

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

INFORMATION: Federal Waivers

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

N/A

Purpose of Memo:

Other

Background:

During the September 4, 2025, Utah State Board of Education meeting, the Board instructed staff to create a comprehensive list of potential ESEA federal waivers. This effort aims to identify areas where the state might seek exemptions from ESEA federal requirements, providing greater flexibility in implementing educational programs and initiatives tailored to Utah's specific needs and priorities.

The four questions that staff recommend the board review, found in columns F-I ([see spreadsheet link](#)), are:

- Describe how waiving the requirement will help improve student academic achievement.
- Describe the methods the SEA, LEA, school, or Indian Tribe will use to monitor and regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver.
- Describe how schools will continue to support the same populations served by the program for which the waiver is requested.
- Describe how the SEA, LEA, school, or Indian tribe will maintain or improve transparency in reporting to parents and the public on student achievement and school performance, including the achievement of student subgroups.

Column D displays a color-coded indication of the possible flexibility for each waiver.

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