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Utah Public Schools Add 7,561 More Students in 2018

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah’s K-12 public schools added 7,561 more students this year bringing the total to 659,909, according to released today by the Utah State Board of Education. This represents a 1.16 percent growth rate over the 652,348 students in 2017. The growth is in line with the 1.18 percent growth in 2017 and 1.22 percent in 2016.

The Utah State Board of Education conducts an annual census of public school student population each October 1. You can find this year’s data, along with previous years’ data, on the Board’s [website](#). The census showed charter school enrollment is up by 3.73 percent or 2,817 students and now totals 78,384. Charter school students constitute 11.88 percent of Utah public school enrollment.

Other items from the 2018 student census:

- 33 percent of students, or 220,022 students, are considered economically disadvantaged.
- 12 percent of students, or 77,931 students, are identified as having a learning disability.
- 7 percent of students, or 49,386 students, are identified as English language learners.

Demographically, Utah's public school student population looks like this:

- 74 percent, or 489,584 students, identify as white.
- 17 percent, or 114,033 students, identify as Hispanic.
- 3 percent, or 18,787 students, identify as multiracial.
- 2 percent, or 11,069 students, identify as Asian.
- 2 percent, or 10,450 students, identify as Pacific Islander.
- 1 percent, or 9,233 students, identify as African American.
- 1 percent or 6,753 students, identify as American Indian.

Alpine School District continues to be the state's largest school district with 80,218 students followed by Davis (72,263), Granite (64,281), Jordan (54,865), and Canyons (34,135) school districts.

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