

# Board Policy I-3: Optional and Specialized Programs



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## REFERENCES

[Administrative Procedures for Board Policy I-3](#)

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## THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education supports and offers optional and specialized programs that provide alternative learning environments for students. Such programs must meet the requirements of state and federal law, teach the Utah Core curriculum, meet accountability requirements common to all district schools, and align with the board's vision, mission, and Student Achievement Plan.

The purpose of this policy is to provide instructional alternatives in learning environments that are accessible and responsive to the needs of the district's diverse student population.

The creation of new optional and specialized programs may be initiated at the district level or at an individual school site as long as they offer academic rigor, research-based instructional strategies, student-centered assessment, and evaluation of student achievement. Approved programs may take the form of smaller learning communities within neighborhood and comprehensive schools, or may constitute a whole magnet or lab school.

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facility use, accommodations and other Equal Employment Opportunity matters. The district also provides equal access to district facilities for all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United State Codes, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Kathleen Christy, Assistant Superintendent, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-8251. You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, Denver, CO, (303) 844-5695.