

Fiscal Year 2022 Funding Requirements (January 2021)

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Utah School for the Deaf

- #1 graduation rate in the country
- Specialized educators in every part of the State
- USDB campuses and mainstream classes
- Interpreters throughout the state
- Work in the homes of families with deaf or hard of hearing babies.
- Extra curricular services for any deaf or hard-ofhearing student in the state
- Residential cottages for post high school students learning independent living skills.
- First Online Deaf School in the country.





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Utah School for the Blind

- Parent Infant Program (PIP) in homes
- National model Deaf-Blind program
- PreK-12 campus & magnet classrooms
- Statewide outreach services
- Supported Transition Extension Program (STEP)
- College transition support program
- National model Expanded Core Curriculum program, including:
 - Short Term Campus Learning Academies
 - Online Learning Academies
- Extra curricular activities



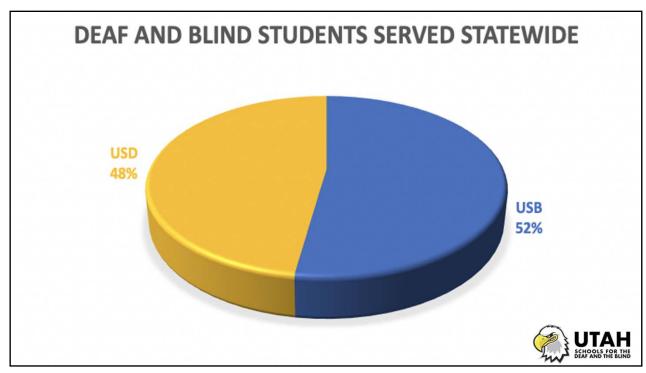


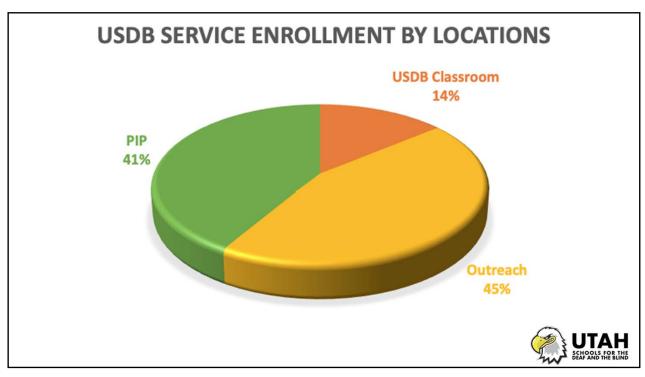
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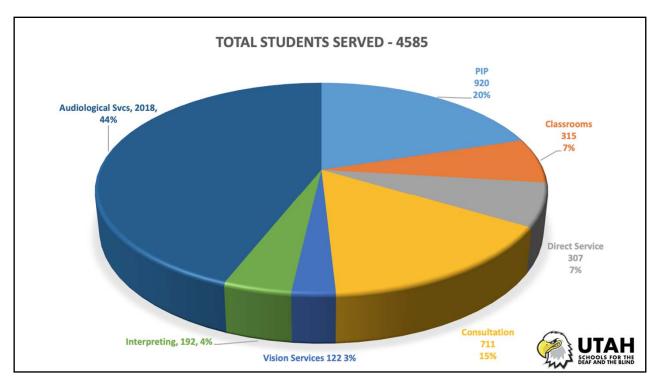
Operational Highlights

