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## **USBE Staff Seeks Public Comment on Special Education Preparation Competencies**

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education Licensing Team is seeking public comment on the DRAFT Special Education Preparation Competencies. These competencies will be required for all individuals to demonstrate in order to qualify for a Professional License in Special Education (K-12). They will inform the teacher preparation programs for universities and alternative preparation programs.

The Utah State Board of Education has shifted to a competency-based licensing system. The USBE Licensing specialists have worked with a variety of stakeholders including teachers, district leaders, and higher education representatives, to develop the Special Education Preparation Competencies.

We are seeking public comment **no later than Sunday, December 8, 2024**. To submit your comments, click the following link and submit the survey:

https://usbe.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_eltjuzmS0alzeEC

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