

Prioritized Funding Requests

Utah State Board of Education

Programs/Request Amount	Description
1 WPU Value Increase Requested: \$186 Million	Increases the WPU by an estimated 6.5% (\$260 Million) above WPU inflation factor, with the goal of funding a combined increase of 10%.
2 USBE Market Adjustments Requested: \$6,894,903	Increases the salary ranges for key positions to make the agency more competitive in attracting and retaining talent.
3 Full-Day Kindergarten Requested: \$24.4 Million	Expands access to more Utah students, regardless of their geographic location, to support students in achieving higher outcomes.
4 Beverley Taylor Sorenson Requested: \$9.9 Million	Provides equitable access to integrated arts learning for every public elementary school student in Utah through qualified arts educators.
5 School Safety Physical Facilities Capital Needs Requested: \$175 Million*	Codifies a mandate for assessments of physical facilities, safety, and general capital needs; and funding for facilities and capital improvements.
6 Students At-Risk Add-On Requested: \$25.4 Million	Adjusts for the costs of providing needs-based services and supports for students in accordance with U.C.A. 53F-2-314.
7 Pupil Transportation Requested: \$12 Million	Decreases the amount of money a district needs to subsidize transportation costs from their general budget.
8 USBE Internal FTE Needs for Capacity and Service Requested: \$1.1 Million	Allows USBE to address capacity needs related to roles, responsibilities, requirements and improving service to the field.
9 Small District and Charter School Base Funding Requested: \$8.6 Million*	Maintains FY 2023 funding levels with the intent of developing and implementing economies of scale formulas; effective July 2024 or later.
10 Paid Preparation and Collaboration Hours for Educators Requested: \$64 Million	Provides additional time to educators for preparation and collaboration to improve student learning.

*One-time funding request

Additional 2023 Supported Business Cases

The following are additional business cases (listed alphabetically) that are supported by the Utah State Board.

Dual Language Immersion 1-9 Program Growth

Requested: \$2,337,000

Addresses the decline in the cost per student in DLI over the past four fiscal years by fully funding the program at \$100 per student as outlined in the 2008 SB 41, Critical Language Program.

Early Learning Coaches in Rural Schools

Requested: \$1,683,000

Provides instructional coaches in rural communities where LEAs have been unable to afford putting this kind of support in place.

Educator Licensing

Requested: \$5,170,400 / \$1,300,000*

Supports LEAs in their development of local educator preparation programs (EPPs) and educators to obtain quality preparation activities.

Family Engagement Specialist

Requested: \$156,800

Provides funding to establish a dedicated family engagement specialist who can enhance USBE's capacity to support family and community engagement, along with parental involvement across the state of Utah.

Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program

Requested: \$7,156,800

Extends the existing pilot program originally funded by HB 381 (2021) General Session to help address teacher and school counselor shortages while leveraging local community members interested in earning their teacher or school counselor credential.

Increasing Postsecondary Opportunities

Requested: \$2,500,000*

Creates a competency-based grant focused on supporting applicant LEAs in increasing successful student transitions between high school into postsecondary education.

Reduce Curricular and Co-curricular Fees

Requested: \$55,000,000

Reduces the amount of curricular and co-curricular fees LEAs can charge for FY 2024 and beyond and provides LEAs funding to help offset these reductions in revenues.

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RESA Market Increase

Requested: \$115,000

Addresses rising salary, benefit and inflation costs in the four Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs).

School Improvement USBE Capacity

Requested: \$313,600

Establishes in-house school improvement specialists who can provide support and services, in lieu of external service providers, to schools that are considered Springboard or Elevate schools (formerly school turnaround).

School Leadership Development Grant

Requested: \$5,000,000

Provides support to LEAs and regional service centers in the execution of principal pipelines inclusive of: meaningful job-embedded experiences to school leader candidates; three years of high-quality mentorship for every new school leader; support for principal supervisors; and a continuous cycle of improvement for all school leaders.

School Readiness Grants

Requested: \$8,000,000

Supports program growth and shifts federal funding back to state funding to remove federal regulations to better address local needs and prioritize the development of high-quality early learning.

SOEP Small Schools

Requested: \$7,212,339

Increases SOEP funding to meet anticipated course demand for students attending Small Schools (53F-4-518).

Supporting Recruitment and Retention Through Teacher Leadership

Requested: \$2,400,000

Creates a competitive grant program to retain teachers at all stages of their career by developing and elevating the teacher leader roles of professional learning leads, teacher mentors, and lead/master teachers.

Utah School Safety Academy

Requested: \$3,500,000

Creates the Utah School Safety Academy to provide ongoing, certified training for best practices in school safety, security, intervention/prevention, and emergency preparedness planning.

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