# Participation in Online Education

**Information and Notices—**

Information about online courses and programs available through the Statewide Online Education Program shall be provided in school registration materials, posted on the District's website, and posted on school websites. Information in registration materials shall be provided concurrent with the high school registration period for the upcoming school year.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-726-5(4), (5) (March 10, 2026)*

**Eligibility of District Students for Online Courses—**

With the advice of a school counselor at the student's District school, a student enrolled in the District may enroll in a course offered through the Statewide Online Education Program to earn middle school or high school credit if the student meets the course prerequisites, the course is open for enrollment, and the course is aligned with the student's plan for college and career readiness. Unless the District allows an exception or the State Superintendent approves additional credits for the student, the student may enroll for a maximum of six credits per school year.

*Utah Code § 53F-4-501(4) (2025)*

*Utah Code § 53F-4-503(1), (2), (3) (2025)*

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-726-5(2) (March 10, 2026)*

**Facilitating Enrollment in Online Courses—**

District schools shall facilitate student enrollment with any eligible online course provider selected by an eligible student, consistent with course credit limits. If an eligible student has an IEP or a Section 504 accommodation plan, the student's District school shall forward a copy of the IEP or accommodation plan to an

authorized online course provider in accordance with federal law and guidelines and

shall ensure that the authorized online course provider is provided with an eligible

student's updated IEP when revisions are made. The student's District school may

ensure that the student's IEP team and the online course provider review a course

enrollment to ensure that the student meets enrollment requirements and may as

needed coordinate additional IEP team reviews with the online course provider to

ensure that appropriate services, supports, and accommodations are in place for the

student.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-726-5(1) (March 10, 2026)*

*Utah Code § 53F-4-503(1), (10)(a) (2025)*

**Coordination With Online Course Provider—**

For each student enrolled in an online course offered through the Statewide

Online Education Program, the District shall enter into a course credit

acknowledgment agreement in which the online course provider acknowledges that

it is responsible for instruction of the student in the online course and in which the

District and the online course provider agree on a process to provide the student's

District school with the ability to ensure the consistency of a course request with

graduation requirements, the student's plan for college and career readiness, and (if

applicable) the student's schedule. If a student has an IEP or Section 504 plan, the

District shall forward a copy of the relevant portion of the student's existing IEP or

Section 504 accommodation plan to the online course provider in accordance with

federal law and regulations, ensure the student's IEP team and the online course

provider review a course enrollment for compliance, coordinate additional IEP team

reviews as necessary with the online course provider to ensure appropriate services,

supports, and accommodations are in place for the student, and consider the online

course provider in a student's IEP revision. These actions shall be completed within

a timeline consistent with IDEA requirements. The agreement shall also meet the

other requirements specified in Utah Code § 53F-4-508.

*Utah Code § 53F-4-508(1) (2024)*

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-726-3(5) (March 10, 2026)*

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-726-8(1), (7) (March 10, 2026)*

The District will also confirm that the provider of the online course through the

Statewide Online Education Program is complying with the policy and accountability

requirements of Utah Code § 53G-2-502, as provided by rules adopted by the State

Board of Education.

*Utah Code § 53G-2-502(6) (2026)*

**Course Credit—**

District schools shall include the online courses of students enrolled in the school in the student's enrollment records and, upon course completion, shall include online course grades and credits on the student's transcripts. (District schools may increase membership to account for SOEP credits for students with documented early graduation plans.) Credits for high school courses completed before grade 9 will be recognized for purposes of high school graduation.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-726-5(9) (March 10, 2026)*

**Yearly Credit Limitation and Exceptions—**

A student enrolled in an online course may not earn more credits in a year than would be earned by taking a full course load during the regular school day at the student's District school which is the student's primary school of enrollment. However, this limitation does not apply if the Board of Education has adopted a policy which permits otherwise or if the student intends to complete high school graduation requirements early and exit high school early in accordance with the student's plan for college and career readiness.

*Utah Code § 53F-4-509(1), (2), (3) (2024)*

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-726-5(1), (3), (5) (March 10, 2026)*

**Inclusion in Daily Membership—**

The online course credit hours of students enrolled in online courses whose primary enrollment is in a District school are included in calculating District daily enrollment except to the extent that doing so would result in the student being counted as more than one FTE. (This restriction does not apply if the student intends to complete high school graduation requirements early and exit high school early in accordance with the student's plan for college and career readiness.)

*Utah Code § 53F-4-509(1), (2), (3) (2024)*

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-726-5(1), (3), (5) (9) (March 10, 2026)*

**Access to Facilities and Services—**

District schools shall provide to enrolled students who are enrolled in online classes access to facilities for such students to participate in an online course during the regular school day. Where students access program courses using District owned and managed devices, the District shall configure the devices so the participating students may form a separate user account or otherwise allow access to online course provider materials using credentials supplied by an online course

provider. The District shall not restrict enrolled students who are enrolled in online

classes from student leadership opportunities, sports, extracurricular and co-

curricular activities, counseling, graduation, honors, activities, amenities and other

non-instructional services offered to students generally on the basis of the student's

participation in SOEP courses or on the basis of relative levels of participation in

physical courses versus online education courses.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-726-5(13), (14) (March 10, 2026)*

**Students Eligible for Fee Waiver—**

If an enrolled student is eligible for fee waiver, District schools shall provide

the student access to an online course by either allowing the student access to

necessary technology to participate in the online course within the school building

during the regular school day or by providing the student with the technology and wi-

fi needed to participate in the online course outside of the school building.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-726-5(11) (March 10, 2026)*