

Utah Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP)

2025-2026 Duties, Priorities, and Meeting Dates

Duties

- 1) Advise the Utah State Board of Education (USB) of unmet needs within the State in the education of students with disabilities.
- 2) Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed for issuance by the State regarding the education of students with disabilities.
- 3) Advise the USB in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education under Section 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- 4) Advise the USB in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the IDEA.
- 5) Advise the USB in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for students with disabilities.
- 6) Review and comment on completed due process hearing findings.
- 7) Advise the USB on the risk ratio threshold for determining disproportionality.

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, October 22, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (in person at USB) Priorities Setting

Wednesday, January 14th 9 am to 1 pm on Zoom

Friday, March 20th 9 am to 1 pm on Zoom

Thursday, April 30th 9 am to 1 pm on Zoom, if needed

Priorities

- 1) Provide tools and data to educate stakeholders on the benefits of inclusion, disability awareness, and associated behaviors, while fostering understanding of physical and invisible disabilities, as well as mental and behavioral health, for all students.
- 2) Improve parent engagement by connecting parents with parent mentors and providing parent empowerment training.
- 3) Promote practices that support tailored learning approaches and meet diverse student needs, including processes that empower teachers by actively involving them in district-level policy decisions.