



UTAH'S COLLEGE ACCESS ADVISING PROGRAM

Too many Utah high school students are not going on to college, whether that be a technical college, community college, or university. Many students don't know what options are available to them, or simply don't know where to start. In fact, one out of three high school students does not enroll in postsecondary education within five years of graduating high school.

To better support Utah high school students on their path to college, to fix Utah's leaky talent pipeline, and to change the outcome for a generation of Utahns, it is proposed that the Utah College Advising Corps expand statewide to provide a college access advisor for every high school in Utah by 2021.

Program Objectives

The program places a recent college graduate full-time in the high school to help connect students to the right postsecondary educational opportunity. This includes providing support as students:

1. Register for and complete college entrance exams
2. Submit college applications
3. Apply for financial aid and scholarships
4. Connect with their receiving institution to ensure a smooth transition

I brought in a student with a 1.6 GPA and no ACT score. After having a one-on-one with him, I learned that he felt like he had no other options but to work after graduating. I explored Dixie Tech's website with him, and he said,

"I didn't know this existed. You're telling me I don't need to go to a university to be successful?"

This student is one of several who will be impacted by this program. Even though I have only been an access advisor for a short time, I can see the difference I am making with students, and it is the most fulfilling feeling.

—College access advisor from
Washington School District, 2019

Statewide Expansion in Three Phases

The total cost to expand the college access advising program statewide is \$7 million. The program will be expanded in three phases:

Phase I	2019: 34 high schools, \$1 million
Phase II	2020: 90 high schools, \$3 million
Phase III	2021: 150+ high schools, \$3 million

Phase I is complete, and the program is operating in 34 high schools across Utah starting Fall 2019. Program goals for the 2019-2020 Phase I expansion are listed below. These goals are also disaggregated by high school.

Goal	% of senior class
1. One-on-one meeting with seniors	70%
2. Students who have taken the ACT	95%
3. FAFSA completion	45%
4. One or more college application	77%
5. Three+ college applications	26%
6. Family engagement	30%
7. FAFSA assistance	55%

Pending legislative funding, the college access advising program will expand into an additional 56 high schools across the state, for a total of 90 high schools in Fall 2020:

2019-2020 Schools

Fremont High	Taylorville High
Weber High	Cottonwood High
Roy High	Skyline High*
Bonneville High	East High
Layton High	West High
Clearfield High	Highland High
Ben Lomand High	West Jordan High
Ogden High	Hillcrest High
Mountain View	Dixie High
Orem	Desert Hills High
Westlake	Snow Canyon
Timpview	Crimson High
Provo	Hurricane High
Springville	Water Canyon
Payson	Pine View
Cyprus High	
Hunter High	
Kearns High	
Granger High	

2020-2021 New Schools*

Bountiful High	Alta High	Box Elder High
Davis High	Corner Canyon High	North Sanpete High
Farmington High	Jordan High	Manti High
Northridge High	Brighton High	Gunnison valley High
Syracuse High	Murray High	North Sevier high
Viewmont High	Bingham High	Richfield High
Woods Cross High	Copper Hills High	South Sevier High
American Fork High	Herriman High	Piute High
Cedar Valley High	Mountain Ridge High	Canyon View High
Lehi High	Riverton High	Cedar High
Lone Peak High	Tooele High	Parowan High
Pleasant Grove High	Grantsville High	Milford High
Skyridge High	Stansbury High	Beaver High
Timpanogos High	Mountain Crest High	Panguitch High
Maple Mountain High	Ridgeline High	Bryce Valley High
Salem Hills High	Logan High	Escalante High
Spanish Fork High	Green Canyon High	
Tintic High	Sky View High	
Juab High	Bear River High	

*Tentative schools