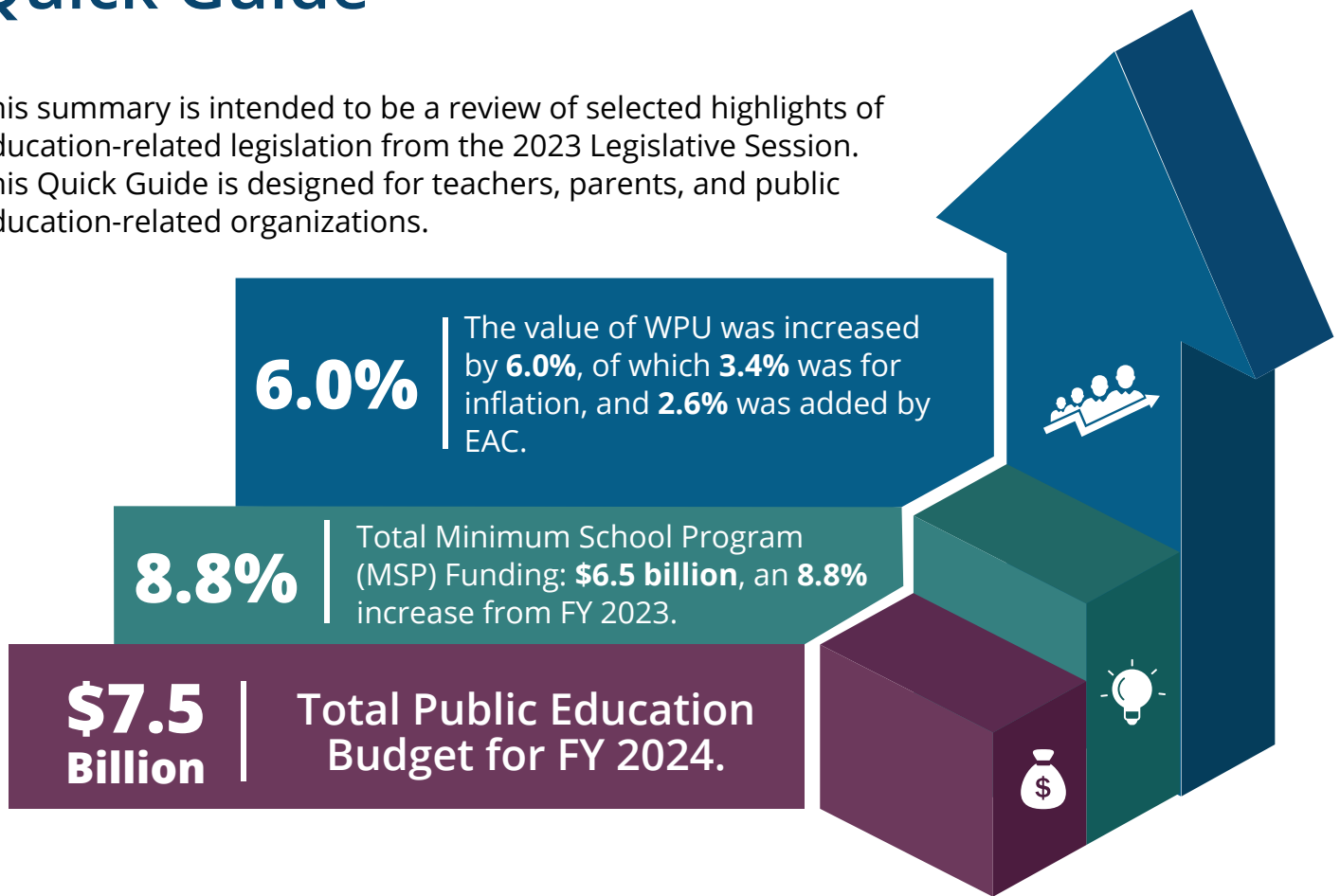


Quick Guide

This summary is intended to be a review of selected highlights of education-related legislation from the 2023 Legislative Session. This Quick Guide is designed for teachers, parents, and public education-related organizations.



Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) Value	FY 2023	FY 2024	Increase	Percentage
	\$4,038	\$4,280	\$242	6.0%



Teacher Pay Increase

\$196,914,400 ongoing was appropriated for the Educator Salary Adjustment to increase educator pay by **\$4,200** plus employer-paid benefits.

