

# Utah Military Academy (UMA) – School Calendars, Student Membership and Transfer Policy Addendum to UMA Complete Policy Handbook

Board Policy 2022-2: General Administration Pupil Accounting  
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## 1. Purpose:

This policy provides information regarding School Calendars, Student Membership, Transfer and Pupil Accounting at UMA in accordance with:

- Utah State Law R R277-419

## 2. Calendars and School Days:

- UMA's School calendar has *at least 990 instructional hours and 180 school days each school year*. UMA holds that the school year is defined as a 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Each school day is at least four hours per day in grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.
- UMA's required school calculations exclude lunch periods and time passed between classes but may include drill/exercise periods that include organization or instruction from school staff.
- Total instructional time and school calendars are approved by UMA's Board in an open meeting.
- Exceptions to the school calendar and school days minimum standards are as follows:
  - The State Board of Education or the State Superintendent, under the direction of the State Board, may issue a waiver for the school day and hour requirement in extreme circumstances such as a Health Department emergency or pandemic.
  - UMA's Board can make an exception for school attendance for students with compelling circumstances. This exception should be established by the ADA Compliant 6/11/191 student's IEP (Individualized Learning Plan) or SEOP/plan for college and career readiness.
  - UMA's Board plans in their calendar for emergency/activity/weather related days where school may need to be cancelled.

- If school is closed for any reason, the instructional time missed must be made up in order to qualify for full MSP funding.
- State Board Rule R277-419-4(6)(c) allows schools to conduct parent-teacher and student education plan conferences during the school day. Such conferences may only be held for a total of the equivalent of three full school days or a maximum of 16.5 hours for the school year. Student membership for these days should be counted as that of the previous school day.
- Due to school activities that may require a schedule or program modification during the first and last days of the school year, for the first five school days UMA's District LEA may report aggregate days of membership equal to the number recorded for the second five-day period of the school year. For the last five five-day period of a school year, UMA's LEA may report aggregate days of membership equal to the number recorded for the immediately preceding five-day period. UMA Schools shall continue instructional activities throughout the required calendared instruction days.

### 3. Student Membership Eligibility

- Student membership means that a public school student is enrolled and on the current roll of a public school as of a given date. It does not mean the student is in attendance on a given date, only that they are on the roll. Students generate funding by being in membership. In order to be eligible to generate funding, the student must meet the following requirements:
  - UMA follows Utah's ***"Ten Day Rule."***
    - Students ***cannot have ten consecutive unexcused absences.***
    - Membership at UMA stops the 11th day after the consecutive absences and *may begin generating as soon as the student returns to school or has an excused absence.*
  - UMA students must be a resident of Utah as defined under Sections 53G-6-302 of the Utah State Code.
  - UMA students must be of compulsory school age or a retained senior.
    - "Compulsory school age" means the student is at least 5 years old and no more than 18 years old on or before September 1. If the

student is in special education, he/she is at least three years old and no more than 21 years old on or before September 1.

- A “retained senior” is a student who is beyond the regular compulsory education age but who has been authorized by their Local Education Agency (LEA) to remain enrolled as a high school senior after their class has graduated due to sickness, hospitalization, pending court investigation or action or other extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the student.

## **6. Transfer**

- A student may request and the Utah High School Athletic Association (UHSAA) shall grant a student eligibility to participate in an interscholastic activity *after the student transfers to another school if the student participates in interscholastic activities at the new school and at least one of the following apply:*
  - The student's full family moves outside of the boundaries of the originating school and into the boundary of the new school;
  - The student's transfer to the new school is a result of a death in the family, which requires the student to move from the student's original residence;
  - The student's transfer to the new school is a result of a divorce, which requires the student to move from the student's original residence;
  - The student moves to live with an individual who has legal custody of the student with full and complete guardianship, which includes therapeutic boarding schools for students who are involved in therapeutic treatment at the new UHSAA member school;
  - The student has been a victim of bullying and the bullying was reported, documented, and investigated by the school or law enforcement. Any student making such a request shall provide such documentation as the Association may require and all requests will be considered on the facts documented.
  - A student whose situation does not meet the criteria above may compete at the sub varsity level at the new school for a period of twelve (12) months from the last day of attendance at the former

school provided they meet all other UHSAA and school/district eligibility requirements. Once a student has enrolled and attended at the new school, that student is no longer eligible at the former school.

- A student establishes initial eligibility upon entry to high school in the ninth grade for the first time. Whenever a student intends to participate in UHSAA, the student's entry to high school, irrespective of the location, shall be used for purposes of the application of this rule.
- A student enrolling in a Utah high school for the first time, as a result of a full-family move, will be deemed residentially eligible for interscholastic activities even if that first entry is at a school not within the student's residential area. This exception to the transfer rule regarding residency for students enrolling for the first time recognizes the prevailing law encouraging open enrollment.
- Unless otherwise exempted, the Transfer Rule will apply to any subsequent transfer.