Mathematics in Utah challenges each student to develop and extend mathematical proficiency and literacy through:

- The Utah Core Standards for Mathematics,
- High quality, asset-based mathematics educational experiences, and
- Assessment systems that meet the learning needs of each student and provide educators with data to inform instruction and intervention.

Using the appropriate grade-level Utah Core Standards as a foundation, the secondary mathematics learning experiences provide an emphasis on depth over breadth with a focus on the Major Works for mathematics and the support of the Utah Mathematics Core Guides.

In meeting the demands of a changing world, secondary mathematics in Utah will prepare students to think critically, problem solve, innovate, communicate, and collaborate, in line with Utah’s Portrait of a Graduate. Students will engage in mathematical experiences through the evidence-based Standards for Mathematical Practice:

1. Making sense of problems and persevere in solving them,
2. Reasoning abstractly and quantitatively,
3. Constructing viable arguments and critiquing the reasoning of others,
4. Modeling with mathematics,
5. Using appropriate tools strategically,
6. Attending to precision,
7. Looking for and making use of structure, and
8. Looking for and expressing regularity in repeated reasoning.

Teachers will engage students in the Standards for Mathematical Practice through the evidence-based Mathematics Teaching Practices:

1. Establish mathematics goals to focus learning,
2. Implement tasks that promote reasoning and problem solving,
3. Use and connect mathematical representations,
4. Facilitate meaningful mathematical discourse,
5. Pose purposeful questions,
6. Build procedural fluency from conceptual understanding,
7. Support productive struggle in learning mathematics, and
8. Elicit and use evidence of student thinking.

(NCTM, 2014)
The following table identifies evidence of this vision in action:

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<td>- Opportunities to engage with mathematics in an asset-based manner where all students are seen as mathematically competent.</td>
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