

Prioritized Funding Requests | 2025 GS



Programs/Request Amount	Description
1 WPU Value Increase Requested: \$306 Million	Increase the value of the WPU by 3.0% (\$135M) above the WPU inflation factor of 4.0% for a combined increase of 7.0%.
2 Critical USBE FTE Needs Requested: \$1.3 Million	Addresses needs related to roles, responsibilities, requirements, and improving service to the field in response to audit findings.
3 Paid Professional Hours Requested: \$100 Million*	Compensates for work done beyond contract time, costs associated with conferences, and other activities that increase ability to meet the needs of students.
4 Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline Requested: \$7.3 Million	Addresses educator shortages while supporting local community members interested in earning their professional credentials in public education.
5 Statewide Uniform Reporting Structure Requested: \$35 Million*	Creates a uniform reporting framework for Utah K-12 schools to ensure accurate and consistent student data, while funding an FTE at USBE to provide dedicated support for local student information systems.
6 Educator Incentives: National Board Certified Teachers Requested: \$1.6 Million	Rewards educators who have achieved national certification. Assists with the fees for this certification as well as the continued maintenance.
7 School Safety Needs Assessment Findings Requested: \$100 Million*	Assists LEAs with resources to meet any safety needs identified by the School Safety Needs Assessment as required by UCA 53G-8-701.5.
8 Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program Requested: \$3 Million	Increases reach statewide to provide an engaged arts-rich experience for grades K-6, including an equitable funding schema to expand participation and reduce barriers.
9 School Lunch Requested: \$5 Million/\$156K*	Increases the number of public K-12 students that are enrolled in participating schools that can qualify for free breakfast and/or lunch.
10 Educator Supplemental Programs Requested: \$2 Million/\$414K	Expands supplemental salary programs to school positions not currently in code, including occupational therapists and physical therapists.

*One-time funding request

Additional 2025 Supported Legislative Funding Requests

The following are additional Legislative Funding Requests (listed alphabetically) that are supported by the Utah State Board of Education.

Program	Request Amount
Career & Technical Education Program Funding (CTE)	\$4,485,012
Charter School Base Funding	\$3,490,033/\$10,284,476*
Necessarily Existing Small Schools (NESS)	\$18,800,258
Registered Apprenticeship Programs for Teachers	\$8,600,000
Statewide Attendance Support	\$146,800/\$73,500*

Visit [USBE's Legislative Session](#) page for more information on USBE's legislative priorities, a full breakdown of academic achievements, and additional 2025 legislative information.

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