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Firearm Safety Training
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Firearm Safety Training

Each district school shall provide firearm safety training to students in accordance with Utah State Board of Education standards and the following schedule:

1. At least three times while a student is attending kindergarten through grade 6;
2. At least once while a student is attending middle school; and
3. At least once while a student is attending high school.

The training shall:

1. Be developmentally appropriate to the grade level receiving the instruction; and
2. Emphasize best practices and guidelines for the safe handling and storage of a firearm to prevent accidents and ensure personal safety.

The instruction may be provided:

1. Through in-person instruction, video instruction, or online materials;
2. Through an existing hunter safety course;
3. Through the health education curriculum;
4. Through the physical education curriculum; or
5. Through firearm safety curricula or materials created by the Utah Attorney General's Office.

Any statements regarding firearms provided during instruction shall be politically neutral.

If the instruction includes the display or functionality of an actual firearm on or about school premises, the individual providing the instruction shall qualify for an exemption under Utah Code § 53-5a-108(1)(a) through (f).

Before firearm safety instruction is provided:

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- 32 1. Parents shall be notified of the instruction; and
33 2. Parents shall be informed of the option and process to opt their student out of the
34 instruction.

35 A school may provide an alternative educational activity for a student who is opted out of the
36 instruction.

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44 **Legal References:**

45 [Utah Code § 53E-4-207](#)

46 [Utah Code § 53-5a-108](#)

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