

Board Policy I-3: Specialized Programs



REFERENCES

[I-3: Administrative Procedures, Specialized Programs](#)

THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education supports and offers a number of specialized programs that provide families with a variety of learning environments for their students. Such programs must meet the requirements of state and federal laws and rules, and align with the Utah Core Standards, the board's vision, mission, and strategic plan for student achievement. The district has two categories of specialized programs: optional specialized programs and district special programs.

Optional specialized programs are proposed and developed by a specific school for implementation at that site, whereas district special programs have district oversight and may be replicated throughout the district. All specialized programs will offer academic rigor, research-based instructional strategies, and assessment of student learning and achievement. Approved programs may take the form of smaller learning communities within neighborhood or comprehensive schools or may constitute a whole magnet or lab school. Proposals for a new optional specialized program, or to expand or replicate an existing optional specialized program must be approved by the district and the board prior to implementation, expansion, or replication.

The purpose of this policy is to design instructional opportunities in learning environments that are accessible and responsive to the needs of the district's or school's diverse student population.

The district has set forth its specific processes for implementing this board policy through the accompanying [administrative procedures](#).

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facility use, accommodations and other Equal Employment Opportunity matters. The district also provides equal access to district facilities for all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United State Codes, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Tina Hatch, Compliance and Investigations/Title IX Coordinator, 406 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-8388. You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, Denver, CO, (303) 844-5695.