Notable Education Stabilization Funding Distribution

<p>\$75 Million School Security Requirements</p>	<p>\$64 Million Educator Preparation and Collaboration Time</p>	<p>\$50 Million Small School Critical Capital Needs Fund</p>	<p>\$30 Million Flexible Funding WPU Distribution to 4th-6th Class County Schools</p>
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Notable Funding Highlights

Teacher and Student Support

Funding for Teacher Salaries
\$196.9 Million
Ongoing

At-Risk Students WPU Weighting Increase
\$25.1 Million
Ongoing

Optional Full-Day Kindergarten Expansion
\$25.8 Million *Ongoing*
\$19 Million* *Ongoing*

Teen Centers for Students Experiencing Homelessness
\$15 Million
One-Time

Grow Your Own Teacher and Counselor Pipeline
\$7.1 Million
One-Time

Foreign Language Education Funding
\$3.1 Million
Ongoing

*As enrollment requires

Investments in Technology

K-12 Computer Science for Utah Grant Program
\$3 Million *Ongoing*
\$5 Million *One-Time*

Statewide Online Education Program Increase
\$5.5 Million
One-Time

English Language Learner Software
\$5 Million
One-Time

Student Credential Account Statewide Usage
\$3.5 Million
One-Time

Adobe Create Utah
\$2 Million
One-Time

Additional Funding

Permanent State School Fund
\$160 Million
One-Time

Public Education Funding Equalization
\$19.1 Million
Ongoing

Pupil Transportation
\$6 Million
One-Time

Utah Fits All Program
\$42.5 Million
FY 2025
Ongoing

Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program
\$2.5 Million *One-Time*
\$2.5 Million *Ongoing*

2023 Other Notable Education Bills

The following are notable bills which passed during the 2023 General Session.

**HB
477**

Full-Day Kindergarten Amendments

Makes full-day kindergarten available for all LEAs with an option for half-day kindergarten.

**SJR
10**

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution-Income Tax

Amends the constitutional earmark on income tax to: 1) allow income tax revenue to be used first to maintain a statutory public education funding framework and to fund a budgetary stabilization account; and 2) allow income tax revenue to be used to support other state needs.

**HB
394**

Hold Harmless for Public Education Enrollment

Provides a hold harmless funding requirement for the minimum school program in years where the state's student enrollment declines for between 5-10 years, contingent on passage of SJR 10 in November 2024.

**HB
308**

School Grading

Removes the requirement for USBE to assign a school an overall rating and requires USBE to continue to measure and report on each school using a dashboard of individual metrics.

**HB
215**

Funding for Teacher Salaries and Optional Education Opportunities

Creates the Utah Fits All Scholarship allowing private and homeschool students up to \$8,000 in scholarship funds for qualified educational expenses. Also provides a \$4,200 increase to the Educator Salary Adjustment (for a total of \$8,400) for full-time educators.

**HB
421**

HB 421 and HJR 18

Increases the percentage of revenue to be annually distributed to K-12 schools from 4% to 5% of the average market value of the State School Fund contingent on the passage of HJR 18 in November 2024.

**HB
348**

Participation Waiver Amendments

Allows a student the right to refrain from any school activity due to their parents or their own religious belief or right of conscience. Allows a school to offer an alternative to the student.

**HB
427**

Individual Freedom in Public Education

Ensures that instructional materials are consistent with the principle that people are equal and have inalienable rights, equal opportunity, and individual merit.

**SB
55**

Public School Instructional Material Requirements

Requires a process for adopting or approving instructional materials in an open and public meeting with a notice and public comment opportunity, requires LEAs to develop a policy on approvals, and requires contractors to notify LEAs if materials are changed.

**SB
227**

School Board Ethics Complaint Investigation Requirements

Requires that an ethics complaint against a local school board member be reviewed by the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission.

**HB
465**

School Library Transparency Amendments

Requires LEAs with school libraries to provide an online platform by August 1, 2024 --or 2026, depending on the LEA's student enrollment-- that allows a parent to view information regarding materials the student borrows from the library.

**SB
100**

Gender Identity Policies

Ensures parent access to information related to their child's gender identity. Prohibits a school from changing a student's records regarding their gender identity without parental consent.

**HB
304**

Juvenile Justice Revisions

Requires schools to provide a reintegration plan for minors alleged to have committed a felony offense; creates a prevention and intervention program at USBE; and amends intervention and referral requirements.

**HB
61**

School Safety Requirements

Creates a taskforce and designates a state security chief. Requires an RFP for firearm detection software. Requires threat assessment and safety specialist.

**HB
400**

School Absenteeism Amendments

LEAs are to include certain evidence-based strategies and interventions for children as part of their efforts to reduce student absenteeism.

**HB
209**

Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Provides private, online, charter, & home-school students the ability to participate in activities outside of the student's public school of residence.

**SB
103**

Student Graduation Attire Modifications

Allows individuals to wear religious or cultural attire during graduation ceremonies as part of their graduation attire.

**SB
35**

Reciprocal Professional Licensing Amendments

Enacts the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact and creates a process for the USBE to issue professional licenses and certificates by endorsement to those licensed in other states or with qualifying education and experience.