

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-461. Elementary School Counselor Grant Program.**

3 **R277-461-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

5 (a) Utah Constitution [Article X, Section 3](#), which vests general control and
6 supervision over public education in the Board;

7 (b) Subsection [53E-3-401](#)(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the
8 Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

9 (c) Section [53F-5-209](#), which directs the Board to make rules to administer the
10 Elementary School Counselor Grant Program.

11 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide:

12 (a) an application procedure;

13 (b) criteria and procedures for awarding grants; and

14 (c) requirements for grant recipients.
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16 **R277-461-2. Definitions.**

17 (1) "Childhood trauma" means a child who has been exposed to one or more
18 traumas over the course of the child's life and develops reactions that persist and affect the
19 child's daily life after the events have ended.

20 (2) "Grant" means funding awarded by the Board to an LEA to hire qualifying
21 personnel for purposes of supporting school-based mental health, in accordance with
22 Section 53F-5-209.

23 (3) "Qualifying personnel" means the same as term is defined in Subsection [53F-5-](#)
24 [209](#)(1)(c).

25 (4) "Risk factors for childhood trauma" means behaviors or indicators including:

26 (a) office referrals or discipline reports;

27 (b) increased absenteeism;

28 (c) qualification for free or reduced-price lunch;

29 (d) experiencing homelessness;

- 30 (e) school-reported referrals to the Utah Division of Child and Family Services
31 (DCFS);
32 (f) involvement with juvenile justice and youth services;
33 ~~[(f)](g)~~ participation in foster care;
34 (h) being subject to bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct
35 as defined in Rule [R277-613](#);
36 ~~[(g)](i)~~ experiencing intergenerational poverty; and
37 ~~[(h)](i)~~ performing below benchmark ~~[reading levels]~~ on statewide assessments as
38 defined in [53E-4-301](#).
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40 **R277-461-3. Grant Applications.**

- 41 (1) The Superintendent shall develop and make available a grant application for
42 LEAs, consistent with the requirements in Subsection [53F-5-209](#)(4)(a).
43 (2) The grant application shall require the LEA to report how it intends to provide the
44 matching funds required in Subsection [53F-5-209](#)(4)(b), including the source of funding the
45 LEA intends to use.
46 (3) For each grant cycle that the Superintendent is authorized to solicit grant
47 applications, the Superintendent shall publish a timeline on the Board's website by March
48 30, including a date for the application release, and due dates for an LEA to submit required
49 materials.

51 **R277-461-4. Procedures and Criteria for Awarding a Grant.**

- 52 (1) An LEA applying for a grant shall commit to establishing, at a minimum, a 3-year
53 plan and program for using the grant funds.
54 (2) In accordance with Subsection [53F-5-209](#)(3), the Superintendent shall prioritize
55 LEA applications that propose to target funds as described in Section [53F-5-209](#).
56 (3) For purposes of prioritizing grants under this Rule, the Superintendent shall
57 examine ~~[an LEA's risk factors for childhood trauma]~~ the prevalence of risk factors for
58 childhood trauma as identified in the LEA's application.

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60 **R277-461-5. Grant Recipient Requirements, Accountability, and Reporting.**

61 (1) Grant funds shall only be used to pay for salaries and benefits for
62 ~~[qualified]~~qualifying personnel.

63 (2) Qualifying personnel funded by these grant funds shall:

64 (a) implement a program to achieve an LEA's measurable goals as described in
65 Subsection 53F-5-209(4)(a);

66 (b) participate in USBE trainings;

67 (c) participate in regular collaboration meetings with USBE; and

68 (d) in accordance with Subsection 53F-5-209(8), participate in trauma-informed
69 modules

70 (3) The Superintendent shall establish a process and accompanying forms for grant
71 recipients to document grant requirements including annual reporting consistent with the
72 requirements described in Subsection 53F-5-209(7).

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75 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: April 8, 2021**

76 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X, Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4); 53F-5-
77 209(6)**