

Simplifying the Minimum School Program

Improving the
transparency and
understanding of the
MSP



Utah's Education Obligations: Stated

- Article X, Section 1: “The Legislature shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of the state's education systems “
- Article X, Section 3: “The general control and supervision of the public education system shall be vested in a State Board of Education.”

Utah's Education Obligations: Implied

- Equity
 - To reduce educational disparities resulting from local funding disparities
 - i.e. The quality of a child's education should not depend on the property value of the surrounding community
- Adequacy
 - To ensure a minimum funding level for a basic education
 - e.g. Utah children should receive an education that will allow them to successfully compete in the global economy

Where are we today?

	FY 2005 Appropriation	
	WPU's	Funding @
	2004-05	\$2,182
I. Basic Program		
A. Regular Basic School Programs		
1. Kindergarten	22481	\$49,053,542
2. Grades 1-12	438303	\$956,377,146
3. Necessarily Existent Small Schools	7667	\$16,729,394
4. Professional Staff	42814	\$93,420,148
5. Administrative Costs	1662	\$3,626,484
Regular Basic School Programs (1-5) Subtotal	512927	\$1,119,206,714
B. Restricted Basic School Programs		
1. Special Education-Regular Program		
a. Special Education add-on WPU's	53891	\$117,590,162
b. Self-Contained Regular WPU's	12579	\$27,447,378
2. Special Education - Pre-School	6664	\$14,540,848
3. Extended Year Program for Severely Disabled	351	\$765,882
4. Special Education-State Programs	1378	\$3,006,796
Special Education (1-4) Subtotal	74863	\$163,351,066
5. Applied Technology Education – District	23698	\$51,709,036
6. Applied Tech. Education-District Set Aside	1010	\$2,203,820
Applied Technology Ed. (5 - 6) Subtotal	24708	\$53,912,856
7. Class Size Reduction	30203	\$65,902,946
Total Restricted Basic Programs :	129774	\$283,166,868
TOTAL BASIC SCHOOL PROGRAM WPU's (I):	642701	\$1,402,373,582

Where are we today

C. Related to Basic Programs	
1. Interventions for Student Success Block Grant	\$1,5308,708
2. Quality Teaching Block Grant	\$5,7426,623
3. Local Discretionary Block Grant Program	\$21,824,448
4. Social Security & Retirement	\$261,482,231
5. Pupil Transportation	\$57,061,128
6. Gararantee Transportation Levy	\$500,000
7. Math/Science - Beginning Teacher Recruitment	
Related to Basic Programs Subtotal	\$413,603,138
D. Special Populations	
1. Highly Impacted Schools	\$5,123,207
2. At Risk Programs	\$25,220,484
3. Adult Education	\$5,826,865
4. Accelerated Learning Programs	\$8,695,104
Special Populations Subtotal	\$44,865,660
5. U of U Reading Clinic	\$375,000
Other Subtotal	\$27,197,450
Related, Special, & Other (C,D,& E) TOTAL	\$48,5666,248

**MUM SCHOOL PROGRAM
FY 2006**

Where are we today?

Program	FY 2005 Appropriation		2004-05	Funding @ \$2,182	
	WPUs	Funding @			
Regular Basic School Programs					
Kindergarten	22,481	49,053,542			
Grades 1-12	438,303	956,377,146			
Necessarily Existing Small Schools	7,667	16,729,394			
Professional Staff	42,814	93,420,148			
Administrative Costs	1,662	3,626,484			
Regular Basic School Programs (1-5) Subtotal	512,927	1,119,206,714			
Restricted Basic School Programs					
Self-Contained Regular WPU's	12,579	27,447,378			
Special Education - Pre-School	6,664	14,540,848			
Extended Year Program for Severely Disabled	351	765,882			
Special Education - State Programs	23,698	3,006,796			
1. Kindergarten	20,433	43,930,950	22,481	49,053,542	5,122,592
Applied Technology Education - District	23,698	3,006,796	23,698	3,006,796	0%
2. Grades 1-12	432,649	930,195,350	438,303	956,377,146	26,181,796
3. Necessarily Existing Small Schools	7,532	16,193,800	7,667	16,729,394	535,594
4. Professional Staff	42,814	93,420,148	42,814	93,420,148	0%
5. Administrative Costs	1,662	3,558,250	1,662	3,626,484	68,234
Total Restricted Basic Programs	74,863	163,351,066	74,863	163,351,066	0%
Regular Basic School Programs (1-5) Subtotal	503,817	1,083,206,550	512,927	1,119,206,714	36,000,164
B. Restricted Basic School Programs					
Discretionary Block Grant Program					21,824,448
Security & Retirement					261,482,231
Transportation					57,061,128
Special Transportation Levy	52,891	115,001,350	52,891	117,590,162	2,588,812
Self-Contained Regular WPU's	2,417	26,696,550	12,579	27,447,378	750,828
Related to Basic Programs Subtotal					413,603,138
Special Populations					
2. Special Education - Pre-School	6,269	13,478,350	6,664	14,540,848	1,062,498
3. Extended Year Program for Severely Disabled	321	690,150	351	765,882	75,732
4. Special Education - State Programs	1,358	2,919,700	1,378	3,006,796	87,096
Special Education (1-4) Subtotal	8,348	17,088,200	8,771	18,314,526	1,226,326
5. Applied Technology Education - District	23,348	3,006,796	23,698	3,006,796	0%
6. Applied Tech. Education - District Set Aside	995	2,139,250	1,010	2,203,820	64,570
7. Applied Technology Ed. (5-6) Subtotal	24,343	5,146,046	24,708	5,210,616	64,570
8. Class Size Reduction	29,757	63,977,550	30,203	65,902,946	1,925,396
Other Subtotal					27,197,450
Basic School Programs (1-8) Total	631,989	1,351,002,550	647,711	1,402,373,582	151,371,032

● The average citizen doesn't know

● The average educator doesn't know

● The average policy maker doesn't know

● Does anybody really know?

Simplifying the MSP

- Is there a way to...
 - Provide greater flexibility for schools and districts to align resources to needs
 - Improve public insight into education funding
 - Allow policy makers to better understand public education funding needs

One Approach to Simplification

- Allocate a base per student funding amount
 - Grade-specific weightings could be applied
- Provide funding boosts for limited exception:
 - Special education students
 - Rural students
 - At-risk students

Simplified MSP Example

	Per Student Base Funding	2005-06 Student Count	FY2006 Expenditures
I. Regular Basic School Program			
A. Kindergarten	\$ -		\$ -
B. Grades 1-6	\$ -		\$ -
C. Grades 7-12	\$ -		\$ -
Regular Basic School Programs (A, B & C) Subtotal			\$ -
II. Restricted Basic School Programs			
A. Rural Students			\$ -
B. Special Education Students			\$ -
C. At Risk Students			\$ -
Restricted Basic School Programs (A, B & C) Subtotal			\$ -