Model Policy Webinar

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EFD Grading: Course Grade Replacement

- ► HB 191 Revisions to Utah Code § 53E-3-501
- Change in terminology, additional definitions
 - Grade "Replacement," not "Forgiveness"
 - "Packet Method"
 - "Original credit"
 - "Replacement credit"
- Requirements and restrictions
 - ▶ Teacher-led, graded course (same or comparable)
 - No packets permitted

EFE Grading: Packet Credit

- HB 191, High School Credit Amendments
 - Amends Utah Code § 53E-3-501
- Standards for packets
 - Either recommended by USBE or approved as instructional material by the board of education
- May be used for replacement credit or original credit (not grade replacement)
- Identification and reporting
 - Distinct course name and number
 - Track the number of packets used per year

ECL Curriculum: Firearm Safety

- Implementation of Utah Code § 53E-4-207, enacted by H.B. 104
- Requires districts to provide firearm safety instruction, with parental notice and opt out
 - "To a grade," 3 times in K-6, 1 time in middle school 1 time in high school
 - Developmentally appropriate for grade level
 - Safe handling and storage of firearms
 - Politically neutral
- Instruction options
- Actual firearms require firearms exempt instructor

- ▶ New, implements R277-722
- "Focused Graduation Pathway"
 - A junior or senior who is significantly behind can earn core credit through GED tests
- School requirements
 - Approved application to board of education
 - Operational requirements
- Student eligibility
 - ▶ 16, enrolled junior or senior
 - Significantly behind
 - 9th Grade reading level
 - Meeting and consent
- Requirements
 - Continued enrollment
 - GED testing
- Outcome
 - Core credit
 - Regular diploma and graduation

EHC Graduation: Focused Graduation Pathway