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Attendance

[Utah Code Section 53G-6-206](#)

LEAs must promote regular attendance and address truancy. These efforts should include:

- Sharing of up-to-date attendance policy.
- Counseling and attendance monitoring.
- Compulsory Ed (Grades 1-6) or Truancy (Grades 7-12) violation notices.
- Curriculum / schedule adjustments.
- Parent collaboration.
- Access to mediation and support resources.
- Incorporating attendance into grades if:
 - An individualized plan is developed with the parent and teacher.
 - Written parental consent is obtained (can be revoked at any time).

Bullying Prevention

[Utah Code Section 53G-9-207, Board Rule R277-613](#)

- Required bullying prevention training for all students, school employees, coaches, and volunteers.
- A school must investigate all reports of bullying.
- A school or LEA must create an action plan for each verified bullying incident.
- LEAs must designate a lead at the LEA level to oversee bullying prevention and response:
 - Oversees the implementation of the action plan.
 - Trains staff on bullying, cyberbullying, hazing, retaliation, abusive conduct, and civil rights laws.
 - For each incident, monitors implementation of the LEA's policy regarding parent communication.
 - Acts as the LEA liaison to USBE.

- Assists schools with case-specific needs.
- [Local Education Agency \(LEA\) Bullying Policy Checklist](#) (March 2026)

Child Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention

[Utah Code Section 53G-9-207](#)

- Training is required every 3 years for adults working in schools.
- LEAS are required to offer training to parents/guardians every 3 years.
- Instruction is optional for elementary students.
 - Prevent Child Abuse Utah is contracted as the state approved provider
 - Grant funds are available to use alternative providers
- All instructional materials must be State Board-approved and a list of approved materials can be found on the [Prevention Website](#).

Early Warning Systems

[Utah Code Section 53F-4-207](#)

- All LEAs are required to implement a digital early warning system (EWS) using student-level data (academics, attendance, behavior, discipline, safety, course failures).
- Panorama Education has been selected as the USBE contractor.
- USBE will cover 50% of the total cost, up to \$2,000 per school, for LEAs choosing the USBE contractor.
- Schools may choose their own vendor, but the vendor must meet the requirements as stated in Utah Code and the LEA will be responsible to cover the full cost.
- The EWS must:
 - Auto-flag students meeting LEA defined thresholds for targeted teacher support.
 - Enable educators to develop and track prevention/intervention plans.
 - Generate annual impact reports for Board/stakeholders using aggregate, de-identified data.

Parent Seminars

[Utah Code Section 53G-9-703](#)

- A school district shall offer one parent seminar per 11,000 students (up to 3) that:

- Is offered at no cost.
- Begins after 6 p.m. or on a Saturday.
- Is held in at least one school in the district or virtually.
- Seminars must cover:
 - Substance use, including illegal and prescription drugs and prevention.
 - Bullying.
 - Mental health, depression, suicide awareness and prevention, including limited access to fatal means.
 - Internet safety, including pornography addiction.
 - School safety and crisis lines.

Positive Behaviors Plan (Substance Use Prevention)

[Utah Code Section 53G-10-407](#)

- Each school must have a positive behaviors plan (substance use prevention plan).
- In creating the plan, school principals shall consider input from students, parents, and staff.
- The Positive Behavior Plan must address all of the following:
 - Peer pressure.
 - Mental health.
 - Creating meaningful relationships.
- Plans must be submitted to the local Board for approval.

Suicide Prevention

[Utah Code Section 53G-9-702](#) and [Board Rule R277-620](#)

- Each school must implement a youth suicide prevention program.
- Programs in elementary and secondary grades must address the following:
 - Life-affirming education, including the concepts of resiliency, healthy habits, self-care, problem solving, and conflict resolution.
 - Methods of strengthening the family.
 - Methods of strengthening a youth's relationships in the school and community.
- Programs in secondary grades must also address the following:
 - Prevention of youth suicide.
 - Decreasing the risk of suicide among youth who:

- Are not accepted by family for any reason, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth.
 - Suffer from bullying.
 - Youth suicide intervention.
 - Postvention for family, students, and faculty.
- Each school district and charter school shall coordinate with the following prevention programs:
 - Prevention of bullying and cyber-bullying as defined in [Utah Code Section 53G-9-601](#); and
 - Prevention of underage drinking of alcohol and substance abuse under [Utah Code Section 53G-10-406](#).
- Each school may select the evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging best practices and programs, for preventing suicide that the school implements.

Underage Drinking and Substance Use Prevention

[Utah Code Section 53G-10-406](#) and [Board Rule R277-910](#)

- Schools must offer an underage drinking and substance use prevention program to students in the following grades:
 - 4 or 5.
 - 7 or 8.
 - 9 or 10.
- The Botvin LifeSkills Training Program is currently the only approved underage drinking and substance use prevention program.