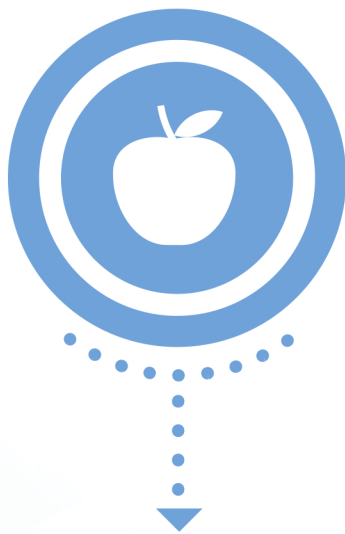
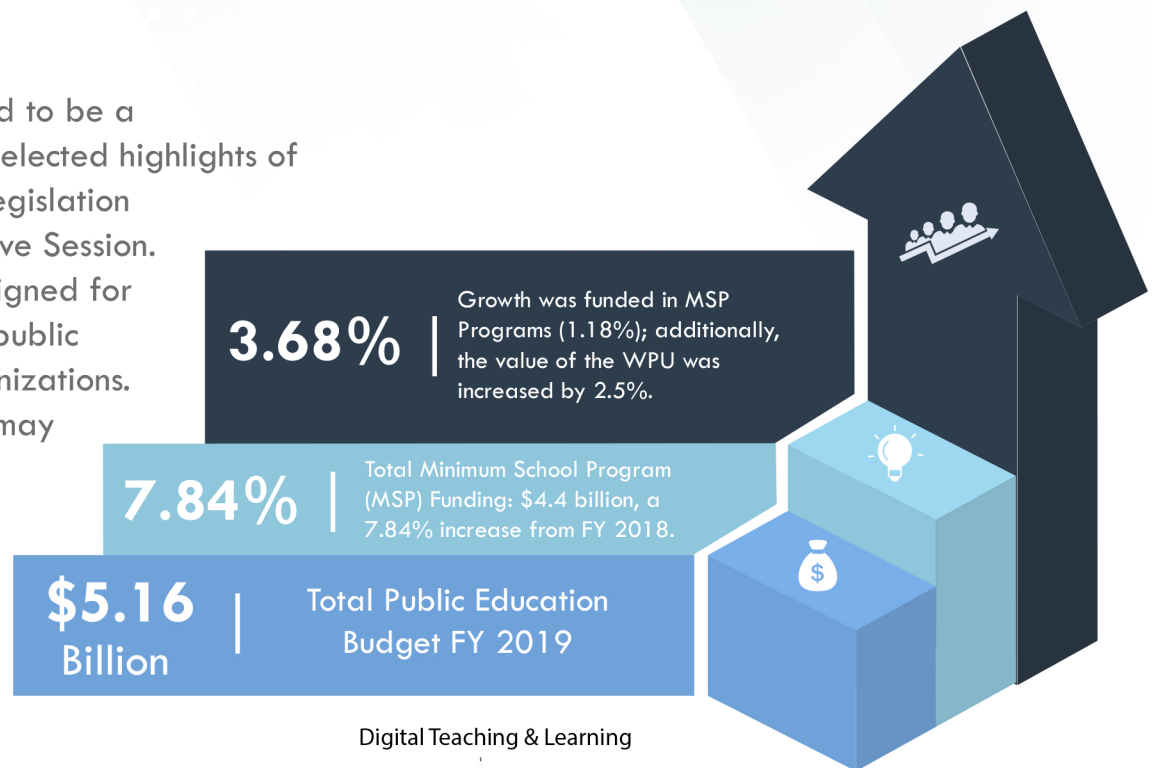


