

Utah Core Curriculum 101

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What is the Core?

- Established January 1984
- Aligned to scientifically-based research
- Standards, Objectives, Indicators
- Used to provide direction in determining professional development needs
- Organizes the Utah system for assessing students' learning and instructional effectiveness

How is the Core organized?

- **Standard:** a broad statement of what students are expected to know and be able to do.
- **Objective:** A more focused description of what students are expected to do at the completion of instruction.
 - **Indicator:** A measurable or observable student action for use to judge whether a student has mastered a particular objective.

Utah Studies Examples

- **Standard 3:** Students will understand the relationship between government and the people of Utah
 - **Objective 3:** Assess the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
 - **Indicators:**
 - a. Compare and contrast the United States and Utah Constitutions.
 - b. **Explain the rights and responsibilities of good citizens**
 - c. Investigate how individuals can be involved in the political process.

Where is the Core?

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/core/default.htm>

Let's Practice

- Each group of 4 will **receive** a copy of the Utah Core for United States History I.
- **Review** the Introduction, Standards, Objectives, and Indicators.
- Using the Core, **find** a Standard, Objective, and Indicator(s) a teacher could use to create a lesson that aligns with Bear River's mission.
- **Choose** an individual to **share** your group's idea.

Bear River Charter School (FKA—Cache Valley Learning Center)

The mission of the Cache Valley Learning Center Charter School (CVLC-CS) is to provide an outstanding educational and social experience for elementary and middle school students (K-8). We aspire to serve a population that is diverse in learning needs, race/ethnicity, and language background.

CVLC-CS will provide a positive, dynamic social and educational environment every day. It will feature an educational program based on the individual needs of each student through a strong focus on basic skills in reading, spelling, writing and mathematics; active engagement in the areas of science, social studies, art, Spanish, and physical education; a low student-to-teacher ratio; and emphasis on basic societal values of respect, consideration, cooperation and honesty.

Student Achievement

- Curriculum programs have holes; fill them.
- The school's vision and successful students are the goal of your charter .
- Utilize the Core to help shape professional development.
- Students will succeed if:
 - the Core is implemented with fidelity,
 - it is considered the blueprint to begin and build your school's achievement goals,
 - and it is used as the vehicle to reach those goals.

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