

Paraeducators in Title I Improvement Schools

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Authorization:

SB 81 Paraeducators for Title I Schools in Improvement

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Purpose:

Hire qualified paraeducators to provide supplemental tutoring to students who struggle in reading in Title I schools identified in need of improvement.

Implementation of Program/ Service Delivery/Activity Description

The Utah State Office of Education identified the Title I schools in need of improvement during the 2011-2012 school year that were eligible for supplemental state funding provided under S.B. 81 for the 2012-2013 school year. The SB 81 funds were allocated to local education agencies in July 2012.

The state funds are supplemental and must be used to hire additional qualified paraeducators to assist students who are at risk of not achieving proficiency in Reading/Language Arts.

In accordance with state statute, the Utah State Board of Education has updated rule R277-524. Local education agencies that accept these funds must agree to the following requirements:

- Paraeducators hired with these funds shall meet the Title I highly qualified paraprofessional requirements;
- Paraeducators hired with these funds shall provide additional aid in the classroom to assist students in achieving academic success;
- Schools that accept the Paraeducator Funding shall demonstrate, as required by USOE reporting, that funds are used to supplement other state and federal funds to provide paraeducator services.

Legislative Funding:

The Utah State Legislature appropriated \$300,000 for this initiative for the 2012-2013 school year. With 17 schools eligible, those funds were divided equally.

District	School	SB 81 Funding
Alpine	Greenwood Elementary	\$17,647
Cache	Millville Elementary	\$17,647
Canyons	Copperview Elementary	\$17,647
Davis	Antelope Elementary	\$17,647
Davis	Vae View Elementary	\$17,647
Dual Immersion Academy	Dual Immersion Academy	\$17,647
Fast Forward HS	Fast Forward High School	\$17,647
Granite	James Moss Elementary	\$17,647

Granite	Monroe Elementary	\$17,647
Granite	Pioneer Elementary	\$17,647
Granite	Westlake Junior High	\$17,647
Ogden	T.O. Smith Elementary	\$17,647
Provo	Timpanogos Elementary	\$17,647
Salt Lake City	Meadowlark Elementary	\$17,647
Salt Lake City	Riley Elementary	\$17,647
San Juan	Montezuma Creek Elementary	\$17,647
Washington	Coral Canyon Elementary	\$17,647
Total		\$300,000

Performance Measures

Schools accepting these funds shall provide an annual report as directed by the USOE that includes the following:

- (1) The number of paraeducators hired with program money;
- (2) School funding, in addition to funds provided under this rule, the school used to supplement program money to hire paraeducators; and
- (3) Accountability measures, including student test scores and other student assessment elements for students served by the program.

Results

The chart below summarizes the data from schools participating in the SB 81 program.

*CRT = Utah's End-of-Level Criterion Referenced Test (not administered Kindergarten – Grade 2)

**UCAS = Utah Comprehensive Accountability System

Number of schools receiving SB 81 funding	17
Number of paraeducators hired with SB 81 funds	30
Percentage of SB 81 schools reporting that paraeducators met Title I highly qualified requirements	88.2%
Additional funding from other sources used to hire paraeducators in SB 81 schools	See chart
Funding Source	% of SB 81 Schools
Federal Title I	100%
Federal Title III	23.5%
Federal IDEA	17.6%
State Special Education	47.1%
State Class-size Reduction	11.8%
State Reading Achievement	17.6%
State Enhancement for At-Risk Students	17.6%
State School Trustlands	17.6%
Number of students served by SB 81 paraeducators	1,226
Number of students proficient on Utah CRT* assessments 2012 (pre-intervention)	399
Number of students proficient on Utah CRT* assessments 2013 (post-intervention)	656
Percent improvement in proficiency on Utah assessments (compare 2013 to 2012)	20.97%
Average 2012 UCAS** score for SB 81 schools	365
Average 2013 UCAS** score for SB 81 schools (preliminary data)	373
Percentage of SB 81 schools with higher 2013 UCAS score compared to 2012 UCAS	50%