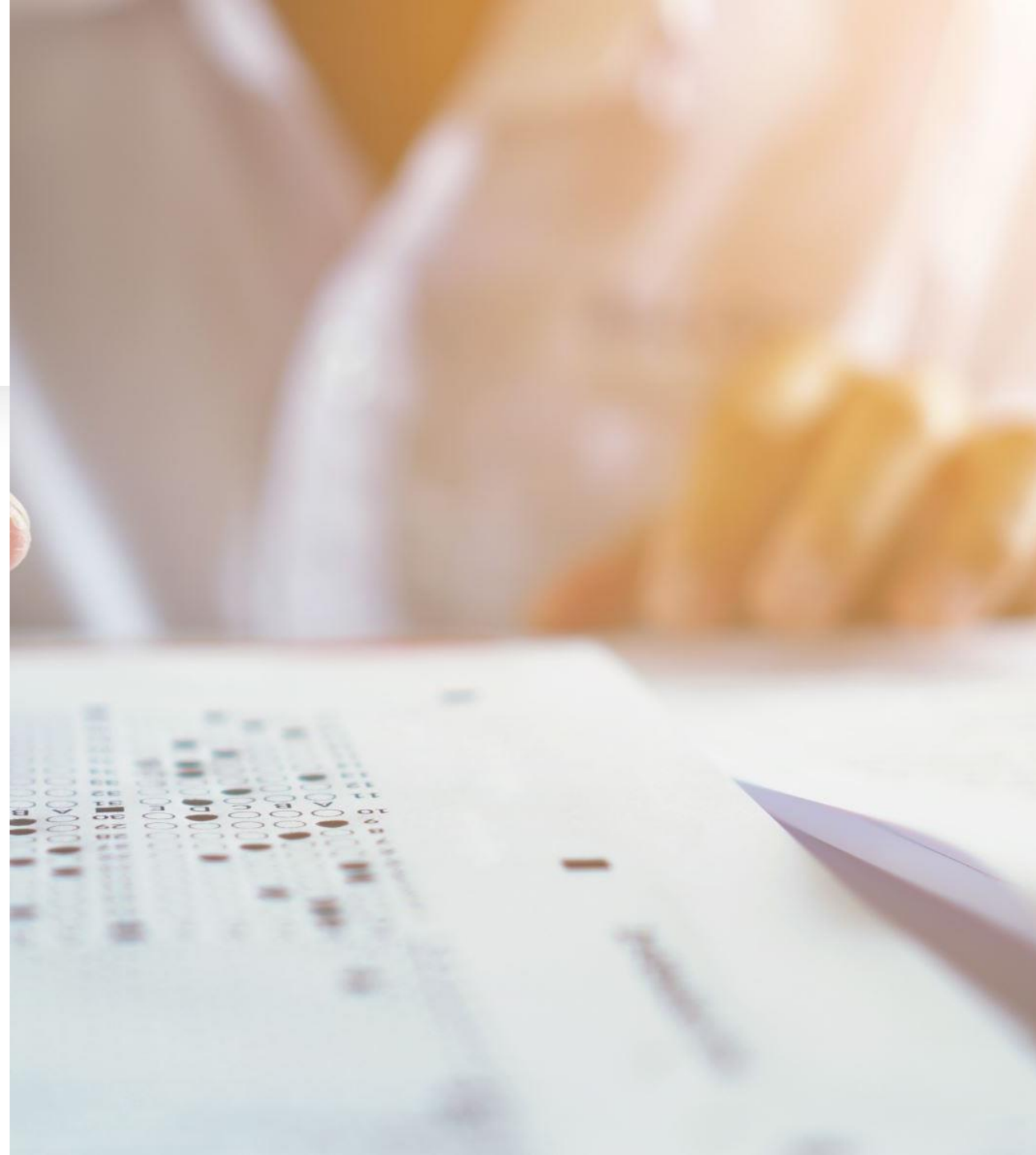


Model Policy Webinar

May 2026

CAH Program Accounting

- Revised, to reflect 2025 changes to R277-113
- R277-113-8: LEA Accounting Requirements
 - Fee and fee waiver accounting must align with GASB34
 - Minimum semi-annual reimbursement requests from federal programs
 - Submit intent to fully expend or waive federal award nine months before the end of the grant period
- R277-113-11: LEA Recordkeeping for flexible use of restricted funds
 - New section, moved from R277-113-9
 - Relates to authority under Utah Code 53F-2-209 to reallocate a portion of state funding and to transfer balances
 - Removed requirement to refund remaining funds not used during the year
 - Acknowledged there may not be expenditure details to provide, now states that the report to the approved chart of accounts includes expenditure details if applicable

