



Initial Analysis For Implementation of One Student Information System (SIS)

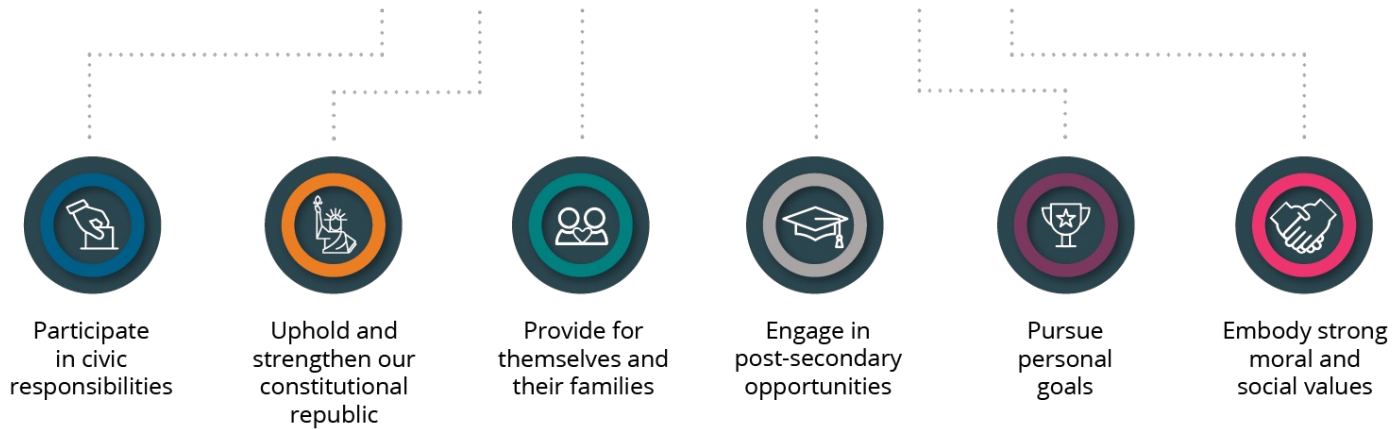
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What is a Student Information System (SIS)?

- A Student Information System (SIS) is a comprehensive database system designed to manage and store student-related data in education settings.
- Centralized platform for enrollment, attendance, grades, scheduling and more.
- An SIS is an important tool to enhance parental engagement, support improved administrative efficiency, facilitate data-driven decision making.



Current K-12 Needs

1. **Improved Decision-Making:**

Access to accurate, up-to-date student data enables informed decisions regarding resource allocation, curriculum development, and educational policies. Data-driven decision-making promotes accountability, transparency, and streamlines data management processes, ensuring integrity.

2. **Enhanced Reporting Capabilities:**

A statewide SIS reduces burden on LEAs by facilitating standardized reporting, enabling custom reports on metrics like graduation rates, student demographics, and assessment results. These reports aid in monitoring outcomes and identifying areas for improvement.



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3. **Cost Savings and Efficiency:**

Consolidating disparate systems into a statewide SIS reduces IT infrastructure costs and administrative overhead. Standardized processes increase operational efficiency, freeing resources for improving educational outcomes.

4. **Efficient Compliance Monitoring:**

The SIS configures compliance tracking for state and federal regulations, like attendance and special education mandates. Automated alerts enable proactive identification of non-compliance, facilitating timely support for schools.



