



Enrichment Program Request 2026-27

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| Enrichment Activity or Item Name | Extra-Curricular Activities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students - \$200,000 |
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| Purpose, Needs, and Full Description | <p>Enrichment funds support a broad range of after-school, extended learning, and experiential opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students from PreK through age 22 across the State of Utah. These programs are designed to strengthen the competencies outlined in the USD Portrait of a Learner by fostering leadership, collaboration, problem-solving, communication, and self-advocacy in authentic, real-world settings. Because deaf and hard-of-hearing students are geographically dispersed and often have limited access to peer communities and extracurricular opportunities in their local schools, these experiences are critical for providing language-rich environments, meaningful peer interaction, and opportunities for students to develop confidence and independence. Funding supports the operational costs necessary to provide these opportunities statewide, including transportation, program materials and supplies, event registration fees, and travel expenses required for regional and national participation. The following section outlines the major enrichment programs and activities supported through these funds.</p> <p><u>Activities/Description:</u></p> <p>Summer Camps: A wide variety of summer camps for youth to experience new crafts, sports, adventures, and social atmospheres.</p> <p>After School Activities: An opportunity for continued socializing, learning, and experiences after school.</p> <p>Transportation: Includes transportation to various activities or sports games</p> <p>Spiido: Our gym camera that livestreams games for supporters unable to attend sporting events.</p> <p>ArtbiterSport: Our system that pays for sports referees.</p> <p>General Fees: Ranging from coaching certifications, tournament registrations, regional fees, and subscriptions.</p> |

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| | <p>Miscellaneous: Various supplies needed to support our athletes or clubs and their experiences.</p> <p>Volleyball: Full fall season, including games, practices, and travel to play various schools.</p> <p>WSVC: A volleyball tournament comprising various deaf schools.</p> <p>Cheerleading: Practices and participation in school events, games, and competitions.</p> <p>Reading Clinic: Tutoring students in reading during the school year.</p> <p>Kindness Club: Various activities that promote kindness in our community and school.</p> |
| <p>Student Groups Served</p> | <p>The student groups served through these enrichment activities vary depending on the specific program or event. Participation opportunities are available to deaf and hard-of-hearing students throughout the State of Utah, ensuring they have access to enrichment experiences and peer engagement regardless of their geographic location.</p> <p>Student Groups by Activity: Summer Camps: PreK - 12th Grade After School Activities: K-5th Grade Volleyball: 9th-12th Grade WSVC: 9th-12th Grade Cheerleading: 9th-12th Grade Reading Clinic: K-12th Grade Kindness Club: 3rd-5th Grade</p> |
| <p>Desired, Measurable Outcomes</p> | <p>Each extracurricular activity will have a defined measurable outcome, with data collected on Deaf and hard-of-hearing student participation across the USD campus and mainstream programs during the 2026–27 school year.</p> |
| <p>Detailed Program Evaluation Method</p> | <p>Data indicate that students from various campus programs are participating in at least one event throughout the school year. An increase in the participation of outreach students compared to the previous year.</p> |
| <p>Itemized Funding Details</p> | <p><u>Extra-Curricular Expenses from July 2026 to October 2026 (Total \$199,500)</u></p> <p>Summer Camps: \$120,000 After School Activities: \$30,000 Transportation: \$3,000 Spiido: \$4,000 ArtbiterSport: \$2,500 General Fees/Misc: \$6,000 Volleyball: \$19,000 WSVC: \$10,000 Cheerleading: \$3,000</p> |

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| | <p>Reading Clinic: \$1,200 Kindness Club: \$800</p> |
| <p>Additional Information to Consider</p> | <p>We acknowledge that the total amount requested cannot be fully accommodated within the enrichment funds currently allocated to the School for the Deaf. Expenditures beyond the allowable enrichment fund allocation must therefore be covered through donated funds, grants awarded to the USD, and support from the USDB Foundation. USD leadership will continue to actively pursue external funding sources and philanthropic support to the extent possible.</p> |
| <p>Compliance, Core Mission, or Strategic Plan Justification</p> | <p>4.02 USDB Enrichment Policy USD Strategic Plan USD Portrait of a Learner</p> |