

Utah Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP) Purpose and Responsibilities

USEAP is an advisory panel appointed by the Utah State Board of Education. The purpose of the panel is to provide policy guidance to the Utah State Board of Education with respect to special education and related services for students with disabilities in the State of Utah.

Duties:

- Advise the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) of unmet needs within the State in the education of students with disabilities.
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed for issuance by the State regarding the education of students with disabilities.
- Advise the USBE in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education under Section 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Advise the USBE in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the IDEA.
- Advise the USBE in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for students with disabilities.
- Review and comment on completed due process hearing findings.
- Advise the USBE on the risk ratio threshold for determining disproportionality.

2023-2024 USEAP Discussion Priorities:

- 1) Communication to Parents of Students with Disabilities about Available Resources
- 2) Supporting the Mental Health and Behavioral Health Needs of Students with Disabilities
- 3) Prioritizing the Needs and Best Interests of Students with Disabilities over Other School Issues such as Logistics