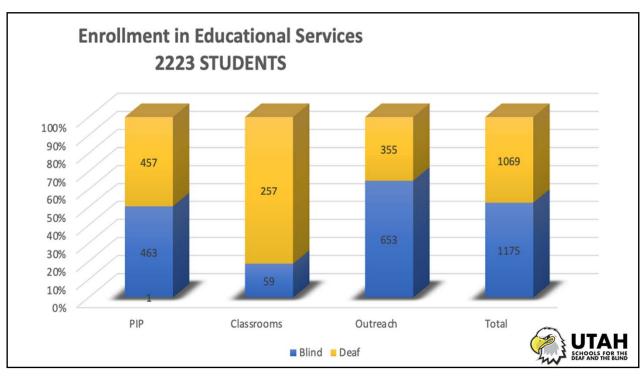
- #1 Graduation Rate in the United States
- National model for Personalized, Competency-based education
- Proud member of the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools
- Powerful statewide enrichment programs with land trust resources
- Highly effective executive team
- Top to bottom restructured business practices and policy development
- Improved collaboration, communication and advocacy for Utah students
- Strong support and partnerships with Utah Legislature, Utah State Board of Education, Utah school districts and charter schools











Springville Campus



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USDB Growth Trends

The next 5-10 years

- Wasatch Front Steady growth
- Utah County New Capacity
- District requests Provo
- Washington County growth
- Returning ASL Students
- Online courses for Deaf students
- Increased need for interpreters
- Increased support for districts and charters





Educator Salary Adjustments (On-Going)

Historical Funding Level and Purpose of the Program:

- Meets requirements of formula in Utah Code <u>53E-8-302</u> Annual salary adjustments for USDB educators.
- USDB educator increases lag behind other district educators by two years.

Historical Funding Levels

SFY 18 = \$490,920 (2.3%)

SFY 19 = \$765,750 (1.6%)

SFY 20 = \$2,030,800 (10%)

SFY 21 = \$2,148,300 (7.85%)

Results/Benefits of the Program:

- This request will ensure adequate funding to meet the requirements of <u>53E-8-302</u>
- The amount includes step increases derived by calculating the WASA (shift) consistent with the law, and requirements in the negotiated employment agreement.
- Request amount: \$1,538,500 (6.79%)

Performance Measures/Projected Outcomes

- This salary adjustment anticipated in Utah law maintains a competitive wage for specialized USDB teaching staff.
- Educators continue to receive salaries and benefits commensurate with their individual education levels, licenses, accreditations, and endorsements.

Impact if not Funded:

- USDB will not be able to compete for quality educators in the state
- Not funding this request will deny reasonable, expected annual increases for USDB educators.



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Additional FTE (On-Going)

Purpose/Justification:

- USDB is required to meet student requirements on demand throughout the state each year.
- Most of these needs were funded last year, then rescinded due to COVID economic concerns.
- New Springville program and statewide growth require additional educators, administrative capacity, and support staff.
- Significant additional Medicaid compliances require an Office Tech.
- Positions beyond this request funded by internal reorganization.

Specific Requirements/Programming:

Amount includes salary and benefits for 15 positions:

- 9 Educators (statewide) \$96,300 each
- 1 Audiologist (USD) \$117,800
- 1 Principal (Springville) \$151,000
- 1 Assistant Director (Blind outreach) \$136,000
- 2 Secretaries, \$57,000 each
- 1 Office Tech II (Medicaid) \$57,000
- Required funding:

\$1,442,000 (On-Going) and \$20,500 (One-Time)

Performance Measures/Projected Outcomes:

- USDB will adequately meet the requirements for Deaf and Blind student IEPs statewide
- USDB will retain its ability to meet budgetary obligations

Impact if not Funded:

- USDB may not be able to meet the legally mandated needs of deaf and hard of hearing students throughout the State.
- The state will be open to potential lawsuits and additional expenses.
- USDB may be required to provide reduced services to other students, incurring additional liability.

2 vehicles (Authorization only)

Purpose/Justification:

Mobile audiology van needed to serve students in remote

One small school bus needed for sports teams and small class outings

Specific Requirements/Programming:

Vehicles:

- Mobile Audiology van \$200,000
- Small bus \$80,000
- Both vehicles will be purchased using funds generated by school trust proceeds.
- Requirement:

\$0

Performance Measures/Projected Outcomes:

areas of southern Utah

- USDB students will have better transportation for certain activities.
- Children in remote areas will have access to audiology services from USDB.

