

# Intradistrict Communication

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TO: All High School Administrators

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SUBJECT: Spring 2022 Summative Testing Reminders

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School administrators are encouraged to share the following information with their Utah Aspire Plus-tested teachers.

The state's testing ethics policy may be found [here](#).

The Utah Aspire Plus Resource Center may be found [here](#).

The Utah Aspire Plus window opened March 7<sup>th</sup> and will close May 13<sup>th</sup>. Here are a few general reminders:

- The 95% participation requirement, as part of the state's school accountability system, is in effect for the 2021-22 school year.
- Depending on absence trends this spring, schools should consider starting their summative testing a little earlier this year.
- All Utah Aspire Plus scores will be available after June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Every Utah Aspire Plus-tested teacher who will be proctoring a Utah Aspire Plus test must be trained. Trainings are still available. Please see the [JAM memo](#) released on January 27, 2022, for remaining training dates and times.
- The state's testing ethics policy states that students whose parents have opted them out of Utah Aspire Plus testing be "provided an alternative learning activity." The alternative learning activity can be a teacher-created test similar to other tests the teacher has created throughout the year in terms of rigor and length.
- Opted out students can still be in the same room as students who are taking the Utah Aspire Plus tests.
- Teachers and schools may not provide a nonacademic award (food, assemblies, dances, etc.) for participating in or performing well on the Utah Aspire Plus test.
- Only licensed educators should proctor a Utah Aspire Plus test. If a teacher is absent when a Utah Aspire Plus test is scheduled to be administered, schools can change the test date or have the substitute teacher cover the class of another classroom teacher who can proctor the Utah Aspire Plus test.
- All electronic devices (cell phones, smart watches, etc.) should be turned off and put in backpacks during testing.

- All education support staff who assist with administering Utah Aspire Plus testing in any way should have completed the testing ethics training released in a [JAM memo](#) on July 29, 2021.

Please contact Brooke Anderson or Ben Jameson in Evaluation, Research & Accountability with questions about Utah Aspire Plus or the testing ethics policy.