

School Safety Updates

Utah State Board of Education
School Safety Center

School Security Task Force Meeting
September 22, 2025

USBE Strategic Plan Update

In their September meeting, the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) voted to formalize the following three goals as part of its Strategic Plan:

1. Elevate student learning
2. Promote educator quality and effectiveness
3. Optimize oversight and accountability

Progress Report (1)

- R277-400
 - Recovery Definitions
 - Incident Response Method
 - Avoid, Deny, Defend, and Aid Protocols
 - School Safety Training and Security Program
- School Safety Dashboard up for approval on the USBE Consent Calendar in October
- 100% of schools have School Safety and Security Specialists
- 100% of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) have a School Safety Director

Progress Report (2)

- Standard Response Protocols are being used; more training is needed
- Bleed Control Kits and First Aid Kits will be in all schools this fall
- Wearable Panic Alert Devices proposals are under review for selection
- School Safety Needs Assessment is in final stages of review
- Early Warning System update
- School Safety Compliance Framework

School Safety Center Recommendations (1)

- Data Collection Alignment
- Student Advisory Safety Council
- Prevention
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Mental Health Supports
 - Protective Factor Framework
 - Averted School Violence
- Postvention
 - Crisis Response
 - Recovery
 - Reunification



School Safety Center Recommendations (2)

- Digital Threat Assessment
- School Sponsored Events
 - Athletic
 - Dances
 - Graduations

Questions?

Thank you for prioritizing this important effort, which not only ensures compliance with state requirements but also significantly advances our shared commitment to creating safe and secure school environments for our students and families.