Impact if not Funded:

 No funding is needed, USDB only needs legislative approval to purchase fleet vehicles.



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Modular Classroom Unit (One Time)

Purpose/Justification:

- Dilapidated modular building at Millcreek Elementary in Salt Lake County
- USDB has no separate facility funding like traditional LEAs
- Students need access to mainstream program
- Building long past its usable lifespan
- Upgrades are not advised
- Health and safety concerns without an improved learning environment

Specific Requirements/Programming:

Modular consists of:

- 4 classrooms
- Equipment storage space
- Restrooms
- Teacher prep and utility room
- Cabinetry
- Requirement: \$425,000 (One Time)

Performance Measures/Projected Outcomes:

- USDB students will have an adequate facility for their educational needs
- Allows USDB to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to our special education students as mandated by the federal IDEA.

Impact if not Funded:

- Facility continues to deteriorate and require expensive renovation
- Educators will have to use inferior portable facility
- Children with special needs will be subject to materials, smells, and other experiences that are not conducive to optimal learning



Land Acquisition (One Time)

Purpose/Justification:

- USDB Salt Lake Campus needs additional space for secondary classrooms and offices
- USDB has no separate facility funding like traditional LFAs
- Certain enrollments increasing
- High school students sharing space with elementary children
- Classroom space carved up for office space
- Closets used for therapy services
- Students learning in open teacher work space, using auditorium stage, etc.

Specific Requirements/Programming:

Land acquisition request includes:

- 2 residential lots
- Construction programming and design for site work and new classroom building
- Facility construction request will occur next year, subject to funding availability
- Requirement: \$900,000 (One Time)

Performance Measures/Projected Outcomes:

- USDB secondary students will have an adequate facility for their educational needs
- Allows USDB to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to our special education students as mandated by the federal IDEA.

Impact if not Funded:

- Students continue to learn in non-optimal repurposed spaces
- Educators do not have access to proper resources
- Children with disabilities subject to inferior learning environment compared to their non-diabled peers
- Students may be forced into alternative programs not designed for their unique needs

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Ogden Warehouse (One Time)

Purpose/Justification:

- Current interior warehouse space needed for USIMAC operations
- Metal warehouse building will be significantly less expensive than developing additional office space on or off campus
- Land is available on the back lot of the Ogden campus

Specific Requirements/Programming:

Warehouse building consists of:

- 7,500 Square feet of campus equipment and furnishings storage space
- Restrooms
- Additional Office space
- Shipping and receiving area
- Requirement: \$300,000 (One Time)

Performance Measures/Projected Outcomes:

- USIMAC staff will have sufficient space to produce materials needed by all districts and charter schools statewide
- USDB will have an adequate facility for warehousing needs

Impact if not Funded:

- USIMAC continues to struggle to produce sufficient materials
- Employees will continue under non-optimal working conditions
- Children with disabilities may go without timely materials needed for learning



USIMAC (One time)

Historical Funding Level and Program Purpose:

- USIMAC is the designated agency for production of braille materials required by blind children in schools throughout the state.
- Braille transcribers in short supply nationwide
- Utah was an early adopter of UEB code

Historical Funding Levels

SFY 18 = \$0

SFY 19 = \$500,000

SFY 20 = \$500,000

SFY 21 = \$0

Impact if not Funded:

Amount includes:

- Inability to meet the legally mandated needs of blind students throughout the State.
- High risk of litigation and additional expenses.
- USIMAC cannot execute its core mission
- Children cannot learn.

Required funding:

Braille transcribers
Proofreaders

PBN contract labor

Results/Benefits of the Program:

Tactile graphics transcribers

New space and equipment

\$500,000 (One time, year 3 of 3)

- USDB will adequately meet the demand for braille production statewide
- Legal compliance with IDEA
- USIMAC will retain its ability to meet budgetary obligations

Performance Measures/Projected Outcomes:

USIMAC will hire and train additional personnel

