



UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - FEES

PUBLIC EDUCATION
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

Utah Code Annotated, Section 63J-1-504 states, “Each fee agency shall submit its fee schedule or special assessment amount to the Legislature for its approval on an annual basis. The Legislature may approve, increase or decrease and approve, or reject any fee submitted to it by a fee agency.” This issue brief details the fees approved for FY 2019 and the fees proposed by the Utah State Board of Education and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind for FY 2020 along with a brief analysis of the proposed changes.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FEES

	FY 2019 Appropriated	FY 2020 Proposed
State Administrative Office		
Board and Administration		
Unauthorized Parking Fee		30.00
Indirect Cost Pool		
Restricted Funds		
USBE percentage of personal service costs	Up to 18%	Up to 10.9%
Unrestricted Funds		
USBE percentage of personal service costs	Up to 24%	Up to 24.6%
Teaching and Learning		
Conference or Professional Development Registration	50.00	50.00 per day
Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind		
Educational Services		
Instruction		
Teacher’s Aide	12.53	12.53
Student Education Services Aide	29.79	29.79
Educator	61.32	61.32
After-School Program	30.00	30.00
Pre-School Monthly Tuition	75.00	75.00
Out-of-State Tuition	50,600.00	50,600.00
Support Services		
Study Abroad Fee		500.00
Instruction		
Educational Interpreter	45.69	46.83
Support Services		
Educator	61.32	62.85
Conference Attendance		
Educator - Conference Attendance Fee	100.00	100.00
Parent - Conference Attendance Fee	25.00	25.00
Adult Lunch Tickets	2.00	2.25

Copy & Fax Machine		
Copy Machine		
Color	1.00	1.00
Black/White	0.10	0.10
Athletic (per sport)	100.00	100.00
Room Rental		
Dormitory	19.00	50.00
Conference	94.00	100.00
Multipurpose	188.00	200.00

ANALYSIS

In general, the fees proposed by both the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) for FY 2020 are consistent with FY 2019. There are however some notable exceptions as detailed below:

USBE:

- The Board of Education would like to implement a \$30.00 unauthorized parking fee for the parking lot at their office in Salt Lake City. The Board has installed a secure parking system with access cards and parking arms at the entrances to their lot. This authorization would allow the Board to charge violators who park in the lot during business hours.

USDB:

- Both the Support Services Educational Interpreter and the Support Services Educator hourly fees reflect increased labor costs expended by USDB.
- The Adult Lunch Ticket fee would be increased by \$.25 to offset USDB's cost of processing a credit card for employees that buy lunch tickets.
- The room rental fee increases reflect the true costs of utilities, cleaning and maintenance of school facilities.
- The Study Abroad fee is a newly proposed fee. USDB reports that their experience is that if students don't pay a commitment fee they tend to cancel and not go on the trip (after costs have been incurred for both the airline and hotel reservations). The fee is collected when a student commits to a trip and is returned to the student prior to trip departure to be used for incidental trip expenses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Analyst does not recommend any other changes to the fees as presented in HB 0008 and recommends the Legislature adopt the proposed Public Education fees for FY 2019.