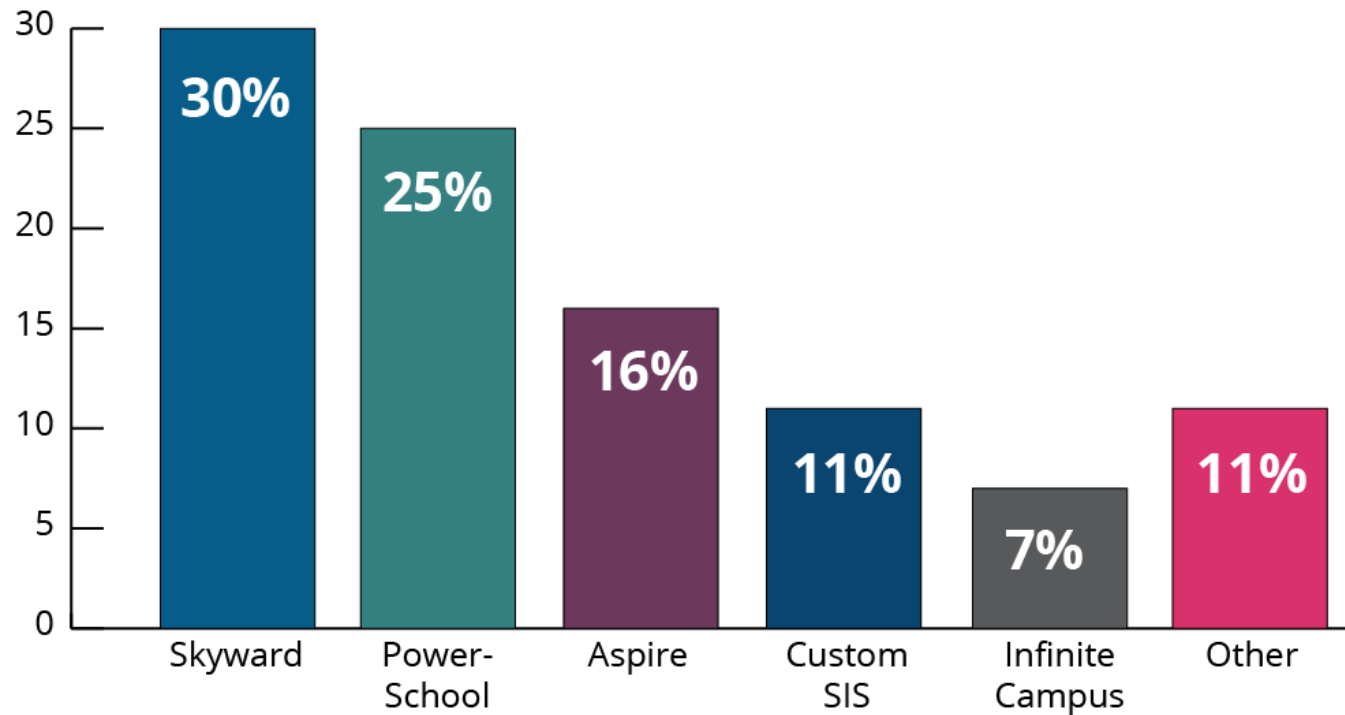
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5. **Enhanced Parent and Community Engagement:**

A statewide SIS offers portals for parents and community members to access student data, fostering transparency and communication. This strengthens partnerships and collaboration between schools, families, and the community, supporting parents navigating different school systems.



Current Landscape of SIS options in Utah



SIS	LEAs using SIS 23-24SY
Aspire	101
PowerSchool	33
Skyward	7
Infinite Campus	7
Compass	6
Davis	1
Focus	1
Sevier	1

