

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: ASPIRE Student Information System Planning

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board directs staff to report the costs of getting ASPIRE to appropriate levels to interface and interoperate with USIMS to the 508 Advisory Council to develop recommendations for the legislative Public Education Appropriations Committee for use of some of the \$10MM one-time funds for LEA SIS upgrades.

Purpose of Memo:

Recommended by leadership

Background:

USBE staff presented several potential courses of action related to ASPIRE at the May 2, 2025, Finance Committee meeting. The committee directed staff to bring information back to the June Finance Committee outlining costs associated with:

1. Getting Aspire to appropriate levels to interface and interoperate with EdFi Standards, integrating with other vendors, updating antiquated features, building new features, new board rule and legislative requirements, and
2. Moving LEAs using ASPIRE to other vendors, and
3. Projected cost of maintaining:
 - a. ASPIRE
 - b. Other vendors

Program Overview

Aspire is the State of Utah's Student Information System (SIS). Local Education Agencies (LEAs) have the option to use Aspire as their SIS. The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) maintains a team of programmers and technical support staff to develop and maintain the Aspire application. Aspire uses a Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) that serves as a "translator" for the data submitted to USBE by all LEAs to interface with the Utah eTranscript and Record Exchange (UTREx) data collection. Data submitted is used for federal, state, and local government reporting and for funding purposes.

Aspire offers:

Academic Intervention Tracking • Assessment Imports • Attendance Tracking • Behavior Tracking • College and Career Tracking • Enrollment • Fees Module • Food Service • Food Service Data Importing from the Department of Workforce Services • Parent/Guardian Notifications of Student Academic Summaries • Scheduling • Teacher Grade Books • UTREx SIF Daily Submissions • Interface with Canvas

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Attachments:

1. ROM Aspire 5-13-2025(3)
2. SY2025AspireStudentCounts-Updated 6.3.25
3. FY2025 Aspire Count