Board Policy I-10:
Educational Equity and Advocacy

REFERENCES

I-10: Administrative Procedures, Educational Equity and Advocacy

THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education advocates for the success of every student and is committed to providing educational equity for all students. The board recognizes that there are student groups that have not reached their potential, and therefore closing achievement gaps while raising performance for all students is a top priority for the board. The concept of educational equity requires more than merely treating all students the same; it requires creating a barrier-free environment where all students have the opportunity to benefit equally. The district is committed to offering the services and resources necessary to prepare students to be college and career ready, and to succeed in a racially and culturally diverse, local, national, and global community. In providing such services and resources, the district will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

The purpose of this policy is to support and prioritize educational equity through board policies, the student achievement plan, and district administrative procedures, programs, and services.

In pursuing educational equity, the district recognizes and seeks to teach the dignity and worth of all human beings, regardless of age, culture, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, housing insecurity or placement in the foster care system, incarceration, mental or physical abilities, national origin, race, religion, socio-economic status, or sexual orientation. This pursuit of equity will be supported by a districtwide commitment to use culturally and linguistically responsive practices and instructional approaches to support all students in achieving at the highest levels.

The district will engage community-based organizations, businesses, cultural organizations, the Utah State Board of Education, and institutions of higher learning to cooperate in developing and promoting educational equity and advocacy.

The district has set forth its specific processes for implementing this board policy through the accompanying administrative procedures.