

Grading: Citizenship and Attendance

Citizenship Grade—

A “citizenship grade” is a grade or evaluation that reflects a student’s demonstration of college and career readiness, including attendance, meeting deadlines, class participation and personal engagement, and teacher communication, consistent with rules established by the Utah State Board of Education. The District may also add other standards beyond those established by the State Board of Education. The District may participate in the citizenship scholarship program.

[Utah Code § 53E-4-208 \(2026\)](#)

Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, the District may assign citizenship grades to students in its schools. The District shall meet State Board of Education requirements regarding criteria and methods for assessing citizenship, recording and reporting citizenship grades on student transcripts, and otherwise implementing citizenship grading.

[Utah Code § 53E-4-208\(2\) - \(4\) \(2026\)](#)

A parent may opt the parent’s student out of receiving a citizenship grade. If a student has been opted out of receiving a citizenship grade, the student’s course grade shall be based solely on the student’s demonstration of mastery of academic course content. A student who is opted out of citizenship grading is not eligible to participate in the citizenship scholarship program. Parents shall be given annual notice of the citizenship grading program and of the option to opt a student out of citizenship grading upon submission of a written request that the student not receive citizenship grading.

[Utah Code § 53E-4-208\(6\) \(2026\)](#)

Attendance Grade—

For courses in grades 7 through 12, a teacher may base up to 10% of a student’s final grade on the student’s attendance, whether the student’s absence is excused or unexcused.

[Utah Code § 53G-6-213\(1\) \(2026\)](#)

For courses in grades 7 through 12, the District may adopt a policy permitting a student’s attendance to determine more than 10%, but not more than 20% of the student’s final grade for the course. The policy must be publicly posted and available to students and to parents (including through the State Board of Education parent portal), must specify which courses the policy applies to and the percentage of the grade based on attendance, and must permit valid excused absences to be excluded from the grade calculation (subject to reasonable limits on the number of

excused absences to ensure accountability for class participation while accommodating student needs).

[Utah Code § 53G-6-213\(2\), \(3\) \(2026\)](#)