

LEA Annual Assurances SFY27

Overview

The LEA Assurances document is reviewed annually to ensure accuracy and maintain compliance with state and federal assurances. The updates this year include:

- Updated links for programs transferred to the Department of Labor;
- Constitutionally Protected Prayer update from Department of Education;
- CPR Training in Health Core Standards added;
- Review by Staff in effort to remove items from the list, at the Board's discretion.

Details

Consolidated Pre-Application

This Utah Grants feature allows LEAs to apply and budget for multiple federal awards in one pre-application. The federal assurances for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and those involving general grant compliance have been moved to this pre-application section to simplify reporting. Most of these are required assurances.

State and Other Federal

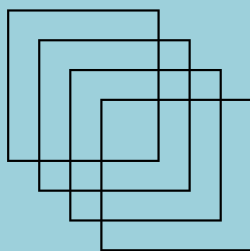
All state and other federal assurances will be gathered through the regular process in Utah Grants. Links for programs transferred to the Department of Labor have been updated. Some of these can be removed, at the Board's discretion.

Legislative Session

These are added to highlight any new state assurances that are introduced during the Legislative session to ensure LEAs are made aware of new requirements. There is one new state assurance.

High-Risk from Internal Audit

The USBE Internal Audit staff document the areas of non-compliance with LEAs from the previous year. The assurances for those high-risk items has been added with the goal of increasing future compliance. This is not a required section of this document.



Contact for Questions

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Staff Review

Recent History

FY24: 82 assurances

FY25: 69 assurances after Staff review and Board vote to remove

FY26: 81 assurances after adding High-Risk section

FY27: 91 proposed assurances after Staff review and pending Board vote, with potential to reduce to 21 assurances

FY27 Proposed Assurances Details

Categorization

Assurances were divided into three categories:

- The assurance is required in code or rule;
- Staff recommend to keep the assurance because the data is not collected or policy monitored in another capacity; and
- The assurance can be removed because it is monitored or the data can be collected in another manner.

44	The assurance is required in code or rule
25	Staff recommend the keep the assurance*
22	The assurance can be removed
91	TOTAL

Reporting

These assurances must be gathered annually through this process. In FY26, Utah Grants Staff introduced the Federal Consolidated Pre-Application, and the applicable Federal assurances were moved to that application. That leaves the State and High-Risk Assurances to be collected through original process.

Of the 91 listed, there are 53 gathered via the Federal Consolidated Pre-Application and 38 collected in the original assurances process.

Legislature

There were nine State assurances added in the yellow category as a result of the 2025 Legislative Session and one added in the red category from 2026.

Potential Outcomes

If the Board votes to remove the assurances in the green category, there would be 69 total assurances.

The Board may also vote to remove the assurances that have been moved to the Federal Consolidated Pre-Application. Removing these and the green category would leave 21 assurances (red and yellow) on the document.

*Some yellow assurances may be removed for FY28 when Staff have time to amend their processes.