

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-921. Strengthening College and Career Readiness Program.**

3 **R277-921-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

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

7 (b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which authorizes the Board to adopt rules in  
8 accordance with its responsibilities; and

9 (c) Section 53F-5-204, which requires the Board to make rules regarding the  
10 program.

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

12 (a) procedures and criteria for applying for and awarding a grant; and

13 (b) reporting requirements for a grantee.  
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15 **R277-921-2. Definitions.**

16 (1) "Certificate" means the certificate described in Subsection 53F-5-204(3)(a) that  
17 a school counselor may receive through participation in the program.

18 (2) "Grant" means payment of a course fee for a course required to earn the  
19 certificate.

20 (3) "Program" means the Strengthening College and Career Readiness Program  
21 created in Section 53F-5-204.

22 (4) "School counselor" means a person who:

23 (a) holds or is applying for a Utah School Counselor License as described in  
24 Subsection R277-306-6;

25 ~~[(b) has a master's degree or higher from an accredited institution;]~~

26 ~~[(e)b] is an employee of an LEA who provides counseling and information to a~~  
27 ~~student about an educational or career choice;~~

28 ~~[(d)c] has received an evaluation as effective or higher through the LEA's~~  
29 ~~evaluation system; and~~

30 ([e]d) is recommended to participate in the program by a supervisor.

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32 **R277-921-3. Incorporation of College and Career Readiness Certificate Program**  
33 **Standards Document**

34 (1)(a) This rule incorporates by reference the College and Career Readiness  
35 Certificate Program Standards Document, September 3, 2020, which lists approved  
36 standards of each component of the College and Career Readiness Certificate.

37 (b) A school counselor preparation program shall provide opportunities for  
38 program applicants, accepted into their programs after January 1, 2020, to successfully  
39 demonstrate competencies based on the College and Career Certificate Program  
40 Standards.

41 (2) A copy of the College and Career Readiness Certificate Program Standards  
42 Document is located at:

43 (a) <https://www.school.utah.gov/>; and

44 (b) the Utah State Board of Education - 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah  
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48 **R277-921-[3]4. Grant Application.**

49 (1) An LEA may apply for a grant on behalf of a school counselor by submitting an  
50 application:

51 (a) provided on [USOE's]USBE's website;

52 (b) to the Superintendent; and

53 (c) except as provided in Subsection (2), on or before June 30.

54 (2) If the annual appropriation for the program exceeds the grant requests, the  
55 Superintendent may extend the deadline specified in Subsection (1)(c) by posting a new  
56 deadline on [USOE's]USBE's website.

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58 **R277-921-[4]5. Procedure and Criteria for Awarding Grant.**

59 (1) If the grant applications exceed the annual appropriation for the program, the  
60 Superintendent shall give preference in awarding a grant to an applicant if:

61 (a) the school where the school counselor works has a state approved  
62 ~~[Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance]~~School Counseling Program;

63 (b) the school where the school counselor works meets the school  
64 counselor-to-student ratio of 1:350, according to Rule R277-462; and

65 (c) the school counselor is licensed as a school counselor according to ~~[Rule]~~  
66 Subsection R277-~~506~~306-6.

67 (2) A school counselor who fails to complete a course that is paid for by a grant  
68 shall repay the course fee to the Superintendent.

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70 **R277-921-~~5~~6. Reporting Requirements for Grantee.**

71 After completing the course work necessary to receive the certificate, the school  
72 counselor shall submit to the Superintendent:

73 (1) an action plan to implement the skills developed through earning the certificate  
74 to improve students' college and career readiness; and

75 (2) an application that is provided on ~~[USOE's]~~ USBE's website to add the  
76 certificate to the school counselor's license.

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78 **KEY: counseling, grant programs, college and career readiness**

79 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: ~~[December 8, 2015]~~2020**

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

81 **53F-5-204**