DATA
DEFINITIONS

Progress toward achieving our vision for public education in Utah is measured using population-level indicators (e.g. mathematics proficiency and high school graduation rates). The Education Elevated metrics provide statewide measures of different aspects of public education in the state. The definitions for each measure are below. Baseline rate reflects the 2016 rate.

Third Grade Literacy
The percent of students proficient in English Language Arts by the end of grade 3. It is measured by the statewide RISE assessment.

Mathematics Proficiency
The percent of students proficient in mathematics in grades 3 through 8. It is measured by the statewide RISE assessment.

English Language Arts Proficiency
The percent of students proficient in English Language Arts in grades 3 through 8. It is measured by the statewide RISE assessment.

Science Proficiency
The percent of students proficient in science in grades 4 through 8. It is measured by the statewide RISE assessment.

High School Graduation
The percent of high school students graduating in four years. It is measured using the four-year cohort graduation rates.

ACT Scores ≥ 18
The percent of graduating seniors with a composite ACT score of 18 or higher. It is measured using the ACT Composite Score. The ACT was made mandatory for all high school juniors in 2014-2015.

Readiness Coursework
The percent of students who have earned at least .5 credit in Advanced Placement, Concurrent Enrollment, or International Baccalaureate, or Career and Technical Education Concentrators.