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Local Education Agency School Safety and Security Personnel Updates

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education has prepared the following report for the July 17, 2024 meeting¹ of the School Security Taskforce to summarize the progress of hiring the school safety and security personnel required under HB 84² at the following charter schools that are authorized by or have formal partnership arrangements with USHE institutions:

Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science (University of Utah)

- Relationship with the higher education institution: AMES was created in partnership with the University of Utah and Granite and Salt Lake City School Districts.³ AMES is physically located at Cottonwood High School in the Granite School District.
- Grades: 9-12
- 2023-2024 School Year Fall Enrollment: 469 students⁴
- School Safety and Security Specialist (53G-8-701.6⁵): Paul Cushing, pcushing@ames-slc.org
- School Safety and Security Director (53G-8-701.8⁶): Principal Brett Wilson, bwilson@ames-slc.org
- Other safety and security personnel needs identified by the school safety needs assessment (53G-8-701.5(2)(a)(ii)⁷): AMES conducted its school safety needs assessment in conjunction with Cottonwood High School this summer. AMES is currently served by two School Resource Officers - one from Murray Police Department who serves from 7:00 AM to 2:10 PM, and a Granite School Police Officer who serves from 11:00 AM until the school closes.
- Exceptions requested under 53G-8-701.5(3)(a)⁸: None

¹ [School Security Taskforce July 17, 2024 Agenda](#)

² [HB 84: School Safety Amendments \(2024 General Session\)](#)

³ [Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science Charter Application](#)

⁴ [Utah State Board of Education Fall Enrollment by Grade Level and Demographics: October 1, 2023, School Year 2023-2024](#)

⁵ [Utah Code § 53B-8-701.6](#)

⁶ [Utah Code § 53B-8-701.8](#)

⁷ [Utah Code § 53B-8-701.5\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

⁸ [Utah Code § 53B-8-701.5\(3\)\(a\)](#)

Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science: Davis and Ogden campuses (Weber State University)

- Relationship with the higher education institution: NUAMES is located on and partners with Weber State University.⁹
- Grades: 10-12
- 2023-2024 School Year Fall Enrollment: 713 students (Davis campus)¹⁰, 453 students (Ogden campus)¹¹
- School Safety and Security Specialist (53G-8-701.6): Angela Ito (Davis campus), angelaito@weber.edu; Stephanie Grotzky (Ogden campus), stephaniegrotzky@weber.edu
- School Safety and Security Director (53G-8-701.8): Nathan Taggart (both campuses), natetaggart@weber.edu
- Other safety and security personnel needs identified by the school safety needs assessment (53G-8-701.5(2)(a)(ii)): Although NUAMES is waiting to receive the School Safety Needs Assessment due in December, both campuses have completed a yearly emergency procedure required for all K12 schools. Currently, NUAMES also has a full-time resource officer at each campus: Brett Paulsen at the Davis campus (brettpaulsen@weber.edu) and Cameron Kapetanov at the Ogden campus (ameronkapetanov@weber.edu).
- Exceptions requested under 53G-8-701.5(3)(a): None

SUCCESS Academy: SUU and UT campuses (Southern Utah University, Utah Tech University)

- Relationship with the higher education institutions: SUCCESS Academy's charter is authorized by the Iron County School District and Washington School District. The charter leases space on the Southern Utah University and Utah Tech University campuses.¹²
- Grades: 9-12 (SUU campus), 10-12 (UT campus)
- 2023-2024 School Year Fall Enrollment: 205 students (SUU campus)¹³, 317 students (UT campus)¹⁴
- School Safety and Security Specialist (53G-8-701.6): Micah Jackson (SUU campus), jackson@successacademy.org; Scott Henrie (UT campus), henrie@successacademy.org
- School Safety and Security Director (53G-8-701.8): Gavin Hawkley (both campuses), hawkley@successacademy.org

⁹ [Weber State University – NUAMES Early College High School Partnership](#)

¹⁰ [Utah State Board of Education Fall Enrollment by Grade Level and Demographics: October 1, 2023, School Year 2023-2024](#)

¹¹ [Utah State Board of Education Fall Enrollment by Grade Level and Demographics: October 1, 2023, School Year 2023-2024](#)

¹² [SUCCESS Academy – How Does SUCCESS Academy Work?](#)

¹³ [Utah State Board of Education Fall Enrollment by Grade Level and Demographics: October 1, 2023, School Year 2023-2024](#)

¹⁴ [Utah State Board of Education Fall Enrollment by Grade Level and Demographics: October 1, 2023, School Year 2023-2024](#)

- Other safety and security personnel needs identified by the school safety needs assessment (53G-8-701.5(2)(a)(ii)): Both SUU SUCCESS Academy and UT SUCCESS Academy performed a needs assessment last year and will conduct another assessment later this year to comply with HB 84.
- Exceptions requested under 53G-8-701.5(3)(a): None

Utah Career Path High School (Davis Technical College)

- Relationship with the higher education institution: Davis Technical College authorizes the charter for Career Path High School.¹⁵
- Grades: 9-12
- 2023-2024 School Year Fall Enrollment: 168 students¹⁶
- School Safety and Security Specialist (53G-8-701.6) and School Safety and Security Director (53G-8-701.8): Assistant Principal Jessica Aydlette, jessica.aydlette@utahcph.org
- Other safety and security personnel needs identified by the school safety needs assessment (53G-8-701.5(2)(a)(ii)): Career Path High School completed a safety assessment early in the 2023-2024 school year and will complete another assessment this fall to comply with HB 84. CPH currently employs one school resource officer (Ryan Freeman, ryan.freeman@davistech.edu).
- Exceptions requested under 53G-8-701.5(3)(a): None

¹⁵ [Utah Career Path High School Charter](#)

¹⁶ [Utah State Board of Education Fall Enrollment by Grade Level and Demographics: October 1, 2023, School Year 2023-2024](#)