Figure 38.
Percentage of Students Attending Schools that Employ SIS



Benefits and Potential Challenges to Adopting a Single SIS

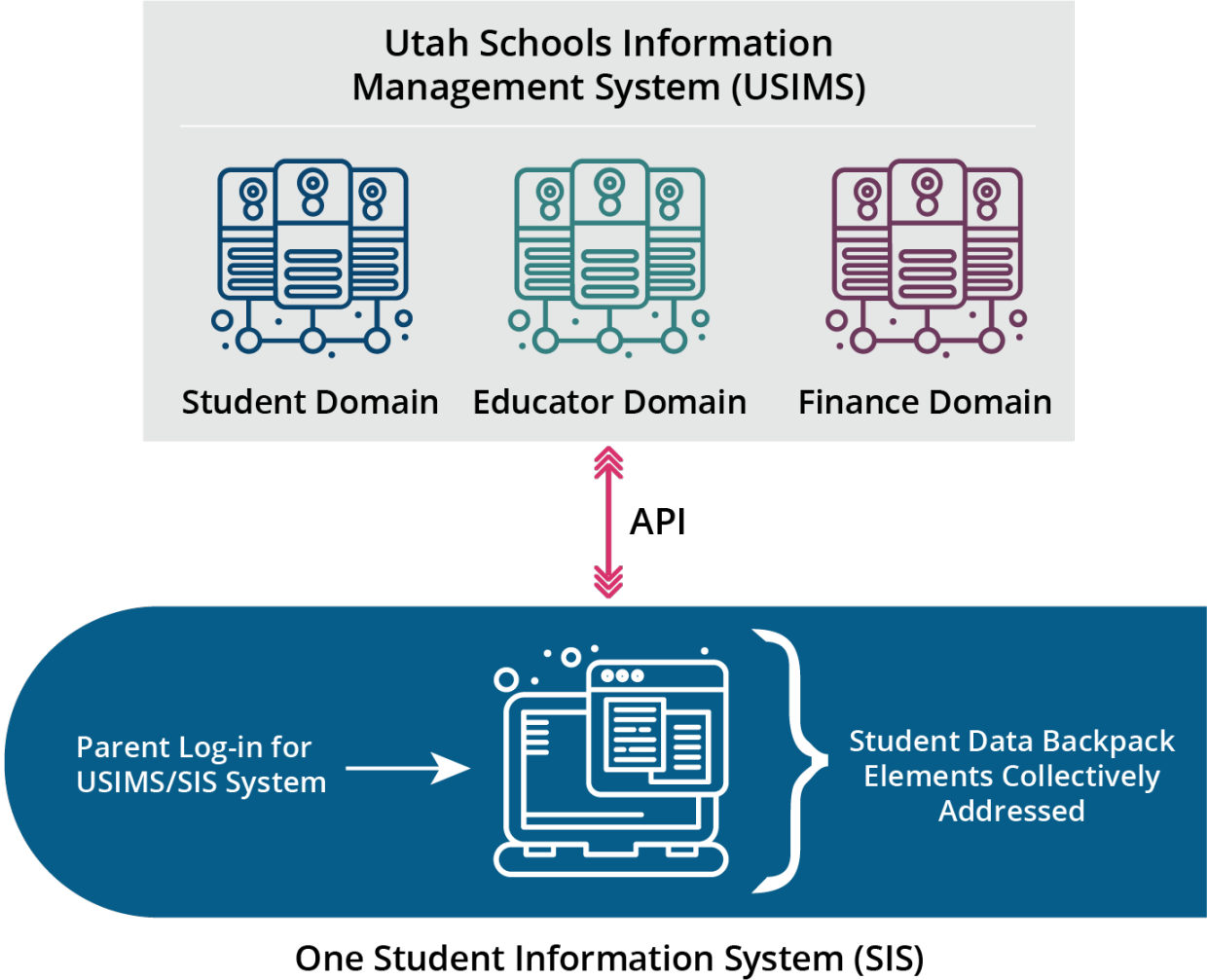
Benefits

- Improved Decision-Making
- Enhanced Reporting Capabilities
- Cost Savings and Efficiency
- Efficient Compliance Monitoring
- Enhanced Parent and Community Engagement

Potential Challenges

- Loss of Local Autonomy
- Implementation Challenges
- Compatibility with Existing Systems
- Innovation and Vendor Competition

USIMS and One SIS - Optimizing the Solution



Nationwide Single Statewide SIS Landscape

Examples of States with a Single Statewide SIS:

Kentucky

- Provider: Infinite Campus

Delaware

- Provider: PowerSchool
- Per Pupil Cost: \$8.13

Hawaii

- Provider: Infinite Campus

Arkansas

- Provider: PowerSchool
- Per Pupil Cost: \$1.93

Nevada

- Provider: Infinite Campus
- Per Pupil Cost: \$8.40
- State Pays: \$2.20/Student
- Districts Pay: \$6.20/Student

North Carolina

- Provider: PowerSchool
- Per Pupil Cost: \$4.79



Potential Economies of Scale



By purchasing a single solution for a statewide system, the state can reduce overall costs for taxpayers.

Currently, LEA costs range from:

- \$3.35/student - \$11.46/student
- \$29,154/year - \$461,386/year

Conclusion

- If it is a priority of the Board to pursue a single SIS system for Utah K-12:
 - The Board will **direct staff to create a legislative funding request** for the 2025 General session for the **Board to prioritize as a top request**.
 - With funding the agency would pursue a solution through the traditional RFP process.
 - The Board will **direct staff to create a policy request** for the 2025 General session to articulate the need, alignment with legislative directives/audits, opportunity for local customization, and a 3-4 year transition plan.
 - The Board **will not mandate implementation** unless there is a dedicated, annual financial commitment for the SIS and funding to support local LEAs in the transition to the new system.



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Discussion and Next Steps

Thank you for your time and consideration.

