

FY2021-FY2022 LEGISLATIVE ESTIMATES OVERVIEW – APRIL 2021

USEFUL LINKS

➤ **Bill Book:**

- <https://www.schools.utah.gov/policy/legislativesession?mid=1978&tid=1>
 - “Public Education Summary”

➤ **Session Funding Budget:**

- <https://www.schools.utah.gov/policy/legislativesession?mid=1978&tid=0>
 - General Legislative Summary

➤ **Legislative Estimates/other fiscal year MSP reports:**

- <https://www.schools.utah.gov/financialoperations/msp?mid=2194&tid=2>

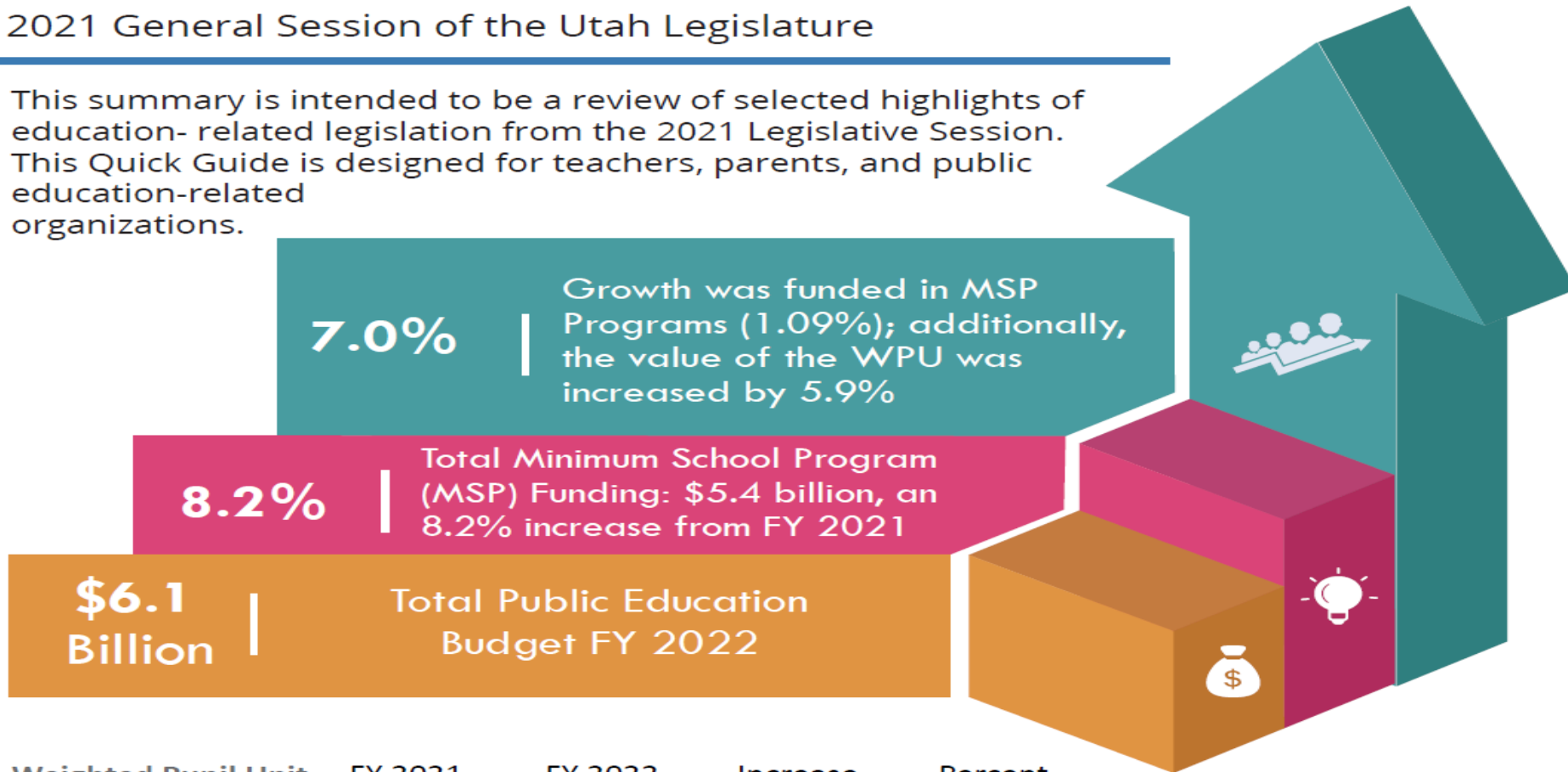
MINIMUM SCHOOL PROGRAM IN FY22



QUICK GUIDE

2021 General Session of the Utah Legislature

This summary is intended to be a review of selected highlights of education-related legislation from the 2021 Legislative Session. This Quick Guide is designed for teachers, parents, and public education-related organizations.



Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) Value	FY 2021	FY 2022	Increase	Percent
	\$3,596	\$3,809	\$213	5.9%



Enrollment Growth & WPU

\$248,918,500 ongoing and **\$48,239,500** one-time. This funding includes the WPU value increase. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will be funded on the prior year Average Daily Membership (ADM) + growth. Enrollment growth was funded for an estimated increase of 7,245 over fall 2020 enrollments. In addition, a contingency fund was created to cover higher than expected growth.



Voted and Board Local Levy Programs

The state guarantees up to a maximum of **20** tax increments (tax rate of 0.002) between the Voted and Board Local Levy Programs with appropriated funds of **\$95.1** million.

FY22 COMBINED BASIC RATE

Step 1: Assess the Greater of Either the Minimum Basic Tax Rate or the "Floor"

Tax Rate:

Minimum Basic Tax Rate
"Floor"

Rate:

0.001554
0.0016

The "Rate Floor" means a rate that is the greater of the Minimum Basic Tax Rate or 0.0016.



The "Floor" is greater than the Minimum Basic Rate, so we assess the "Floor" at 0.0016.

Step 2: Add the WPU Value Rate to the Rate Floor to Arrive at the Combined Basic Rate

Rate Floor 0.0016
Add: WPU Value Rate 0.000063
Combined Basic Rate 0.001663

The WPU Value Rate is a rate that will generate \$22,484,800 as appropriated by the Legislature.

This is the rate that will be assessed for FY2022

*For FY2022, the Equity Pupil Tax Rate is the difference between the "Floor" and the Minimum Basic Tax Rate or 0.000046

"Floor" 0.0016
Minimum Basic Tax Rate 0.001554
Difference 0.000046 Equity Pupil Tax Rate

BASIC RATE CONT.

- The basic levy revenue target for FY22 (tax year 2021) is \$545,494,527 at a rate of .001554
- “Floor” rate of .0016 generates additional tax revenue of \$29,948,225, which is used for Local Levy Growth
- The difference between the “floor” and the basic rate is called the equity pupil tax rate—we will go over this further in the Voted and Board overview

ABOVE-THE-LINE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Foreign Exchange Program WPU's have been reinstated for FY22
- Special Education Intensive Services has been eliminated and replaced by a similarly named program Below-the-Line
- Enrollment Growth Contingency – \$50,932,100 appropriated—we'll discuss this further on another slide
- Students At-Risk

STUDENTS AT-RISK WPU

- Enhancement for At Risk Students (below-the-line) has been changed—Students At-Risk program has been created
 - SBI 42/53F-2-314
 - 13,505 WPU/\$54,040,900 appropriated for FY2022
 - .05 WPU for every Economically Disadvantaged student and .025 WPU for every Limited English Proficiency student (plus 5 base WPU for every LEA)
 - Based on Oct 1 counts from previous school year

BELOW-THE-LINE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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ENROLLMENT GROWTH CONTINGENCY

- \$50,932,100 appropriated—When/How will this funding be disbursed in FY22?
- For the FY22 MidYear Update, the USBE will determine how much additional funding is needed by program after budgets are trued up to actual enrollment information
- If the appropriated funds are insufficient in a given program, the USBE will use contingency WPU, as needed, to cover deficits
- Will these funds be disbursed in FY22 if they are not needed? As far as I know, no, they will not

NOTE ON K-12 WPUS

- For the legislative estimates, we are currently not budgeting in the hold-harmless provision for the K-12 programs
- As a reminder, the hold harmless functions as following: if enrollment growth (% change in Oct 1 counts) is negative, an LEA will generate K-12 WPUs only according to their weighted prior year average daily membership (Remember K-12 is paid under weighted prior year ADM plus growth)
- We will implement the hold harmless at the MidYear Update later this Fall

QUESTIONS?

