

Statewide Online Education Program

(SOEP)



Background

- Guarantees access to (1) key coursework allowing progression to STEM pathways; (2) advanced coursework lessening cost of post-secondary studies to increase equity and access; (2) high-quality online learning options provided for all eligible secondary students, including students attending private school or home school and whose custodial parent is a Utah resident.
- Provides students the opportunity to earn high school graduation credit and middle school coursework through the completion of publicly funded online courses.
- In recent years, private school participation has expanded from a single school participating on a large scale to multiple schools participating on a large scale.
- Private and home school student participation has grown each year, but is limited to the approved appropriation.

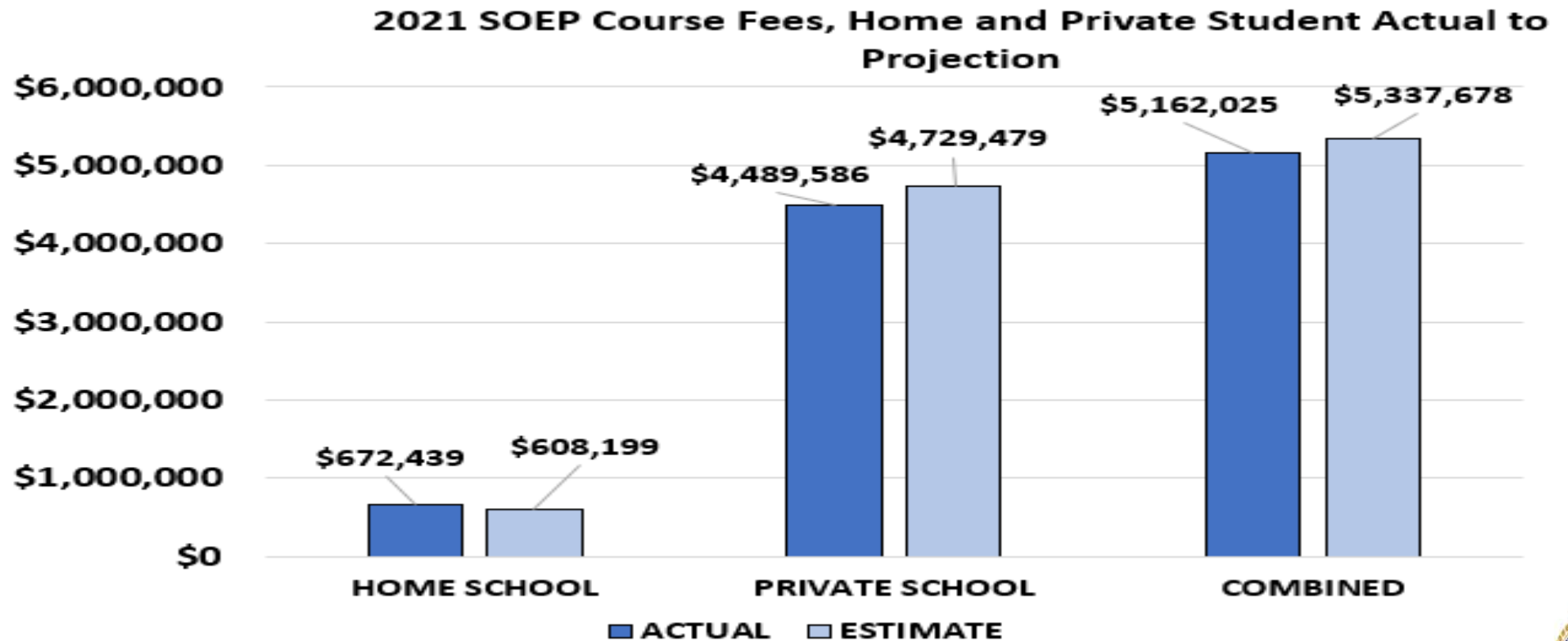
Enrollment Growth

<i>School Year</i>	<i>Quarter Credits</i>	<i>Unique Students</i>
2011-2012	794	190
2012-2013	1,911	1406
2013-2014	6,416	1,279
2014-2015	8,462	1,376
2015-2016	13,721	1,804
2016-2017	13,923	2,333
2017-2018	20,758	3,749
2018-2019	29,976	4,782
2019-2020	48,692	6,650
2020-2021	73,415	6,880
2021-2022	89,475	7,500

