



## **Become a Utah Scholar!**

High school students can better prepare for college and the workplace by becoming a [Utah Scholar](#). In September, Utah launched the Utah Scholars program in four local school districts: Granite, Jordan, Park City and Provo. The Utah Scholars initiative encourages students in grades 9 through 12 to take a rigorous course of study:

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of math including Elementary Algebra (Algebra I), Geometry, Intermediate Algebra (Algebra II), and an advanced math class beyond Algebra II
- 3.5 years of social science
- 3 years of lab-based natural science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- 2 years of a foreign language (other than English)

“Data show that students who take a more rigorous core curriculum in high school are more likely to go to college, do well in their classes, and graduate sooner,” said Richard Kendell, Commissioner of Higher Education.

In addition to better preparation for college and life, students who complete the program receive a designation on their high school transcript and could be eligible for additional federal financial aid such as the [Academic Competitiveness Grants](#).

Utah Scholars is part of the national [State Scholars Initiative](#), which includes 20 states.