

Board Summary

August 1, 2024 Board Meeting

The Utah State Board of Education:

- Discussed draft [funding requests](#) for the 2025 legislative session.
- Requested statutory changes, including amendments that would include the Utah School For the Deaf and Blind as one of the eligible recipients of the SHINE funding.
- Received a briefing from USBE's Parent Liaison and Engagement Specialist on the agency's new Parent Portal and the work that is being done at USBE to better engage with parents of Utah students.
- Approved several proposed new rules, including: [school personnel emails](#) and funding distribution to [science outreach organizations](#).
- Renewed four-day [waiver requests](#) for Tintic and Rich School Districts.
- [Full agenda](#).

Board Discusses Preliminary Legislative Funding Requests for the 2025 General Session

The Utah State Board of Education discussed preliminary [funding requests](#) for the upcoming 2025 General Legislative Session. The proposals include additional funding to expand career and technical education options for K-12 schools, continuing paid professional hours for educators, and one-time funding for school safety needs across the state.

Additionally, the Board directed staff to develop a draft funding proposal for critical personnel needs at the USBE for consideration at the next Board meeting,

The Board will also continue to consider legislative funding requests during the September Board meeting and will finalize its list of priorities during the October Board meeting for submission to the Governor's Office in alignment with the Budgetary Procedures Act.

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Board Makes Requests for Statutory Changes

The Utah State Board of Education has asked staff to work with legislators on potential [amendments to the Utah Code](#). The potential statutory requests include:

1. Amending Section [53E-2-304](#) to remove the “individual learning plan” from this section’s required policy because it is already included as part of the plan for college and career readiness.
2. Amending State Code [53G-7-218](#) to align with code changes that took place in the 2024 General Session due to the repeal of State Code [53F-2-503](#).
3. Amending Section [53F-2-504](#), Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators to include the Utah School For the Deaf and Blind as one of the eligible recipients of the SHINE funding.

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Board Receives Briefing from USBE Parent Liaison and Engagement Specialist on Agency's New Parent Portal

The Utah State Board of Education received a briefing from the USBE Parent Engagement Specialist. This position, created during the 2023 General Legislative Session, is focused on providing support for parents to navigate the public education system, access resources, and understand processes in support of their child's education. The presentation highlighted the [USBE Parent Portal website](#) which provides specific resources for parents of students in public education.

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Board Approves Research Data Sharing Agreement with Department of Health and Human Services

The Utah State Board of Education approved a [data sharing agreement](#) with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). DHHS has requested identified student-level data to evaluate the efficacy of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), which is an early childhood developmental screener.

This agreement includes the following updates:

- The conflict of interest provision was supplemented to clarify that Board members and staff are not to be involved--directly or indirectly--in the research.
- The notice language which will be provided to participating parents was changed to clarify that data sharing from USBE will not extend past third grade.
- The output description was supplemented to indicate that DHHS will explore the possibility of providing their research results to participating parents.

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Board Approves Four-Day School Week Waiver Requests from Tintic and Rich School Districts

The Utah State Board of Education approved waiver renewal requests from [Tintic School District](#) and [Rich School District](#). These districts have requested a waiver under [R277-419\(4\)](#), which states that an LEA shall provide educational services over a

minimum of 180 school days each school year. The approval allows these LEAs to continue to offer a four-day school week.

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Board Recommends Extension of Grants that are Nearing Sunset Date

The Utah State Board of Education was in agreement that Education Interim Committee [Section 53F-5-214, Grant for Professional Learning](#) and [Section 53F-5-215, Elementary Teacher Preparation Grant](#) should be extended instead of sunseting. This recommendation will be provided to the Utah legislature for their consideration.

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Board Amends Board Policy 2004: Board Member Communications

The Utah State Board of Education approved [Board Policy 2004: Board Member Communications](#). This approved version incorporated a recommended change from the Board's AAGs into Drafts 5 and 6. The approved policy incorporates a change recommended by the Board's legal counsel on social media communication, as well as includes provisions to increase transparency between board leadership and members of the Board.

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Board Approves Special Education Standards, Amends Teacher Preparation Rule

The Utah State Board of Education unanimously approved [Special Education Standards for Educator Preparation Programs](#). The approved standards incorporate components from the Council for Exceptional Children's (CEC) 2020 K12 Initial Standards. The standards are incorporated by reference in [R277-304, Teacher Preparation Programs](#), which the Board also amended.

