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**RE: Students eligible for early graduation**

Dear Dr. Kanth,

You asked me to review Utah law regarding a school's ability to prevent further attendance of a student who is eligible to graduate early, but has not yet graduated.

I have reviewed Utah law and found no statute or rule that authorizes a school to require early graduation of a student just because the student is eligible to graduate early. On the contrary, doing so would be a form of expulsion, which would require the school to follow certain due process requirements and school policies regarding expelling a student.

Schools can always encourage early graduation of a student who is eligible, but they cannot force such a student to graduate early.

Sincerely,

Bryan Quesenberry  
Assistant Attorney General for USBE