

April 3, 2024

RE: Academic incentive for proficient performance on UTAH ASPIRE PLUS

In accordance with Utah State Board of Education Rule R277-404-7(9)
and State Code 53E-4-303 to 305.

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The UTAH ASPIRE PLUS, the end-of-level exam will be administered the week of April 29, 2024 at Dixie Middle School. We want to make you aware of the different scenarios that will surround the scoring/grading for student's Quarter 4 final grade:

Scenarios:

- 1) Student takes the UTAH ASPIRE PLUS and **passes** with a "4" (Highly Proficient). This accomplishment will then exempt the student from the 200-point cumulative math course final which will be given in class the following week. The student will automatically receive an "A" (94%) on this cumulative math course final which will be reflected in their Quarter 4 final grade.
- 2) Student takes the UTAH ASPIRE PLUS and **passes** with a "3" (Proficient). This accomplishment will then exempt the student from the 200-point cumulative math course final which will be given in class the following week. The student will automatically receive an "B" (84%) on this cumulative math course final which will be reflected in their Quarter 4 final grade.
- 3) Student takes the UTAH ASPIRE PLUS but does **not pass** with a "3" (Proficient) or "4" (Highly Proficient). In that case, the student will take the 200-point cumulative math course final which will be given in class the last full week of school (May 13-17). The student's Quarter 4 final grade will reflect their performance on this cumulative math course final.
- 4) If a student is "opted-out" of the UTAH ASPIRE PLUS by their parent/guardian, the student will still be expected to be at school on May 5th but will take an alternate (paper/pencil) assessment that matches the length and rigor of the UTAH ASPIRE PLUS. If the student **passes** this assessment, Scenario #1 or 2 applies. If the student does **not pass**, Scenario #3 applies.
- 5) If the student is absent the day the ASPIRE PLUS is given, they will have the opportunity to "make up" the test during school hours (the *test must be completed by May 10th*). Scenarios #1 and #2 will still apply.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Sherratt & Mrs. Walters
DMS 9th Grade Math Team