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New Administrative Rules, Amendments, and Repeals

The Utah State Board of Education approved, amended, or repealed the following administrative rules:

- [R277-124, Teacher Bonuses for Extra Assignments](#). This rule is being repealed because the program was launched with one-time funding that was not continued.
- [R277-925, Effective Teachers in High-Poverty Schools](#). This rule is being amended to align with [SB 64](#).
- [R277-482, School Personnel Email Addresses](#). This rule is being created because of a requirement in [HB 82](#) for LEAs to submit school personnel work email addresses to USBE.
- [R277-600, Student Transportation Standards](#). This rule is being amended to add an oversight category and eliminate the section on the Rural School District Transportation Grant Program based on legislative action during the 2024 General Session.
- [R277-327, School Leadership Development Grant](#). This rule is being repealed after the legislature did not authorize new funding for the continuation of the program.
- [R277-321, Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarship Program](#). This rule is being repealed based on legislative action in the 2024 General Session
- [R277-324, Paraprofessional/Paraeducator Programs, Assignments, and Qualifications](#). The rule is being amended to remove several subsections following the passage of [SB 2](#).
- [R277-625, Student Mental Health Amendments](#). This rule is being amended to comply with new changes made to the program during the 2024 legislative session.

- [R277-110 Educator Salary Adjustment](#). This rule is being amended to add the oversight category, clarify when an educator becomes ineligible for the adjustment by virtue of unsatisfactory ratings, and update the date for the salary adjustment in rule.
- [R277-479, Funding for Charter School Students with Disabilities](#). This rule is being amended to clarify how to calculate the amount of funds a new charter school will receive for providing services to special education students.
- [R277-477 Distribution of Funds from the Trust Distribution Account and Administration of the School LAND Trust Program](#). This rule is being amended to align with legislation passed during the 2024 session.
- [R277-443, Distribution of Money to Science Outreach Organizations](#). This rule is being created based on legislative action during the 2024 General Session.
- [R277-444, Distribution of Money to Arts and Science Organizations](#). This rule is being created based on legislative action during the 2024 General Session.
- [R277-932, Teaching Self-Government Skills for Success, Classroom Communication, and Discipline Framework Pilot Program](#). This rule is being created due to the passage of 2024 [SB 159](#), which requires the Board to create a course on teaching self-government skills for success.
- [R277-613, LEA Policies and Training Regarding Bullying, Cyber-bullying, Hazing, Retaliation, and Abusive Conduct](#). This rule is being amended to include additional reporting requirements for LEAs for cyber-bullying, retaliation, and hazing incidents. It also clarifies requirements for parent communication processes.
- [R277-630-1, Child Sex Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention Training and Instruction](#). This rule is being amended due to recent legislation that requires the addition of the definition of age-appropriate training and a request for proposals (RFP) process for a contractor to provide ongoing instruction in Utah Schools.
- [R277-495, Electronic Devices in Public Schools](#). This rule is being updated due to changes from [SB 92](#), which requires LEAs and schools to provide non-electronic means of communicating with students for school activities and coursework.

- [R277-304, Teacher Preparation Programs](#). This rule has been updated to provide clarification on board-approved special education teacher preparation competencies.
- [R277-331, Stipends for Future Educators](#). This rule is being amended to clarify how LEAs pay stipends to student teachers to encourage more individuals to consider entering the field of teaching.

Board Approves Consent Calendar

The Utah State Board of Education approved its consent calendar as amended.

Highlights of Friday's Committee Meetings and Study Session

The Utah State Board of Education [Standards and Assessment, Law and Licensing, and Finance Committees](#) met on Friday, August 2. Items approved in committee meetings will be heard by the full Board during its September meeting.

Standards and Assessment Committee met in a hybrid format from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Highlights from the meeting include:

- Preliminary approval of [Child Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention Materials](#) as required by Utah Code 53G-9-207 and Board Rule 277-630.
- Preliminary approval of [R277-419\(2\), Pupil Accounting](#).

Law and Licensing Committee met in a hybrid format from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Highlights from the meeting include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-701, Early College Programs](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-333, Apprenticeship Rule](#).

Finance Committee met online from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Highlights from the meeting include:

- Preliminary approval of the [Prioritization of Fiscal Year 2024 Carry Forward Funds for Suicide Prevention and LEA Financial Systems](#).
- Preliminary approval of [Department of Corrections Use of the Aspire Student Information System](#).