

**EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill distinguishes an early college high school from a ~~H→ [regularly authorized charter]~~  
9a regular public ←H  
10 school.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:  
13 ▶ defines terms; and  
14 ▶ exempts an early college high school from certain rules established by the State  
15 Board of Education.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

- 22 53A-1a-1101, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 23 53A-1a-1102, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 24 53A-1a-1103, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 25 53A-1a-1104, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*



28 Section 1. Section 53A-1a-1101 is enacted to read:

29 **Part 11. Early College High Schools**

30 **53A-1a-1101. Title.**

31 This part is known as "Early College High Schools."

32 Section 2. Section 53A-1a-1102 is enacted to read:

33 **53A-1a-1102. Definitions.**

34 (1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

35 (2) "Early college high school" means ~~H→~~ [an authorized charter] a public ~~←H~~ school

35a that:

36 (a) has a mission to provide an early college education to a diverse student population  
37 emphasizing advanced science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;

38 (b) provides students with the opportunity to earn:

39 (i) a high school diploma; and

40 (ii) (A) up to two years of transferable college credit; or

41 (B) a transferable associate's degree; and

42 (c) contracts with an institution of higher education for instruction offered through the

43 ~~H→~~ [charter] public ~~←H~~ school.

44 (3) "Individualized Education Program" or "IEP" means a written statement, for a  
45 student with a disability, that is developed, reviewed, and revised in accordance with the  
46 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.

47 Section 3. Section 53A-1a-1103 is enacted to read:

48 **53A-1a-1103. Exemptions from board rule.**

49 (1) An early college high school is ~~H→~~ [:

50 ~~— (a) subject to Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 5, The Utah Charter Schools Act; and~~

51 ~~— (b) ←H~~ exempt from the 180 school day requirement established by board rule.

51a ~~H→~~ **(2) Notwithstanding the exemption described in Subsection (1), an early college high**  
51b **school is subject to the required number of instructional hours established under board rule.**

52 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) ~~←H~~ Up to three of the subject-specific credit hour graduation requirements  
52a established

53 by board rule may be changed to elective credit for a student at an early college high school if:

54 (a) the modification is consistent with the student's:

55 (i) IEP; or

56 (ii) student education occupation plan; and

57 (b) the elective credit is earned in a science, technology, engineering, mathematics,  
58 advanced placement, concurrent enrollment, or early college course.

59 Section 4. Section 53A-1a-1104 is enacted to read:

60 53A-1a-1104. ~~H~~→ [Charter] Public ←~~H~~ school partnerships with institutions of higher  
60a education  
61 permitted.

62 Nothing in this part shall be construed to prevent or inhibit a ~~H~~→ [charter] public ←~~H~~  
62a school from:

63 (1) contracting with an institution of higher education to provide early college  
64 education through the ~~H~~→ [charter] public ←~~H~~ school; or

65 (2) identifying the ~~H~~→ [charter] public ←~~H~~ school as an early college high school if  
65a identifying the

66 ~~H~~→ [charter] public ←~~H~~ school as an early college high school is consistent with trademark laws.

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