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

“Over the past few months, I have been working with a very hesitant senior. After sitting down to explore colleges and majors that interest him, I was able to help him register for the December ACT. His counselors have since noted improvements in his attitude and attendance. He told me this is the most excited he has been in a long time.

I’m happy we were finally able to get through to him the importance of furthering his education.”

— Mariah Jones, college access adviser @ Fremont High School, 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:

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<td>Phase I</td>
<td>2019</td>
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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.

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<td>1. One-on-one meeting with seniors</td>
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<td>3. FAFSA completion</td>
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<td>4. One or more college application</td>
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<td>5. Three+ college applications</td>
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<td>7. FAFSA assistance</td>
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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:

2019-20 High Schools

- Fremont High
- Weber High
- Roy High
- Bonneville High
- Layton High
- Clearfield High
- Ben Lomond High
- Ogden High
- Mountain View
- Orem
- Westlake
- Timpview
- Provo
- Springville
- Payson
- Cyprus High
- Hunter High
- Kearns High
- Granger High

2020-21 New High Schools (Tentative)

- Bountiful High
- Davis High
- Olympus High
- Northridge High
- Syracuse High
- Viewmont High
- Woods Cross High
- American Fork High
- Cedar Valley High
- Lehi High
- Lone Peak High
- Pleasant Grove High
- Skyridge High
- Timpanogos High
- Maple Mountain High
- Salem Hills High
- Spanish Fork High
- Tintic High
- Juab High

- Taylorsville High
- Cottonwood High
- Skyline High*
- East High
- West High
- Highland High
- West Jordan High
- Hillcrest High
- Dixie High
- Desert Hills High
- Snow Canyon
- Crimson High
- Hurricane High
- Water Canyon
- Pine View
- Alta High
- Corner Canyon High
- Jordan High
- Brighton High
- Murray High
- Bingham High
- Copper Hills High
- Herriman High
- Mountain Ridge High
- Riverton High
- Tooele High
- Grantsville High
- Stansbury High
- Mountain Crest High
- Ridgeline High
- Logan High
- Green Canyon High
- Sky View High
- Bear River High

- North Sanpete High
- Manti High
- Gunnison Valley High
- North Sevier High
- Richfield High
- South Sevier High
- Platte High
- Canyon View High
- Cedar High
- Parowan High
- Milford High
- Beaver High
- Panguitch High
- Bryce Valley High
- Escalante High
- Uintah High
- Union High