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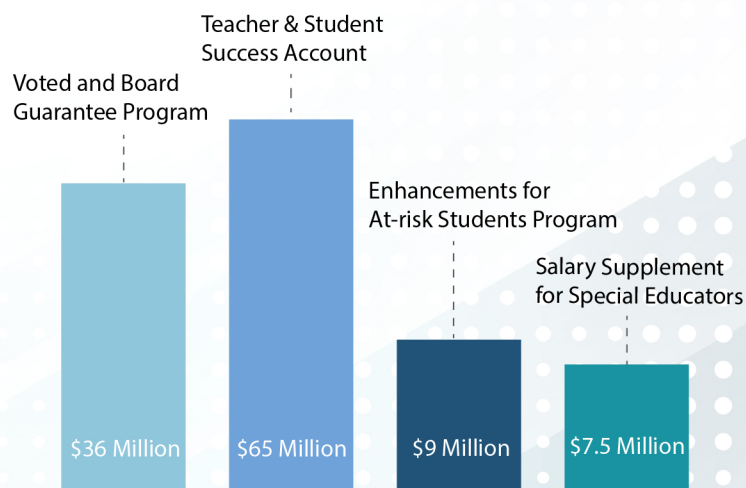
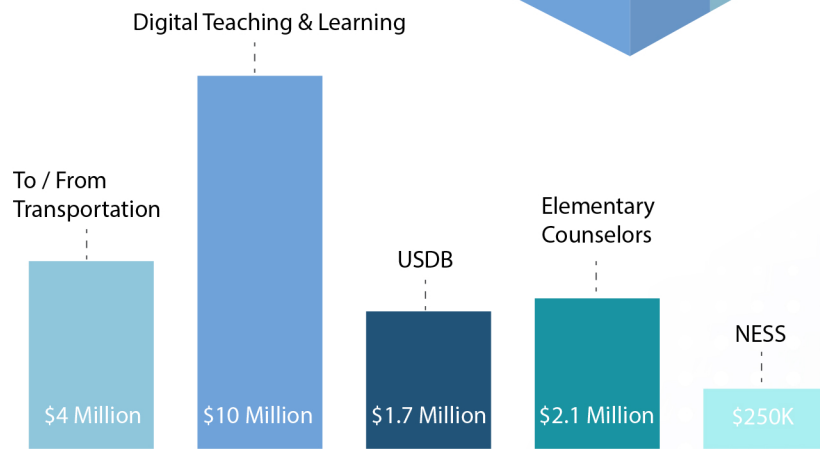
Public Education Quick Guide

This summary is intended to be a summarized review of selected highlights of the education related legislation from the 2018 Legislative Session. This Quick Guide is designed for teachers, parents, and public education related organizations. Additional information may be found in The Public Education Summary Book.



Enrollment Growth & WPU

\$110,548,200 ongoing & \$2,556,100 one-time. This funding includes the WPU value increase. LEAs will be funded on the prior year ADM + growth. Enrollment growth was funded for an estimated increase of 7,681 students next year.



2018 Notable Education Bills

The following are notable bills which passed during the 2018 General Session. The full list of bills and additional information can be found in the USBE 2018 Public Education Summary.

HB 46



Educator Modifications

Modifies the public education code regarding educator licensing to allow the Board to establish licensing requirements in rule, including the establishment of associate, professional and LEA-specific licenses.

HB 264



Elementary School Counselor Program

Authorizes the Board to award grants to local education agencies to provide targeted school-based mental health supports in elementary schools.

SB 194



Early Literacy Program

Renames the K-3 Reading Improvement Program; amends requirements for participation. Requires the Board to provide support to LEAs failing to meet their goals.

HB 317



Special Education Amendments

Extends an eligible student's entitlement for a free, appropriate public education for students who turn 22 during a school year until the end of the school year.

HB 286



Reproductive Ed Amendments

Modifies instruction in health to include instruction in the harmful effects of pornography and refusal skills; amends definitions for required parental consent.

HB 132



Juvenile Justice Modifications

Clarifies the duties and allowed responsibilities of school resource officers and for two years allows LEAs to refer certain students who have committed lower level discipline offenses to law enforcement or court.

HB 233



Teacher Salary Supplement Revisions

Provides a salary supplement of \$4,100 to a teacher who has a degree in special education and is assigned to teach special education.

HB 293



Tax Rebalancing Revisions

Amends the calculation of the basic levy for a 5-year period, resulting in an increase in revenue for schools, and establishes the weighted pupil unit value and equity pupil tax rates.

HB 408



Public Education Amendments

Creates the Utah Leading through Effective, Actionable, and Dynamic Education (ULEAD) research and innovation program at USBE.

HB 313



Public School Revisions

Enacts provisions related to the powers and duties of charter school authorizers; requires the Board to adopt rules establishing minimum standards for charter schools.