



ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART

Director of Assessment & Evaluation

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Research & Evaluation

We work to provide accurate information and produce mixed methods reports for small- and large-scale studies to all stakeholders including Board, Cabinet, the SLCSO Foundation, district and school leaders, teachers, and parents. We work directly with our higher education colleagues to support their research that ultimately provide evidence-based information in support of best practice in urban K-12 schools.

We conduct ongoing program evaluations to guide decision making and to support any grant funding required reporting.

Engagement with external stakeholders such as state legislators, Utah State Board of Education departments, Utah Association of Assessment Directors, and higher education researchers is also part of the work of the director of this department as well.

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Data Science & Analytics

The data science and analytics work are comprised of statistical calculations and growth measure calculations down to student and teacher levels, as well as grade levels and school levels to determine student and school performance over time. The team also conducts analyses of data using qualitative and quantitative methods and use of analytics tools including business intelligence tools to create interactive data visualization dashboards, as well as use of SPSS, R Studio, SQL and Qualtrics.

We work closely with the SLCSO CIO to access student and family information associated with all demographics including for example race, special education status, English Language Learner status, and free or reduced lunch qualification status as part of reporting. This is an integral part of the information we provide and are responsible for publishing and maintaining interactive dashboard applications using the noted business intelligence tools for reporting and access to understand, make decisions, and answer or ask further questions.

Data visualization supports teachers in determining instructional next steps in support of students, while district and school leaders use the data visualization to guide decisions and for use in presentations to SLCSO Board during board meetings and presentations to other stakeholders such as school community councils and school leadership teams. Reports are also utilized for internal meetings such as Cabinet and in Closed Session SLCSO Board meetings, as well as other departments such as Educational Equity and Student Support, Teaching and Learning, School Leadership and Performance including work with Focus Schools (lower performing Title I schools) and the associated PLCs to support school teams. We support the data science and analytics needs of the SLCSO Foundation to support the resources and funding reporting to funders. We also provide data requests to schools upon request and if there is a need, we will create a dashboard with data visualization for a wider use of those data requested across schools.

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Assessment

This department is responsible and oversees all district, state and any national required assessment in their deployment, and collection of data, reporting and analysis of those collected student achievement data. The assessments that team leads oversee across schools and in collaboration with USBE and SLCSO are KEEP, End of Level testing for 1st and 2nd grades, RISE (3-8), Utah Aspire Plus (9-12), ACT, AP testing, IB data collection, WIDA (EIs), Reading benchmarking (K-12), Math benchmarking (K-3), AAPL, as well as the NAEP federal testing sessions, and are responsible for the data associated with the National Student Clearinghouse for reporting, state assessment results and those uploads, as well as input and organization of surveys in Qualtrics.

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