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## **FY 2005 Budget Recommendations**

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for  
Public Education

Education Contracts

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**1.0 Education Contracts**

**Summary**

Education Contracts provides funding for the education of students in state custody. Two primary programs provide these services. The Youth Center in Provo provides services to students at the State Hospital, and Corrections Institutions provides services to inmates in the state’s correctional facilities.

The Utah State Board of Education takes responsibility for the education of students in state custody and acts as the “school board” governing their education. The board contracts with various school districts to provide educational services at the Youth Center and in the State Prisons.

The Analyst recommends \$3,854,800 in Uniform School Funds for Education Contracts.

	<b>Analyst FY 2005 Base</b>	<b>Analyst FY 2005 Changes</b>	<b>Analyst FY 2005 Total</b>
<b>Financing</b>			
Uniform School Fund	3,854,800		3,854,800
Beginning Nonlapsing	59,000		59,000
Closing Nonlapsing	(59,000)		(59,000)
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$3,854,800</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,854,800</u>
<b>Programs</b>			
Youth Center	1,153,200		1,153,200
Corrections Institutions	2,701,600		2,701,600
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$3,854,800</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,854,800</u>

**3.0 Public Education Contracts**

**3.1 Youth Center**

**Recommendation**

The Analyst recommends the base budget funding of \$1,153,200 for the Youth Center.

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Est/Analyst</b>
<b>Financing</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Estimated*</b>	<b>Analyst</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Uniform School Fund	1,146,300	1,153,200	1,153,200	
Uniform School Fund, One-time	13,900			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,160,200</b>	<b>\$1,153,200</b>	<b>\$1,153,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Other Charges/Pass Thru	1,160,200	1,153,200	1,153,200	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,160,200</b>	<b>\$1,153,200</b>	<b>\$1,153,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*Non-state funds as estimated by agency

**Purpose**

The State Hospital provides specialized mental health services that are difficult to obtain in many communities. The Utah State Board of Education has the responsibility of providing an educational program to all school age children at the State Hospital in Provo. The State Board of Education contracts with the Provo School District to provide the educational services.

Mountain Brook Elementary and East Wood High School are self-contained schools providing specialized educational services to the students at the State Hospital. In addition to general education services, the Youth Center provides additional personnel for specialized services, such as, interveners, speech/language pathologists, counselors, and psychologists. Due to the nature of mental illness, a high adult to student ratio is required.

*Youth Center Organization*

There are two primary units at the youth center, the Children’s Unit and the Adolescent Unit. Together, these two programs serve approximately 75-100 school age students who are residents of the state hospital.

The Children’s Unit serves youth ranging from age 6 to age 13. The Adolescent Unit serves youth ages 13 to 18 years. Both units are usually at or near capacity. The Youth Center uses an individualized treatment approach with a wide range of therapies to meet student needs.

### 3.2 Corrections Institutions

**Recommendation** The Analyst recommends the base budget funding of \$2,701,600 for Corrections Institutions.

	2003	2004	2005	Est/Analyst
	Actual	Estimated*	Analyst	Difference
<b>Financing</b>				
Uniform School Fund	2,685,500	2,701,600	2,701,600	
Uniform School Fund, One-time	32,600			
Beginning Nonlapsing	5,200	59,000	59,000	
Closing Nonlapsing	(59,000)	(59,000)	(59,000)	
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$2,664,300</u>	<u>\$2,701,600</u>	<u>\$2,701,600</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current Expense	11,400	11,400	11,400	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2,652,900	2,690,200	2,690,200	
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$2,664,300</u>	<u>\$2,701,600</u>	<u>\$2,701,600</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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**Purpose**

The recidivism reduction program used by the state is a nine-component program designed to enhance the education and job skills of inmates so they will likely be a positive addition to society when released from prison. The nine components of the program include: Inmate Assessment, Cognitive Problem Solving Skills, Basic Literacy Skills, Career Skills, Job Placement, Post Release Support, Research and Evaluation, Family Involvement, and Multi-agency Collaboration.

School districts, applied technology centers, colleges, and universities that have correctional facilities within their boundaries provide educational services for inmates. The primary recipients of contract funds are the Jordan and South Sanpete school districts. In addition to traditional education strategies, such as, testing/assessment, basic literacy, ESL, high school completion/GED, occupational training, etc., emphasis is placed on cognitive restructuring and transition assistance.

**Performance Measures**

During the past year, 22 school districts and 5 higher education institutions provided educational services in the state prisons or county jails. The following table details the educational services offered, number of inmates enrolled and levels of achievement made.

<b>Service</b>	<b>State Prisons</b>	<b>County Jails</b>
<b>High School - Enrollment</b>	<b>6,026</b>	<b>3,025</b>
Contact Hours	615,561	181,009
Credits Earned	6,749	6,091
Academic Level Gains	2,251	834
High School Diplomas	318	435
GED Certificates	102	329
<b>Occupational Training - Enrollment</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>96</b>
Vocational Certificates	74	10
Associate Degrees	40	
Baccalaureate Degrees	4	

In addition to the above educational services, roughly 1,270 inmates received National Institute of Corrections Cognitive Restructuring services, namely, thinking and problem solving skills. An additional 1,930 inmates received life skills training in areas such as, anger management, communication, parenting, job readiness and retention, etc.

**4.0 Additional Information: Public Education Contracts**

**4.1 Funding History**

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Financing</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Estimated*</b>	<b>Analyst</b>
Uniform School Fund	4,333,800	3,928,300	3,831,800	3,854,800	3,854,800
Uniform School Fund, One-time			46,500		
Beginning Nonlapsing	4,300	9,000	5,200	59,000	59,000
Closing Nonlapsing	(9,000)	(5,200)	(59,000)	(59,000)	(59,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,329,100</b>	<b>\$3,932,100</b>	<b>\$3,824,500</b>	<b>\$3,854,800</b>	<b>\$3,854,800</b>
<b>Programs</b>					
State Developmental Center	556,600				
Youth Center	1,115,600	1,160,200	1,160,200	1,153,200	1,153,200
Corrections Institutions	2,656,900	2,771,900	2,664,300	2,701,600	2,701,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,329,100</b>	<b>\$3,932,100</b>	<b>\$3,824,500</b>	<b>\$3,854,800</b>	<b>\$3,854,800</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current Expense	12,300	19,000	11,400	11,400	11,400
Other Charges/Pass Thru	4,316,800	3,913,100	3,813,100	3,843,400	3,843,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,329,100</b>	<b>\$3,932,100</b>	<b>\$3,824,500</b>	<b>\$3,854,800</b>	<b>\$3,854,800</b>

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