



Utah's School Readiness Program

Please Support \$5M RFA

Early childhood education is a high-impact investment in the future of our children and our state. High-quality preschool programs enhance literacy and numeracy skills and support early development necessary for future academic success.



School
Readiness

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Workforce
Readiness

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Thriving Individuals
and Communities

WHY IT MATTERS

Investing in early childhood education:

- Strengthens and supports families in their role as their child's first and most important teacher.
- Improves program quality and expands access to early learning environments.
- Boosts school readiness and life-long learning.
- Promotes prevention and early identification of health problems that can impact learning later in life.
- Reduces future costs associated with remedial education, delinquency, and social services.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The Utah School Readiness Program showed that:

- Students who participate in preschool programs receiving school readiness grants **outperform** students in other preschool programs by **11% in reading and 10% in math**.
- **76%** of children in the high-quality school readiness program were **proficient in literacy when they exited the program**. This proficiency rate is **15% higher than the state average of 61%** literacy proficiency for incoming kindergarten students.

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Supply and Demand

This year, the Utah School Readiness Grant program received more than \$24.4 million in requests from programs meeting the high-quality eligibility requirements, yet the program only had \$12 million to disburse. This means, for the 2024-25 school year, there was:

\$12M

in unfunded grant requests

18%

fewer seats for current Expanded Student Access grantees

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new grantees receiving funding

Expanded Student Success Grants

	# Applicants	# Seats Requested	# Funds Requested
Returning Grantee	22	2095	\$14,597,915.40
New Applicant	8	1102	\$6,813,960.81
TOTALS	30	3197	\$21,411,876.21
What was Funded	22	1598	\$10,492,359

Becoming High-Quality Grants

	# Applicants	# Classrooms Requested	# Funds Requested
Returning Grantee	11	48	\$1,440,000
New Applicant	14	52	\$1,560,000
TOTALS	25	100	\$3,000,000
What was Funded	11	48	\$1,400,000

Utah's School Readiness Program is building the foundation for a better future.

Invest in early childhood education now.

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