

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-928. High-Need Schools Grant.**

3 **R277-928-1. 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-5-212, which establishes a grant to hire educators in high-need
10 schools and directs the Board to make rules to govern the application process.

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

12 (a) procedures for an LEA to apply for the High-Need Schools Grant; and

13 (b) criteria for determining if an elementary school is a high-need school.

14 **R277-928-2. Definitions.**

15 (1) "High-need school" means the same as the term is defined in Subsection 53F-5-
16 212(1)(c).

17 (2) "Qualifying educator," except as provided in Subsection R277-928-4(2), means
18 a first-year classroom teacher holding a professional educator license.

19 **R277-928-3. Application Process.**

20 (1) The Superintendent shall establish an application process for an LEA to apply
21 for a high-need school grant.

22 (2) An LEA shall submit an application for the high-need school grant by November
23 30th annually.

24 (3) An LEA's application shall include acknowledgments that:

25 (a) the high-need school grant is for a single year only;

26 (b) the LEA shall match the grant amount in accordance with Subsection 53F-5-
27 212(4)(b); and

28 (c) comply with the requirements of Subsection 53F-5-212(6).

29 (4) The Superintendent shall review an LEA's application based on October 1
30 enrollment data.

31 (5) The Superintendent shall:

32 (a) create a rubric to assign weight to the criteria outlined in Subsection 53F-5-
33 212(5)(b); and

34 (b) assess low school performance to include the lowest ten percent of schools as
35 evidenced by results from Board-approved standardized testing.

36 (6) The Superintendent shall select grantees by January 31st annually.

37 (7) An LEA shall submit the report required under Subsection 53F-5-212(6)(b) by
38 June 30th annually.

39 (8) If an LEA that receives a high-need school grant is unable to fill a position with
40 a qualifying educator or a funded educator leaves mid-year and the LEA is unable to fill the
41 position with a qualifying educator:

42 (a) the LEA shall notify the Superintendent; and

43 (b) the LEA shall forfeit grant funds on a pro rata basis for the remainder of the
44 school year.

45 **R277-928-4. Grants for the 2019-20 School Year.**

46 (1) The Superintendent shall establish an expedited process to take applications and
47 award grant funds for the high-need school grant in the 2019-20 school year.

48 (2) A qualifying educator shall hold a Level 1 License for an LEA to qualify for a high-
49 need school grant in the 2019-20 school year.

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51 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: 2019**

52 **Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4), 53F-5-**
53 **212**