

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 ~~[R277-492. Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers (MOST)~~
3 ~~Program.~~

4 ~~R277-492-1. Authority and Purpose.~~

5 ~~—— (1) This rule is authorized by:~~

6 ~~—— (a) Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and~~
7 ~~supervision of public education in the Board;~~

8 ~~—— (b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which permits the Board to adopt rules to carry out its~~
9 ~~duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and~~

10 ~~—— (c) Section 53F-2-505, which provides for funding to establish extended contracts~~
11 ~~for participating educators as part of the Math and Science Opportunities for Students and~~
12 ~~Teachers (MOST) program.~~

13 ~~—— (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish:~~

14 ~~—— (a) conditions for the Superintendent to manage the MOST program;~~

15 ~~—— (b) standards and procedures for an LEA to submit a proposal for MOST funding to~~
16 ~~develop and create MOST programs to enhance the LEA's ability to retain participating~~
17 ~~educators, offer more opportunities for students, and use capital facilities more effectively;~~
18 ~~and~~

19 ~~—— (c) requirements associated with receiving MOST funding for a recipient LEA.~~

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21 ~~R277-492-2. Definitions.~~

22 ~~—— (1) "LEA MOST proposal" means a written proposal, including components required~~
23 ~~by the Board, developed and submitted by an LEA applying for MOST funding.~~

24 ~~—— (2) "MOST Program" means the grant program created in Section 53F-2-505.~~

25 ~~—— (3) "Participating educator" means an educator who is qualified to teach~~
26 ~~mathematics or science in grades 7-12.~~

27 ~~—— (4) "Regional Education Service Agency" or "RESA" means the same as that term~~
28 ~~is defined in Section 53G-4-410.~~

29 ~~_____ (5) "RESA MOST Proposal" means a written proposal, including components~~
30 ~~required by the Board, developed and submitted by a RESA applying for MOST base funds.~~

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32 **~~R277-492-3. MOST Proposal Criteria.~~**

33 ~~_____ (1) An LEA MOST proposal shall include:~~

34 ~~_____ (a) a description of the programming the LEA intends to use MOST funds for;~~

35 ~~_____ (b) a description of the challenges the LEA's proposed programming is intended to~~
36 ~~solve;~~

37 ~~_____ (c) the intended benefits of the proposed MOST program, which shall align with the~~
38 ~~benefits described in Subsection 53F-2-505(2)(b);~~

39 ~~_____ (d) an evaluation methodology for determining the efficacy of the program in meeting~~
40 ~~the intended benefits;~~

41 ~~_____ (e) a signed statement of assurances, expressing the LEA's intent to adhere to~~
42 ~~MOST program statutory requirements; and~~

43 ~~_____ (f) additional information as requested by the Superintendent.~~

44 ~~_____ (2) During each grant cycle, the Superintendent shall allocate a base amount of~~
45 ~~funds to participating RESAs to achieve their proposed benefits on a regional scale.~~

46 ~~_____ (3) A RESA MOST proposal shall include:~~

47 ~~_____ (a) a description of the programming the RESA intends to use MOST funds for;~~

48 ~~_____ (b) a description of the challenges the RESA's proposed programming is intended~~
49 ~~to solve;~~

50 ~~_____ (c) the intended benefits of the proposed MOST program, which shall align with the~~
51 ~~benefits described in Subsection 53F-2-505(2)(b);~~

52 ~~_____ (d) an evaluation methodology for determining the efficacy of the program in meeting~~
53 ~~the intended benefits;~~

54 ~~_____ (e) a signed statement of assurances, expressing the RESA's intent to adhere to~~
55 ~~MOST program statutory requirements; and~~

56 ~~_____ (f) additional information as requested by the Superintendent.~~

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58 ~~**R277-492-4. Superintendent Responsibilities.**~~

59 ~~—— (1) Subject to legislative appropriations, the Superintendent shall provide statewide~~
60 ~~supervision of the MOST program and budget, based on MOST intended benefits, and~~
61 ~~Board funding priorities.~~

62 ~~—— (2) The Superintendent shall solicit proposals from LEAs and RESAs to participate~~
63 ~~in the MOST grant program.~~

64 ~~—— (3)(a) In order to qualify for funding, an LEA or RESA shall submit a proposal to the~~
65 ~~Superintendent consistent with timelines established by the Superintendent.~~

66 ~~—— (b) The Superintendent shall work with applicants that submit proposals early to~~
67 ~~improve proposals, to the extent of resource and time availability.~~

68 ~~—— (4) The Superintendent shall receive all MOST proposals and rank them on an~~
69 ~~objective scale or rubric prepared by the Superintendent.~~

70 ~~—— (5) The Superintendent may appoint a review panel, including representatives from~~
71 ~~Board staff and LEAs, to prioritize proposals and recommend proposals for funding.~~

72 ~~—— (6) The review panel, the Superintendent, or both, shall consider the the unique~~
73 ~~circumstances of different rural, urban, large, small, growing and declining LEAs in~~
74 ~~recommending funding recipients.~~

75 ~~—— (7) The Superintendent shall review recommendations, make final~~
76 ~~recommendations to the Board for funding, and notify applicants that they will receive~~
77 ~~funding no later than July 31 annually.~~

78 ~~—— (8) The Superintendent shall provide funds to LEAs and RESAs consistent with~~
79 ~~Board distribution practices for grants.~~

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81 ~~**R277-492-5. Final Decision-making and Reporting Requirements.**~~

82 ~~—— (1) The Board's decisions for MOST program funding are final.~~

83 ~~—— (2)(a) A grant recipient shall provide requested data or information related to its~~
84 ~~MOST programming to the Superintendent each year by June 30.~~

85 ~~—— (b) The Superintendent may request additional information if annual reports or~~
86 ~~student assessments indicate that MOST funding is being used ineffectively, for ineligible~~
87 ~~employees, or inconsistent with the proposal or the intent of the law or this rule.~~

88 ~~—— (3) The Superintendent may interrupt MOST funding to LEAs or RESAs that do not~~
89 ~~meet the timelines or do not provide complete information or evaluations required under this~~
90 ~~rule.~~

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95 ~~**Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4); 53F-2-**~~
96 ~~**505]**~~