

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 ~~[R277-509. Licensure of Student Teachers and Interns.~~

3 ~~R277-509-1. 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;~~

9 ~~——(c) Subsection [53E-6-201](#)(1), which permits the Board to issue licenses for~~  
10 ~~educators; and~~

11 ~~——(d) Subsection [53E-6-402](#)(1), which directs the Board to establish a procedure for~~  
12 ~~obtaining and evaluating relevant information about license applicants.~~

13 ~~——(2) The purpose of this rule is to specify the procedure under which the Board~~  
14 ~~issues licenses to student teachers and interns.~~

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16 ~~R277-509-2. Definitions.~~

17 ~~——(1) "Cooperating teacher" means a licensed teacher employed by an LEA who is~~  
18 ~~qualified to directly supervise a student teacher or intern during the period the student~~  
19 ~~teacher or intern is assigned to the LEA.~~

20 ~~——(2)(a) "Intern" means a teacher education student, who, in an advanced stage of~~  
21 ~~preparation, usually as a culminating experience, may be employed in a school setting for~~  
22 ~~a period of up to one year and receive salary proportionate to the service rendered.~~

23 ~~——(b) An intern is supervised primarily by the school system while maintaining a~~  
24 ~~continuing relationship with college personnel as part of a planned program designed to~~  
25 ~~produce a demonstrably competent professional.~~

26 ~~——(3) "LEA" includes, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the~~  
27 ~~Blind.~~

28 ~~——(4) "Student teacher" means a college student preparing to teach who is assigned~~  
29 ~~a period of guided teaching during which the student assumes increasing responsibility for~~

30 directing the learning of a group or groups of students over a period of time.

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32 **~~R277-509-3. Issuing Licenses.~~**

33 ~~—— (1) The Superintendent shall recommend applicants enrolled in teacher~~  
34 ~~preparation programs for student teacher or intern licenses.~~

35 ~~—— (2) The Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission shall review~~  
36 ~~background check information and make recommendations to the Board regarding student~~  
37 ~~teacher and intern license applicants in accordance with Rule R277-214.~~

38 ~~—— (3)(a) An LEA may not give a student teacher or intern an unsupervised~~  
39 ~~classroom assignment prior to issuance of a license in accordance with this Rule~~  
40 ~~R277-509.~~

41 ~~—— (b) If an LEA assigns a student teacher or intern to a position in violation of~~  
42 ~~Subsection (3)(a), the Superintendent shall not recognize the service as fulfilling the~~  
43 ~~student teacher's or intern's requirements for Level 1 licensure.~~

44 ~~—— (c) An LEA is responsible to verify with the Board that a student teacher or intern~~  
45 ~~has appropriate licensure.~~

46 ~~—— (4) A teacher preparation programs may allow an unlicensed student teacher or~~  
47 ~~intern to complete student teaching or intern hours only if the university provides a~~  
48 ~~constant supervisor for the student teacher's or intern's work in the public schools.~~

49 ~~—— (5)(a) The Superintendent may only recommend for licensure a student teacher or~~  
50 ~~intern assigned to elementary, middle, or secondary schools under cooperating teachers~~  
51 ~~for part of their preparation program.~~

52 ~~—— (b) A supervising administrator must be permanently assigned to the building to~~  
53 ~~which an intern is assigned.~~

54 ~~—— (6) A student teacher or intern license is valid only for the period of time indicated~~  
55 ~~on the license.~~

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57 **~~R277-509-4. Effective Dates.~~**

58 ~~—— (1) This rule shall be effective through June 30, 2020.~~

**REPEAL**  
January 14, 2021

59 ~~———(2) This rule shall sunset on July 1, 2020.~~

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61 **~~KEY: student teachers, interns, teacher preparation programs~~**

62 **~~Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: January 9, 2019~~**

63 **~~Notice of Continuation: September 13, 2017~~**

64 **~~Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-6-201;~~**

65 **~~53E-3-401; 53E-6-402]~~**