

# Utah Parents In Action School Board Candidate Questionnaire

Please read the following statements about education policies and programs and indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each statement.

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I understand my answers will be shared with parents \*

yes

Parents and citizens should have complete, unhindered access to all of the teaching materials that are used in their children's education.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Parents are being pushed out of schools. They don't know what is being taught to their children. It is time to bring parents back into the schools. It has been proven that children are more successful when parents are involved in their education.

School Boards and Schools should establish parental review processes for all policies, products, and programs that are being considered for use in the schools before those materials are introduced into schools and classrooms.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Our school board and schools have betrayed the trust of the parents. They have brought in programs like Summit learning without going through the proper channels. That is a big problem. Parents feel like they are being lied to and that no one is listening. Include parents in everything.

School Boards and Schools should proactively inform parents when parental consent is required by state law for surveys, curriculum, etc.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Yes, it is the law. They need to be held accountable for breaking the law.

School facilities (bathrooms, locker rooms, hotel rooms, etc) use should be determined by biological sex.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

### Explain answer (optional)

Schools need to protect our children. When we start allowing this behavior at school, we open the door to potential abuse. We need to stop allowing schools to make policies based on people's feelings. We have to get back to truth. We have to teach our children what truth and reality is. Boys should not be allowed in girls bathrooms and girls should not be allowed in boys bathrooms! Boys are not girls and girls are not boys. That is nonsense. Our schools should not support this in any way. Schools are for learning.

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Participation in school sports should be based on biological sex.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

### Explain answer (optional)

Boys and girls are different physically. It makes no sense to let a boy compete on a girls team. They have an unfair advantage from a physical perspective.

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Educational material that suggests that an individual's thoughts or character can be determined by that individual's race, religion, sex, or national origin, should not be taught in schools.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I do agree that an individual's race, religion, sex or national origin can shape an individual's thoughts and character. It is who you are, and we need to be aware of that. These things shape the person that you are. But I don't agree that we need to have educational materials at schools suggesting this. These things don't need to be discussed at school. They can be part of a discussion in the right setting, but they don't need to be taught.

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Schools should expand educational programs that enable students with special gifts and talents to develop their individual capacities in a more demanding academic environment.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

We need to stop putting all kids in the same box. Students that have special gifts and talents should be celebrated and should be given every opportunity to learn and grow and develop those talents.

No School Board or School shall agree to, or renew, a contract with any provider of educational products or programs if that contract, in any way, restricts parental access to the contents of those products or programs.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Parents have to be part of the educational process. Our children thrive when parents are involved. These programs are trying to push parents out so they can indoctrinate and control our children.

School Boards and Schools should lobby the legislature to provide more money to fund education in Utah.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Utah spends 23 billion dollars on education. We have the money. I believe that school boards and schools need to be held accountable for how they spend that money. So much money is wasted every year on things that don't have to do with our children's education. We have to find a way to be smarter with that money.



No School Board or School shall agree to, or renew, a contract with any provider of educational products or programs, if that contract, in any way, allows the sharing of individual student information with any other entities unless that sharing is specifically approved, in writing, by the student's parents.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

In our day, data is gold. Programs like Summit learning collect data that is not even needed for educational purposes. Our current school board does not care that our children's data is being collected. This is very troubling to me.

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School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures that ensure that parents have access to all the details of the proposed district and school budgets and the opportunity to provide suggestions and recommendations before those budgets are finalized.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

This is tax payer money. We have a right to know how they are using our money.

The State has the ultimate medical jurisdiction over children

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Parents always know what is best for their children. No one should be able to tell me that a vaccine or mask is good for my child. I know what's best for my child.

School Boards and Schools should terminate memberships and cease contributing funds to any national, state, or local education organization that is contrary to the laws, regulations, or values of Utah.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

National organizations like NEA and NSBA have spoken loud and clear. They have an agenda against parents. They think we are domestic terrorists and they think they own our children. They have a very liberal agenda they want to push and I believe the money paid to these organizations can be used in better ways.

School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures that affirm the educational excellence of our teachers and support their complete independence to select educational material they choose to use.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Teachers are leaving in droves. We have to give teachers back the freedoms they need to teach what they love. Teachers shouldn't be put in a box by programs like Summit. Teachers should be able to select what material they want to use in their classrooms, as long as it is vetted and parents know what that material is.

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School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures that affirm the need to teach and practice social justice in the classroom, school, and community.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Social justice does not belong in the classroom. These things should be taught in the home. Allowing teachers to teach social justice in the classroom opens up the door for CRT.

