

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: Secondary School Counselor to Student Ratio Report Approval

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Board accepts the 2025-2026 Secondary Counselor to Student Ratio report.

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:

R277-462-6, School Counselor to Student Ratio, mandates that USBE staff gather and report information on counselor-to-student ratios for LEAs with approved School Counseling Programs that receive funding. The report is based on data collected as of October 1, 2025, including student enrollment and licensed school counselor FTE counts in CACTUS. LEAs that do not meet the recommended school counselor-to-student ratio of 1:350 or better, on average, are required to submit a plan detailing how they intend to achieve this ratio.

1. 72 LEAs with CTE add-on/School Counseling Program funding
 - a. 41 school districts have approved School Counseling Programs
 - b. 31 charter schools have approved School Counseling Programs
2. 72 LEAs currently meet the student to school counselor ratio (-0.25 allowance)
3. Statewide LEA Secondary School Counselor Ratio (7-12) of approved school counseling programs is 1:287.85.

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Attachments:

1. School Counseling Ratio Report
2. USBE Secondary School Counselor Ratio FY26

