

MANDATES ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS IMPOSED BY UTAH LAW AND RULES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Financial Mandates

- Minimum school program
 - Minimum basic tax rate
 - Additional 10% tax rate authorized for capital facilities, equipment, supplies
- School district bonding authority
- School district budgeting procedures
- Fee waivers
 - Reports
- Free textbooks by petition
- Minimum expenditures for instructional supplies
 - Report by category of expenditure
- School choice - payment to nonresident district
- Concurrent enrollment
- Local match of state technology funds
 - Annual technology plan and report
- School trust monies plan
- Reimbursable transportation costs
 - Recording and reporting of transportation costs
 - USOE approval of bus routes
 - Authorized special transportation levy rate
 - Budget proposal for transportation of handicapped preschoolers
- Financial, statistical, and student accounting reports
- Teacher salary and benefits report
- Uniform school budget report
- External audit report
- Audit standards
- Class size reduction plan/report
- Foreign students report
- Class size reduction report

School Building Mandates

- Capital outlay plan
- Local government notification
- State office approval of projects exceeding \$100,000
- Approval of plans and change orders
- State approval for handicapped access compliance
- Natural hazards review
- School District Building Official to enforce codes
- Monthly inspection reports

Bidding process
Use of buildings as civic centers

Health and Safety Mandates

Emergency preparedness plan
Comprehensive emergency response plan
 Staff training
Notice to staff/parents of emergency preparedness and emergency response plans
Emergency Preparedness/Emergency Response Week
Fire drills/other drills
Standards for school buses and school bus operations
School Traffic Safety Committee routing plan
Health and vision screening
Certificates of immunization
 Exemptions

Mandates Regarding Employees

Licensing
 Level 1, 2, and 3
 Letter of authorization
Subject area endorsement
Driver's education endorsement
Coaching endorsement
Continuing education to renew license
Approval of inservice training programs
Professional development plan/folder
Teacher preparation program standards
Supervision of teachers in alternative teacher preparation programs
Qualifications of substitute teachers
Educator evaluation
 Joint committee
 Frequency and components
 Procedures for remediating deficiencies
Criminal background checks
Ethical conduct standards
Disciplinary action
 Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission
 Hearing
Dismissal procedures
Resolution of contract disputes
Career ladder program
 Evaluation of teachers for placement and advancement on the career ladder
 Career Ladder Committee and plan

- Annual district review of career ladder plans
- Annual district career ladder report
- Permitted career ladder expenditures
- Anonymous suggestion program

Mandates Regarding Students

Compulsory education

- Exemptions
- Annual review of truancy policy
- Annual truancy report
- Parental notice of compulsory education law
- Compulsory education enforcement procedures
- Truancy citation fee schedule

Minimum school age

Student education plan (SEP) or Student education/occupation plan (SEOP)

Grounds and procedures for suspension/expulsion

Alternatives to suspension/expulsion

Expulsion periods for weapons violations

Corporal punishment prohibited

District discipline plan

- Behavior standards, class management standards
- Discipline goals and objectives
- Evaluation of goals and objectives
- Staff development program
- Detaining students after school

Uniforms

- Election
- Exemptions

Admission of homeless children

Alternative language services

- Language assessments
- ESL endorsement
- Staff development
- Year-end report

Youth in Custody

- Evaluation
- Annual plan review
- Least restrictive placement
- Interagency advisory council

Inmate education

- Recidivism reduction plan
- Pupil and fiscal accounting and reporting
- Interagency advisory council

Extended year for disabled

- Multidisciplinary team
- Extended year program
- Due process, grievance procedures information
- Data to monitor progress
- Private school/home school student participation in extracurricular activities
- Comprehensive guidance program
 - Self-evaluation
 - On-site visit

Mandates Regarding Parents

- District policy on parental involvement
- Student Education Plan conferences
 - Two annual conferences at the elementary level
 - One individual and one small group conference in grades 7 through 11
- School choice program
- Dual enrollment in private and public schools
- Activity disclosure statements
- Written parental consent for student participation in certain surveys

Governance Mandates

- School district creation, merger, dissolution, and boundary changes
- School board elections, powers

Curriculum Mandates

- Core curriculum
 - Course standards, objectives, mastery criteria
 - Credits per course
 - Minimum units of credit, grades 7 -12
 - School trust monies to enhance the core curriculum
- Information technology curriculum plan
- Curriculum requirements for diploma
- Instructional materials
 - State Instructional Materials Commission
 - Approval by SBOE
 - Substitute instructional materials
- Health education
 - Inservice training
 - Curriculum materials review committee
 - Parental notification
 - Complaint log
- Instruction on the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and controlled substances

- Adoption presentations
- Character and values education
 - Inservice training
 - Written materials
 - Character education funds
 - Plan
 - Character Education Committee
 - Approval of all teaching materials, curriculum, and evaluation instruments by local school board and Character Education Committee
 - Year-end report
- Study of historical documents
- Instruction relating to the American flag.
- American sign language
- Remedial programs in secondary schools
 - Required for those who do not meet competency requirements in English, math, science, or social studies
- Remedial reading programs
 - Parental involvement
- Kindergarten skills assessments
- Gifted/talented programs
 - Identification and placement
 - Annual plan
 - Evaluation
 - Staff development
- Alternative high schools
 - Annual review of student education plan
 - Approval of home study/drop-in programs
- Adult education
 - Student education/occupation plan
 - Fiscal, student, and program accounting and reporting guidelines
 - Curriculum requirements
- Master plan for services for students at risk

Performance and Accountability Mandates

- School community council plans
 - Critical academic needs
 - Recommended course of action
 - Resources needed to implement the plan
 - How the plan will improve academic excellence
 - Approved annually by local school board
- Annual review of and report on progress towards achieving the mission and objectives of the Strategic Plan for Public Education
- Utah Performance Assessment System for Students (U-PASS)
 - Norm-referenced achievement testing in grades 3,5,8, and 11

- Criterion-referenced achievement tests in all grade levels in basic skills courses
 - Writing assessment in grades 6 and 9
 - Basic skills competency test in grade 10
 - Must pass to receive high school diploma
 - Other performance indicators
 - Staff development
 - Time periods for administering and scoring standardized tests
- Reading achievement plan
 - Approved annually by the school district
- Annual school performance report
 - Distributed to the household of each student

Miscellaneous Operations Mandates

- School accreditation
 - Annual report
- Secondary school accreditation
 - Evaluation
 - On-site visits
- Minimum number of hours and days of instruction
- Federal school lunch requirements adopted
- Start/stop dates for competitive sports
- Notice to dispose of useable textbooks
- Restrict access to Internet

Optional Programs with Requirements

(If schools participate in these programs, certain requirements must be met.)

- Driver's education
 - Eligible age of students
 - Minimum hours of training
- Alternative middle schools
 - Request for proposal
- Extended year for middle or high schools
 - District plan
- Gang prevention and intervention
 - Local matching funds
- Arts in elementary schools pilot programs
 - Local matching funds
- Schools for the 21st Century
 - Action plan to improve student achievement and accountability plan
- School nurses
 - Local matching funds
- Advancement placement courses

Reports
Pregnancy prevention program
 Proposal and year-end report
Elementary school accreditation
 Self-evaluation
 On-site evaluation
Incentives for Excellence program
 Public education foundation
 Private matching funds
Planning grants
 Year-end report
Experimental/development programs
 Year-end report
Highly impacted schools
 Report
Modified School Week Pilot Program
 Annual Report