c), Corrective Action Appeal, to identify an alternative method for reviewing the appeal to address the [Alpine Corrective Action Plan Appeal](#). Alpine School District received a corrective action letter under R277-911 in August, and Alpine subsequently sent an appeal to requesting a waiver of the corrective action.

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New Administrative Rules, Amendments, and Repeals

The Utah State Board of Education approved, amended, or repealed the following administrative rules:

- [R277-325, Public Education Exit and Engagement Surveys](#). This rule is being amended to clarify the language and resolve a conflict in how the engagement survey and school climate survey are administered.
- [R277-100, Definitions for Utah State Board of Education Rules](#). This rule is being amended to update the definition of "accountability practices," which applies in all USBE rules.
- [R277-311, Specialized Endorsements](#). This rule is being continued upon its five-year review.
- [R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy](#). This rule is being created to implement the Statewide Catalyst Campus Model Program as outlined in [HB 447](#).

Board Approves Consent Calendar

The Utah State Board of Education approved its consent calendar.

Meeting Highlights for Friday's Committee Meetings

The Utah State Board of Education [Law and Licensing, Standards and Assessments, and Finance Committees](#) will meet on Friday, November 7. Any items approved in committee meetings will be heard by the full Board during its December meeting.

Law and Licensing Committee will meet in a hybrid format from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meeting highlights include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-213, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission \(UPPAC\), Request for Licensure Reinstatement and Reinstatement Procedures](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-322, Local Education Agency \(LEA\) Codes of Conduct](#).

Standards and Assessment Committee will meet in a hybrid format from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Meeting highlights include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-716, Alternative Language Services for Utah Students](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-700, The Elementary and Secondary School General Core](#).

Finance Committee will meet in a virtual format from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meeting highlights include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-484, Data Standards](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-491, School Community Councils](#).