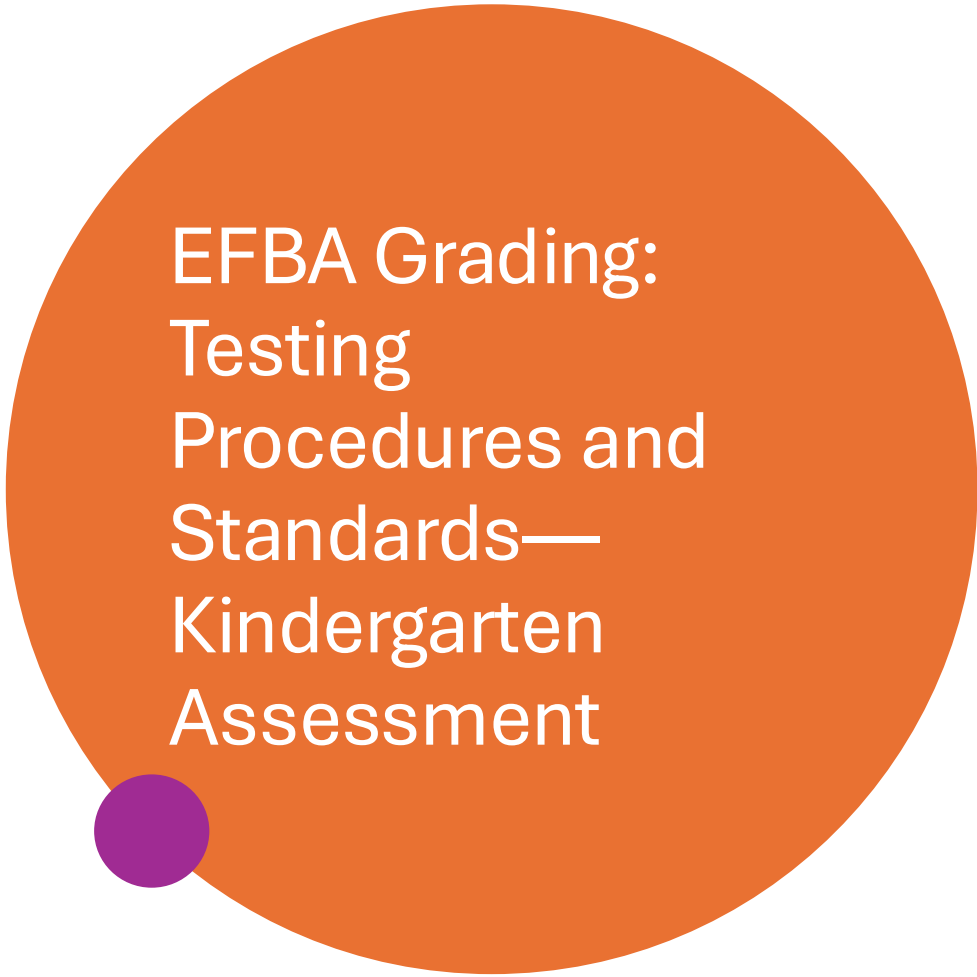


DHCD Credit for Prior Teaching

- Repeal of Utah Code § 53F-2-305
 - Mandated that schools grant credit to new certified employees for prior teaching experience in Utah
- Districts may still want to grant credit for prior teaching experience as a hiring incentive
- Revised policy therefore provides that such credit may be allowed

ECC Curriculum: Early Learning Plan

- 2025 Legislature amended Utah Code § 53G-7-218, which has requirements for early learning plans
 - Removal of requirement that the plan be approved in a public meeting
 - Removed language requiring an additional goal (either literacy or mathematics), providing instead for two goals that meet the general requirements
 - Specific to the District
 - Measurable
 - Addresses current mathematics performance gaps
 - Includes specific strategies for improving outcomes
 - Elimination of required early learning plan goals relating to literacy (addressed elsewhere)
- H.B. 312 (2026) repealed Utah Code § 53G-7-218, removing the statutory requirement for early learning plans
 - Pending revisions to ECC to reflect August 2025 USBE revisions of R277-406-5 (early learning plan requirement)
 - Potential further changes to the rule because of repeal of statute
- S.B. 241 (2026) revised and enacted statutes relating to early literacy, including both assessments and required interventions, which will result in revision to this policy or other policies



EFBA Grading: Testing Procedures and Standards— Kindergarten Assessment

- This policy reflected the requirement that schools perform kindergarten entry and exit assessments, detailed permissible uses of data from the assessments, established by R277-489
- USBE repealed R277-489, eliminating the requirement
- Therefore, Policy EFBA was deleted from the model policy set
- This doesn't mean that such assessments cannot be done, just that they are not expressly required.

FABA Participation in Sex-Designated Athletic Activities, Programs, and Events

- FABA implements statutory restrictions relating to sex and athletic participation in Title 53G, Chapter 6, Part 9
- Essentially, those statutes prohibit males from participating in athletic activities designated for females
- H.B. 269 (2025), Privacy Protections in Sex-Designated Areas
 - Amended Utah Code § 63G-31-201, “Distinctions on the basis of sex”
 - The restrictions do not apply to students who have obtained permission from the School Activity Eligibility Commission to participate in interscholastic activities that do not correspond with the student’s birth certificate sex designation
- FABA amended to include that exception and to cite Utah Code § 53G-6-1004, which addresses eligibility for interscholastic athletics

GA Public Information Program Public Records

- Revised to reflect changes to the state appeal body for records requests under GRAMA
- GRAMA process:
 - Request to governmental entity
 - Appeal to chief administrative officer of entity
 - Appeal to state body
- Previously, the appeal of the CAO decision was either to the State Records Committee or to court
- Legislative amendments replaced the State Records Committee with the State Records Office and its Director
 - The Director now hears appeals from the CAO decision
- GA was revised to reflect that changed appeal process
- Revision to reflect clarification regarding prepayment of fees because of unpaid prior fees



Upcoming Policy Revisions

- FGAB Student Electronic Devices
 - Default bell-to-bell prohibition
 - Prohibition of AI glasses
 - Parent request for brief cellphone use in designated area
- FI Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
 - Maximum amount to be waived
 - Cap on fee waivers for “school trips”
- H.B. 329 (2026)
 - New categories of leave
 - Clarification of distinctions between school and state benefits
- Attendance
 - H.B. 145 (2026)
 - H.B. 502 (2026)
 - S.B. 58 (2026)