

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 hold primary priority in choosing what their own children learn. They have a right to know. All schools should be transparent. Any school that isn't is likely hiding something they aren't proud of.

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)

This process adds a parental perspective, in addition to the processes that involve educators' and administrators' perspectives. All have something to offer children, all should be involved.

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 a right to be proactively informed of the need for their consent, especially as contact information may have changed.
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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)

Participation in school sports should be based on biological sex.

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

Explain answer (optional)

Biological assigned hormones at birth determine athletic capacity, not biological identifying gender during later in life. I stand firm on this! Athletics should be based on participant's gender assigned at birth, XY and XX, not gender self-identifiers.

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 am firmly against Critical Race Theory, or any curriculum that stereotypes individuals based on any group they belong to.

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)

Students are all beautifully unique, and should be treated as such inasmuch as curriculum and programs can accommodate.

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 always have first rights to protect their children. Anyone or entity that prohibits access to any semblance of that protection should face appropriate consequences.

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 am not familiar with past budgets of the San Juan school board. But I am a fiscal conservative.

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)

Children must be protected. Bottom line.

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)

Every dollar spent should be visible to the public, it's their tax money being spent. And many may have great ideas for saving or reallocation of funds.

The State has the ultimate medical jurisdiction over children

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

Explain answer (optional)

Parents do.

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)

I think where one chooses to spend their money speaks to where their values truly lie. If there is a discrepancy in what is being said, vs what is being done, this discrepancy ought to be handled.

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 brilliant, creative and passionate. They, and the students, become more so with greater autonomy.

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)

I picked undecided, because it's one of those terms that sounds lovely, but is loaded. I believe in our judicial system. But I think those who use the terms "social justice" would twist it mean too many things. Social justice for one, becomes social injustice for another. I think teaching the Golden Rule does just fine.

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)

I personally think the federal government needs to be less involved, and allow the states to be more involved, stop tying state's hands.

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)

Again, I'm not sure what is meant by these terms. I absolutely am all for supporting mental wellness in children and fostering healthy coping skills for upcoming life challenges. But I'm not in support of brain washing. I'm in support of raising independent thinkers and thrivers.

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)

Again, I think the states can handle their own educational research to know what is best for their own state. I don't think the federal government should be micromanaging the states.

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

- Yes
- No

Explain answer (optional)

They can compete with others who have the same athletic capacity, due to having the XY in their DNA.

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

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

Explain answer (optional)

Yes, that's it. They should.

Adaptive Learning Programs ought to be used in classrooms

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

Explain answer (optional)

Teach to individuals as much as possible. This keeps children engaged and appropriately challenged and optimally growing.

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)

Absolutely. Parents are primary, educators are secondary. However, my heart does go out to educators because many times there isn't that primary support team member at home. And vice versa. Many times, parents can feel frustrated for the lack of support person at school. But that's the ideal.

Local School Boards should utilize federal grants when possible

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

Explain answer (optional)

It just depends in what strings may be attached. I think there are many great grants, but there are also many with fine print or conflicting 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)

Those listed rules seem to be a general "umbrella" that everything could fall under, but lacks a "safety net" to protect and give rights to the state to be able to say no to a curriculum from the federal government. Rules, but no rights.

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)

No, too general

Schools ought to teach Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

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

Explain answer (optional)

There isn't even enough time to master the basic subjects, let alone ridiculous suggestions such as this.
Let the parents teach their kids sexuality.

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

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

Explain answer (optional)

Nope, each can choose their own level of protection

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)

I need to learn more about this before I could state an objective perspective. But at first glance, education funds seems to something more than one person should be deciding on.

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

I am a conservative, who isn't loyal to any specific group or agenda. I don't buy into social trends. I ponder all angles and make decisions objectively. I will gladly listen and am very willing to learn what I don't understand.

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