

# 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 have the primary role of educating their children and should partner with teachers in the educating of each child.

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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)

Parents are entrusting their children to educators and should be aware of what the school and teachers have planned for programs, curriculum and activities.

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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)

Parents have the right to decide what is appropriate for their children and need to have proper notification so they can make decisions that are best for their family.

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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)

Simply to protect our children - physically, emotionally and mentally.

Participation in school sports should be based on biological sex.

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

Explain answer (optional)

Girls and boys are physically different and girls are greatly disadvantaged if a biological boy who decides he is a girl, competes with females in any sport. Girls and female sports need to be protected, otherwise we will see fewer compete if biological males begin to dominate the female sports.

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)

These are social ideologies that weaken our children and our communities. Such teachings have no place in schools.

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)

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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)

I would strongly question any type of program or provider that wouldn't provide parents access to information that is shared with students. Excluding the parent in any decisions and not sharing content is always a red flag and should cause questioning.

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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)

I think we need to have the school boards be more accountable and responsive with the money given and look for ways to do more with less.

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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)

This is data mining and it has to stop. Private and confidential information should not be shared and shouldn't follow the student throughout the student's education.

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)

Parents are a portion of the tax payers who contribute to the education resources of the district. As such, their input should be sought out and considered.

The State has the ultimate medical jurisdiction over children

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

Explain answer (optional)

Parents have the ultimate medical jurisdiction over their own children.

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)

Eliminating ties with such organizations will allow the school board and schools to make decisions independent of influence, obligation or commitment. Then schools and school boards will truly be free to consider what is best for each school, and how those choices align with that school's and community's values.

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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 need to follow the prescribed, reviewed and approved curriculum that parents have access to. Teachers should have autonomy to teach that curriculum in creative and unique ways, utilizing their own talents.

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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)

This is another form of teaching equity which is actually more divisive and destructive as it points out differences that can generate feelings of frustration and unfairness.

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)

It is another way to perpetuate critical race theory in society today.

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)

The schools do not need to be a one stop location for mental wellness and health care. I support that counselors are in the schools to help advise students - with the consent of parents and in conjunction with a plan. But teachers and schools should not be taking on the role of mental health experts. Teachers should be focusing on academic achievements with students. And if there seems to be an issue with a child, their first course of action should be to reach out to the parent.

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)

Schools and school boards should look at each community and each school to determine best practices and establish policies and procedures that will help schools reach those best practice goals. ....

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

- Yes
- No

Explain answer (optional)

Biological boys should not be competing in girls sports. It creates an unfair disadvantage. The governor should not have vetoed the bill and he showed lack of compassion and care towards female athletes by doing so.

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

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

Explain answer (optional)

Public comment in the school board meetings should be seen as a great tool for feedback and a way to make improvements. I would love to see more parents feel valued and get involved in providing their thoughts and recommendations.

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Adaptive Learning Programs ought to be used in classrooms

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

Explain answer (optional)

I value face to face learning with students and teachers and feel like engagement and connection is really important to both. While I do like the idea of being able to tailor a student's learning, and realize it's difficult for a teacher to customize each student's plan, I would like to look at some creative ideas and discussions to find a better approach to this.

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)

I support the Utah Republican Party platform regarding families and education and feel parents have that sacred responsibility to care for and provide for their children.

Local School Boards should utilize federal grants when possible

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

Explain answer (optional)

Only if there are no conditions and no obligations tied to the federal grants. Otherwise it's controlling and causes obligations.

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)

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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)

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Schools ought to teach Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

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

Explain answer (optional)

Absolutely not. The curriculum for Comprehensive Sexuality Education is not the simple sex ed and maturation class of 50 years ago. Such key words as "understanding gender," "violence and staying safe," and "Planned Parenthood" that are in the curriculum are cause for alarm.

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

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

Explain answer (optional)

Schools, governments, work places - none should have the ability to issue or enforce mask mandates. It is a personal choice and personal rights and liberties should not be infringed upon.

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)

Parents should be able to choose the education source for their children - whether it be homeschooled, private, charter or public. And the funds allocated for teaching that child should always follow that child.

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

I'm a mom of 3 children with 13 more years left in the education system. Now is the perfect time for me to get involved and to stand for the moral and correct principles. I will continue to rely on parents and listen to them. They know what is best for each of their children and should have the opportunity to choose for them. I will listen to teachers and their concerns and would value feedback from them regarding class size, use of funds and thoughts on the curriculum.

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