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**Part 1**  
**Policy and Planning for Utah's Public Education System**

**53A-1-101 Policy for Utah's public education system.**

- (1)
  - (a) The continuous cultivation of an informed and virtuous citizenry among succeeding generations is essential to the state and the nation.
  - (b) The state's public education system is established and maintained as provided in Utah Constitution, Article X, and this title.
  - (c) Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for the education of their children and elect representatives in the Legislature and on state and local school boards to administer the state public education system, which provides extensive support and assistance. All children of the state are entitled to a free elementary and secondary public education as provided in Utah Constitution, Article X.
  - (d) Public schools fulfill a vital purpose in the education and preparation of informed and responsible citizens who:
    - (i) fully understand and lawfully exercise their individual rights and liberties;
    - (ii) become self-reliant and able to provide for themselves and their families; and
    - (iii) contribute to the public good and the health, welfare, and security of the state and the nation.
- (2) In the implementation of all policies, programs, and responsibilities adopted in accordance with this title, the Legislature, the State Board of Education, local school boards, and charter school governing boards shall:
  - (a) respect, protect, and further the interests of parents and guardians in their children's public education; and
  - (b) promote and encourage full and active participation and involvement of parents and guardians at all public schools.

Repealed and Re-enacted by Chapter 415, 2015 General Session

**53A-1-102.5 Planning for Utah's public education system.**

- (1) Before November 30, 2016, the State Board of Education shall:
  - (a)
    - (i) prepare a report that summarizes, for the last 15 years or more, the policies and programs established by, and the performance history of, the state's public education system; and
    - (ii) prepare a formal 10-year plan for the state's public education system, including recommendations to:
      - (A) repeal outdated policies and programs; and
      - (B) clarify and correlate current policies and programs; and
  - (b) submit the report and plan described in Subsection (1)(a) to the Education Interim Committee for review and recommendations.
- (2) The State Board of Education shall review and maintain the 10-year plan described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii) and submit the updated plan to the Education Interim Committee for review and approval at least once every five years.

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