The foundation of Utah’s public education system is to provide an opportunity for educational excellence for each Utah student. This requires advocacy, focus, and prioritization of effort.

Education Elevated focuses on the USBE’s strategic plan imperative to provide transparency in the public educational system using evidence-based data that determines “what to measure, why to measure it, and how to measure it.”

EXCELLENCE FOR EACH STUDENT

Accountability focuses on outcomes of individual students and the overall effectiveness of public education. With this in mind, the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) defines a college and career student as one who:

1. Graduates from high school;
2. Receives at least an 18 on the ACT; and
3. Accomplishes at least one of the following:
   A. A passing score on an advanced placement (AP) course; or
   B. A “C” or higher on a concurrent enrollment (CE) course; or
   C. A passing grade on an international baccalaureate course; or
   D. Career Pathway Completer (3.0 credits in an approved sequence of courses); or
   E. Career Pathway Concentrator (1.5 credits in an approved sequence of courses and the student earns an industry credential of value from an approved list of career and technical education (CTE) pathways).

The USBE aims to improve student outcomes by setting a statewide goal of increasing the number of students who are college and career ready from 35 percent (2014–15 cohort) to 45 percent by 2022.

STATEWIDE INDICATORS OF EXCELLENCE FOR EACH STUDENT BY 2022

1. Increase the graduation rate. (Current graduation rate is 84 percent).
2. Increase the number of students receiving a 3 or 4 on an end of level assessment.
3. Increase the number of students earning an 18 composite on the ACT.
4. Increase access to AP and CE offerings.
5. Increase the number of Career Pathway Completers to 40 percent and Career Pathway Concentrators to 75 percent.
## Indicators for Student

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## Benchmark Indicators

### High School
- Graduation
- Proficiency on EOL
- ACT 18
- Access and Success in Advanced Courses (AP, IB, CE, CTE)
- GPA
- Achieves Mastery of Utah Standards.

### Middle/Junior High School
- SAGE Math Proficiency (grade 8)
- SAGE ELA Proficiency (grade 8)
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Credit Sufficient (grade 9)
- GPA
- Achieves Mastery of Utah Standards.

### Elementary School
- Literacy Performance (grades 1–3)
- SAGE Math Proficiency (grade 4)
- SAGE Proficiency (grade 5)
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Keyboard Proficiency (grade 5)
- Achieves Mastery of Utah Standards.