



Model Policy Webinar

JUNE 2026

EFF Grading: Citizenship and Attendance

- ▶ Revised, to reflect changes to student grading
- ▶ Attendance grading (Utah Code § 53G-6-213)
 - ▶ 10% grade component for grading in grades 7-12
 - ▶ Additional attendance percentage (up to 20%) through a compliant policy
 - ▶ Policy requirements
 - ▶ Specify courses and percentage to be applied
 - ▶ Exclude excused absences
 - ▶ Establish reasonable limits on excluded excused absences
 - ▶ Posting and parental notice
- ▶ Citizenship grading (Utah Code § 53E-4-208)
 - ▶ For the 2027-2028 school year, under anticipated USBE rules
 - ▶ Skills and attributes relating to college and career readiness
 - ▶ USBE to establish standards, local boards may add additional standards
 - ▶ Parental opt out and notice to parents



DKE Postpartum and Parental Leave

- ▶ Prior requirement: 3 work weeks of postpartum and 3 work weeks of parental leave (Utah Code § 53G-11-209)
- ▶ Additional types of leave, effective July 1, 2026
- ▶ “Adoption leave” for adoption of a “young child”
- ▶ “Foster leave” for becoming a foster parent

FGAB Student Electronic Devices

- ▶ Changes by SB 69 (2026), School Device Revisions, and HB 44 (2026), School Security Personnel Standards
- ▶ Ban on cellphones extended from during classroom hours to during school hours
- ▶ Prior exceptions remain in place (generally, health and safety reasons)
- ▶ AI glasses
 - ▶ Defined in terms of AI used for real-time analysis of data collected through sensors
 - ▶ Prohibited without exception
- ▶ Utah Admin. Rules R277-495
 - ▶ Restrictions and standards regarding electronic devices also apply to equipment provided by a District educational service provider

FI Student Fees, Fines, and Charges

- ▶ Revisions to Utah Code § 53G-7-504 by HB 142 (2026)
- ▶ Establish the maximum amount of fees that will be waived for each student
- ▶ Fee waivers for “school trips” limited to two trips per year
 - ▶ Definition of “school trip”
 - ▶ Required service for waiver for second trip
- ▶ Practical considerations