Utah STATE OFFICE OF Education

STUDENT SERVICES AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS

New Graduation Rates

The new federal 4-year cohort graduation rate:

(1) must be reported on the 2010-11 State Report Card
(2) must be reported on the 2011-12 AYP Report Cards

A committee of Stakeholders has met and made the following decisions in regards to this new rate:

(1) Utah will change the official graduation rate definitions and calculations to the new required federal rate. New reports will be generated using the new rate beginning with 2008 cohort.
(2) High Schools with grades 9 – 12 will have a 3 year cohort rate and a 4 year cohort rate
(3) High Schools with grades 10 – 12 will have a 3 year cohort rate
(4) AYP reports will use the 3 year cohort rate (10 – 12 schools) and the 4 year cohort rate (9 – 12 schools)
(5) State reports used for comparing schools will use the 3 year cohort rate
(6) Reports will show the following categories:
    a. Graduates
    b. Other completers
    c. Continuing students
    d. Dropouts
(7) The AYP goal will be changed to 71.8% (previously 85.7%)
(8) An increase in graduation rate for AYP purposes will be a two percentage point increase (same as the 2009-10 reports)

Calculation Changes

(1) Graduate
    a. Basic high school diploma
    b. Adult education secondary diploma (Carnegie units)

(2) Other Completer
    a. UAA
    b. GED
    c. Certificate of Completion

(3) Continuing student
    a. Retained Senior
    b. Transferred to Higher Education
    c. Transferred to UCAT

(4) Dropout
    a. Withdrawn
    b. Unknown status
    c. Dropout

Extended Year Rates

(1) Utah will not produce a 5 year or a 6 year cohort rate
(2) These may require increased AYP goals and targets
(3) Data does not support increased value by doing extended year rates