

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 ~~[R277-511. Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) Level 1 License.~~

3 ~~R277-511-1. 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-6-201](#)(2)(a), which allows the board by rule, to rank, endorse,~~
8 ~~or otherwise to:~~

9 ~~—— (i) classify licenses; and~~

10 ~~—— (ii) establish the criteria for an educator to obtain or retain a license; and~~

11 ~~—— (c) Subsection [53E-3-401](#)(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the~~
12 ~~Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law.~~

13 ~~—— (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide standards and procedures:~~

14 ~~—— (a) for an applicant to obtain an Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) level 1~~
15 ~~license; and~~

16 ~~—— (b) for an APT level 1 license holder to obtain a level 2 license.~~

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18 ~~R277-511-2. Definitions.~~

19 ~~—— (1)(a) "APT level 1 license" means a license obtained through the academic path~~
20 ~~to teaching process as described in this rule.~~

21 ~~—— (b) "APT level 1 license" includes:~~

22 ~~—— (i) an APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration; and~~

23 ~~—— (ii) an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an~~
24 ~~Endorsement.~~

25 ~~—— (2) "LEA administrator" means a school building principal or LEA administrator~~
26 ~~who:~~

27 ~~—— (i) supervises an APT level 1 licensee; and~~

28 ~~—— (ii) may recommend the APT level 1 licensee for Level 2 licensure to the~~
29 ~~Superintendent as described in Section R277-511-7.~~

30 ~~—— (3) "Teacher leader" means a teacher designated as a teacher leader as~~
31 ~~described in R277-513.~~

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33 **~~R277-511-3. Superintendent Responsibilities.~~**

34 ~~—— (1) The Superintendent shall create an application for an APT level 1 license and~~
35 ~~publish the application on the Board's website.~~

36 ~~—— (2) The Superintendent shall approve an application for an APT level 1 license if~~
37 ~~the applicant meets all of the requirements of Section R277-511-4 or Section R277-511-5.~~

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39 **~~R277-511-4. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License with an Elementary (K-6)~~**
40 **~~Concentration.~~**

41 ~~—— (1) To qualify for an APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration,~~
42 ~~an applicant shall:~~

43 ~~—— (a) complete the application described in Subsection R277-511-3(1);~~

44 ~~—— (b) have completed a bachelor's degree or higher;~~

45 ~~—— (c) submit postsecondary transcripts to the Superintendent;~~

46 ~~—— (d) receive a passing score on the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Praxis~~
47 ~~Assessment;~~

48 ~~—— (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;~~

49 ~~—— (f) successfully pass a background check as described in R277-516; and~~

50 ~~—— (g) pay the applicable licensing fee.~~

51 ~~—— (2) An APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration is:~~

52 ~~—— (a) equivalent to the Level 1 license as described in R277-500 and R277-502 as~~
53 ~~to length and professional development expectations; and~~

54 ~~—— (b) subject to the same renewal procedures.~~

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56 **~~R277-511-5. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12)~~**
57 **~~Concentration and an Endorsement.~~**

58 ~~—— (1) To qualify for an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration~~
59 ~~and an Endorsement, an applicant shall:~~

60 ~~—— (a) complete the application described in Subsection R277-511-3(1);~~

61 ~~—— (b) have completed a bachelor's degree or higher;~~

62 ~~—— (c) submit postsecondary transcripts to the Superintendent;~~

63 ~~_____ (d) receive a passing score on one of the following that is related to the subject,~~
64 ~~field, or area to which they are seeking an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12)~~
65 ~~Concentration and an Endorsement:~~

66 ~~_____ (i) a Praxis II Subject Assessment; or~~

67 ~~_____ (ii) another Board-approved content knowledge assessment;~~

68 ~~_____ (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;~~

69 ~~_____ (f) successfully pass a background check as described in R277-516; and~~

70 ~~_____ (g) pay the applicable licensing fee.~~

71 ~~_____ (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), an APT Level 1 License with a~~
72 ~~Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement is:~~

73 ~~_____ (a) equivalent to the Level 1 license as described in R277-500 and R277-502 as~~
74 ~~to length and professional development expectations; and~~

75 ~~_____ (b) subject to the same renewal procedures.~~

76 ~~_____ (3) An APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an~~
77 ~~Endorsement holder may only seek an additional endorsement after the APT Level 1~~
78 ~~License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration holder obtains a level 2 license.~~

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80 **~~R277-511-6. Requirements for an LEA that Employs an APT Level 1 License~~**
81 **~~Holder.~~**

82 ~~_____ If an LEA employs an APT level 1 license holder, the LEA shall:~~

83 ~~_____ (1) assign a teacher leader to serve as a mentor to the APT level 1 license holder;~~

84 ~~_____ (2) prepare the APT level 1 license holder to meet the Utah Effective Educator~~
85 ~~Standards described in R277-530-5;~~

86 ~~_____ (3) prepare a mentoring plan for each APT Level 1 license holder; and~~

87 ~~_____ (4) provide an APT Level 1 license holder's mentoring plan to the Superintendent~~
88 ~~upon request.~~

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90 **~~R277-511-7. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License Holder to Gain a Level 2~~**
91 **~~License.~~**

92 ~~_____ (1) To receive a Level 2 license, an APT level 1 license holder shall:~~

93 ~~_____ (a)(i) complete three years of teaching full-time in one LEA under supervision of~~
94 ~~the teacher leader mentor and LEA administrator; or~~

- 95 ~~—— (ii) complete four years of at least 0.4 FTE teaching in one LEA under the~~
96 ~~supervision of a teacher leader mentor and the LEA administrator;~~
97 ~~—— (b) satisfy all Entry Years Enhancement for Quality Teaching requirements~~
98 ~~designated in R277-522;~~
99 ~~—— (c) complete the requirements of the APT Level 1 license holder's mentoring plan;~~
100 ~~—— (d) complete any additional requirements of the recommending LEA, including~~
101 ~~coursework and professional learning that the recommending LEA requires;~~
102 ~~—— (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;~~
103 ~~—— (f) renew the educator's background check as required in R277-516; and~~
104 ~~—— (g) obtain a recommendation from the LEA administrator; and~~
105 ~~—— (h) pay applicable licensing fees.~~
106 ~~—— (2)(a) An APT level 1 license holder seeking a level 2 license may request a one~~
107 ~~year extension of the APT level 1 license at the recommendation of the LEA Administrator~~
108 ~~up to a maximum of two one-year extensions.~~
109 ~~—— (b) Unless required by the recommending LEA, the years of teaching in~~
110 ~~Subsection (1)(a) do not need to be consecutive.~~

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112 **~~R277-511-8. Sunset Clause.~~**

- 113 ~~—— (1) This rule will sunset on June 30, 2020.~~
114 ~~—— (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the Superintendent shall convert the license of~~
115 ~~an educator with an APT Level 1 License prior to June 30, 2020, with a current teaching~~
116 ~~position in a Utah LEA, to an Associate Educator license.~~
117 ~~—— (3) An educator with a converted license under Subsection (2) may receive a~~
118 ~~Professional Educator license by completing the requirements of Section R277-511-7.~~
119 ~~—— (4)(a) The Superintendent may not accept new applications for APT licenses after~~
120 ~~September 1, 2019.~~
121 ~~—— (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), the Superintendent may accept an~~
122 ~~application for an APT license, for an applicant with a position in a Utah LEA through~~
123 ~~November 1, 2019.~~

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125 **~~KEY: Academic Pathway to Teaching, educator licensure~~**

126 **~~Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: July 2, 2019~~**

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127 ~~Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-6-201;~~
128 ~~53E-3-401(4)}~~