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Prior School Year

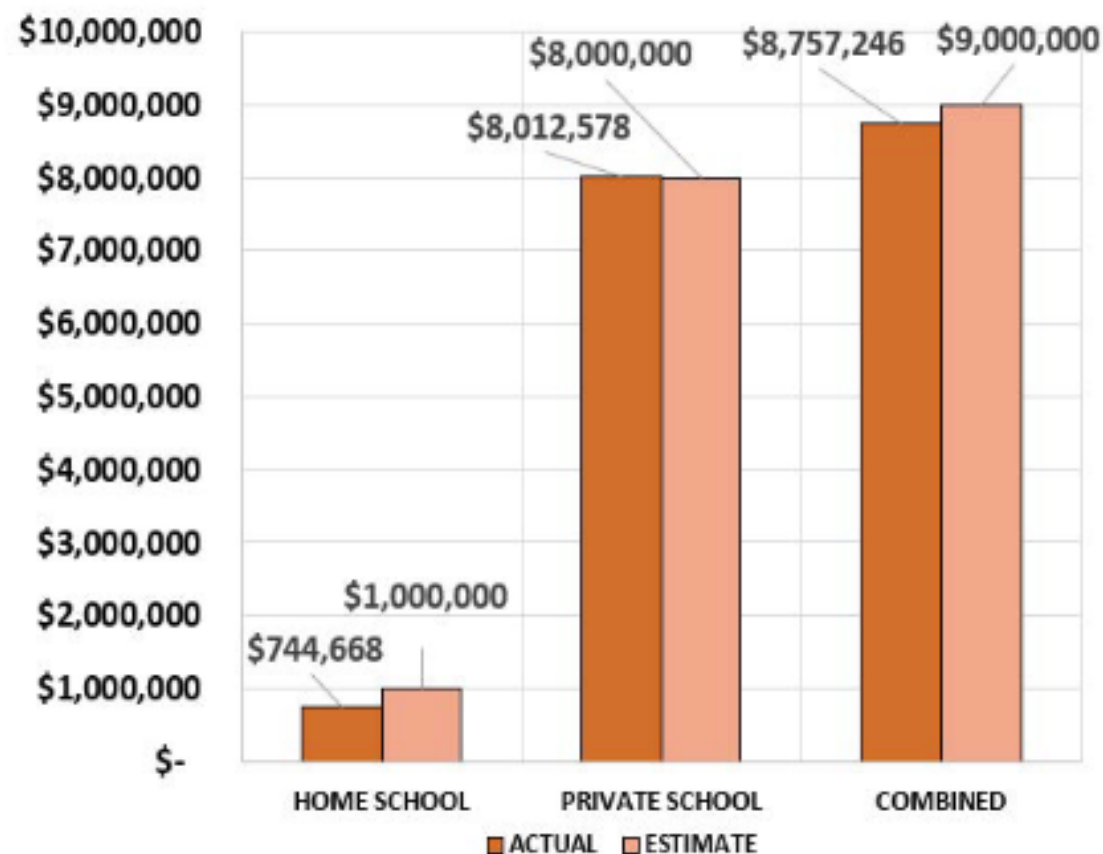


2021-22 Projection

2022 SOEP FEE HOME AND PRIVATE FEE PROJECTION



2022 SOEP FEE HOME AND PRIVATE FEE ACTUAL TO PROJECTION COMPARISON



Appropriations History

Sources of Finance	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Appropriated	2021 Estimate	2021 Rev. Approp	2022 Rev. Approp
<u>Education Fund</u>	750,000	759,400	787,200	831,500	4,057,700	4,057,700	6,157,100
<u>Education Fund, One-Time</u>	400,000	1,400	1,300	1,758,900	242,900	900	3,200,900



Eligibility

Private school participation 2022 was \$8.2 million and estimated* to be \$11.8 million 2023 by participating schools.


"Eligible student" means:

- (a) who intends to take a course for middle school or high school credit; and
- (b)
 - (i) who is enrolled in a district school or charter school in Utah; or
 - (ii)
 - (A) who attends a private school or home school; and
 - (B) whose custodial parent is a resident of Utah.

* *Estimated costs do not account for increases in Home and Private Middle Schoolers who become eligible for courses July 1, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year.*



Proposed Solution Options for Consideration

 Option 1: Supply Meets Demand	Option 2: Private School Student Fee Charge
Option 3: Remove Private School Participation	