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School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures that promote the adoption of educational programs supported by the current U.S. Department of Education, such as the New York Time's 1619 project.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

The 1619 project is a lie and an attempt to rewrite the history of our beautiful country. These things should never be taught in our schools. We need to teach history, the good, the bad and the ugly. But we do not need to lie to our children that our country is racist and always has been.

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School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures to promote and expand social and emotional learning policies, procedures, practices, and programs to better prepare our children to live in this turbulent world.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Our teachers are not trained therapists. Most teachers don't want to have this responsibility. It is one more thing our poor teachers are being asked to deal with. Social and Emotional health needs to be taught at home. We, as parents need to teach our children how to handle lives disappointments and sadness. These are basic life skills that have always been taught in the home. I am not ok with teachers taking on this role. These things are best taught in the home with parents that understand and love you.

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School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures that incorporate the emerging best practices of the educational excellence promoted by the national education organizations and federal government

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

School boards and schools need to assess what the best practices are for their own districts and schools. The national education organizations and the federal government should have no business in our schools. They don't know what is best for our kids.

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Do you support Governor Cox vetoing HB11, which would prohibit biological boys from competing in girls sports?

- Yes
- No

Explain answer (optional)

No. I think that Governor Cox is a coward for vetoing that HB11. He gave into the woke mob. I am grateful to the legislature for overturning that veto. Utah has strong moral values. We need a Governor that stands up for Utahs morals and values. Boys don't belong in girls sports.

Parents should have reasonable time to give public comment in every school board meeting

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Absolutely. Not only should parents have time to give public comment, but they should be able to have a dialogue with the board during these comments. The current board doesn't listen to parents and they don't give parents any opportunity to have a discussion with them. The only way to reach our current board is through email, and they never respond to the important things. I believe that everyone that comes to give a comment should be given an opportunity to speak. PARENTS NEED TO BE HEARD.



Adaptive Learning Programs ought to be used in classrooms

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

These programs claim to be the next best thing in education, because they are personalized, competency based learning. I disagree. They take away the much needed student teacher interaction. They collect precious data from our children, and they turn our children into Zombies by looking at a screen all day.

Parents have the fundamental right and duty to exercise primary control over the care, supervision, upbringing, and education of their children.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Parents in Utah are protected by the Utah constitution that recognizes that right. We need to stand up for that right. We know what is best for our children. Children are a gift from God. He has trusted them to us. It is our responsibility as parents to protect them.

Local School Boards should utilize federal grants when possible

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

No way. Federal funds always come with strings attached. We don't need the federal government anywhere near our children.

The USBE rule regarding educational equity is adequate and will prevent CRT and other divisive ideologies from being taught in our schools? \*\*\*Here's where you can find the educational equity rule: <https://bit.ly/3jusa1S> \*\*\*Here's the link to the rule: <https://bit.ly/3JzFosd>

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I haven't taken the time to study this enough to know if the rule will prevent CRT. I am worried that they use the word equity. There is a difference between equity and equality. Equality means that each individual or group is given the same resources or opportunities. Equity strives for equal outcomes no matter what the cost. I agree with educational equality. Every student should have the same opportunities and resources. I disagree with educational equity, where you strive to do anything you can to achieve an equal outcome.

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The current Utah State Civics Standards, as written by the Utah State Board of Education, are sufficient. \*\*\*See proposed standards here: <https://bit.ly/3rlomrD>

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I am not really sure. I haven't studied the new standards enough. I would just want to make sure that the new standards teach correct history.

Schools ought to teach Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Heck no. Those conversations need to happen in the home with parents that love you. This has no place in our schools. Other than the maturation in 5th grade and the sex unit in 8th grade, sex should not be discussed in school.

Local School Boards should have authority to issue mask mandates for their school district

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

No one should have the authority to tell my children to wear a mask, period. That is my choice as a parent.

Education funds ought to follow the child, at the direction of the parent, to meet the educational needs of the child

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Money should follow our children, no matter what school they attend. Charter school, home school, private school, public school, online school. It is our tax payer money, we should be able to use it for our children's education. No matter what education we choose.

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What would you like to tell UPU parents about yourself and how, if elected, you will represent Utah parents?

I have been so frustrated with our current school board. They just don't care about our children, teachers or parents. I have been talking to parents. I am a parent. I see where our public education is headed. We need a change. We need a change in leadership. We need new people on the board that understand the issues our children are facing every day. We need people on the board that understand what parents are dealing with. We as parents just want to be heard and listened to. I will hear and listen to parents, because I am one of you. We need to be leaders in our state to fight back against everything that is being thrown at our kids right now. CRT, equity and inclusion, DOJ, SEL, Gender Ideology, Summit. We need to take a stand against these things and establish our rights as parents. We are protected by the Utah constitution. We will take back our freedom and power as parents to do what we feel is best for our children.

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