Budget Brief

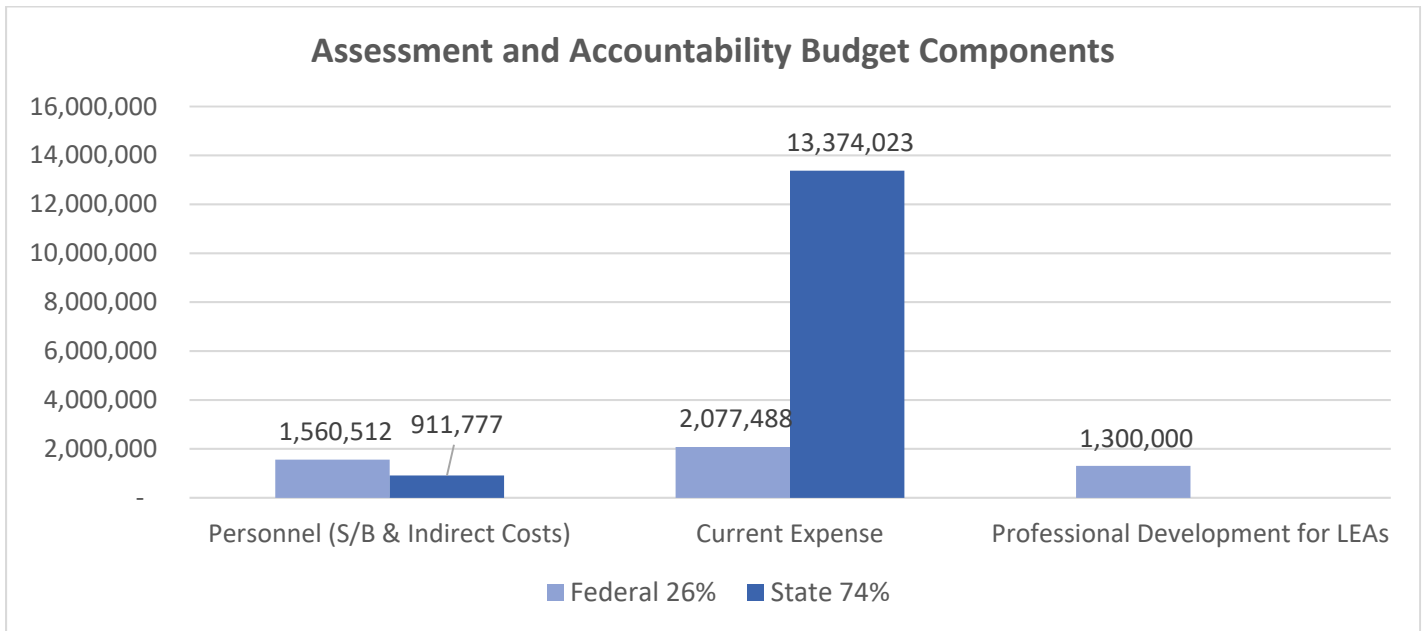## Assessment & Accountability
Administrative Office Budget

What does the section do?

The Assessment & Accountability Section provides performance information about Utah students' core knowledge, skills, and abilities. Statewide assessments are a key performance measure used to monitor whether we are 'on track' to achieving our desired goals. Core functions of the section are to:

- Manage assessment vendor contracts and oversee the development and administration of statewide assessments;
- Provide knowledge about use of accountability measures, resources, and tools to support best practices in the area of assessment; and
- Provide accurate, understandable reporting to enable stakeholders to have the data needed to make informed decisions concerning school policies, programs and curricula.

What are the components of the administrative office budget?

The majority of the budget is dedicated to contracts with assessment providers to enable administration of statewide assessments (current expenses).

Assessment and Accountability Budget Components

Assessment	Amount	Source	Description
Statewide standards assessment	$6,700,000	State	Required by U.C.A. Section 53A-1-602. This is the state's computer-adaptive assessment (SAGE).
College and Career Readiness Assessment	$5,420,000	State	Required by U.C.A. Section 53A-1-602. This is the ACT, which is administered to all students in grade 11, and the grade 9 and 10 assessment, which is the SAGE in 2018 and a newly selected assessment product moving forward.

English Learner Assessment & the Alternate Assessment	$1,201,000	Federal	Required by the U.S. Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This is the World-class Instructional Design Assessment (WIDA), which assesses English language proficiency of English learners. This is also the alternative assessments that measure the performance of students with significant cognitive disabilities, including the Utah Alternate Assessment (UAA) (for science) and the Dynamic Learning Maps (for English language arts and math).
Online Formative Writing Tool	$450,000	State	This is the Utah Compose tool. The tool provides teachers an online method for collecting, scoring, and providing feedback on writing proficiency to students in grades 3-12.
Online College Prep Test	$400,000	State	Required by U.C.A. Section 53A-1-613. Shmoop is the current provider.
Dual Immersion Assessment	$280,000	State	One-time funding for test administration of the Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency in Language (AAPL).

How many FTEs are funded out of the administrative office budget?

There are 16 FTEs supported by this budget (12 are funded by federal funds and 5 from state funds).

What are other functions provided through this budget?

- Assessment Administration Budget: $1,035,800 (State) $2,257,000 (Federal)
    - This budget supports FTEs who develop, train, monitor, and report on the statewide assessment effort.
- Assessment to Achievement: $1,300,000 (Federal)
    - This program provides administrators and teachers with increased capacity to effectively use assessment data to improve student achievement. The program also develops leadership capacity at the district, school, and classroom level. Currently, there are 68 schools participating, and the USBE provides support including staff support, project management, meeting space, stipends, books, and on-site visits. Licensing fees in other budget lines also support this activity.
- National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP): $180,000 (Federal)
    - The majority of these funds support an FTE who facilitates the administration of the NAEP in Utah.