

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) Section 53A-6-104, which allows the board by rule, to rank, endorse, or otherwise
8 to:

9 (i) classify licenses; and

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

11 (c) Section 53A-1-401, which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's
12 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.

17 **R277-511-2. Definitions.**

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

20 (b) "APT level 1 license" includes:

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

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

24 (2) "LEA administrator" means a school building principal or LEA administrator who:

25 (i) supervises an APT level 1 licensee; and

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

28 (3) "Teacher leader" means a teacher designated as a teacher leader as described
29 in R277-513.

30 **R277-511-3. Superintendent Responsibilities.**

31 (1) The Superintendent shall create an application for an APT level 1 license and
32 publish the application on the Board's website.

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

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

37 (1) To qualify for an APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration, an
38 applicant shall:

39 (a) complete the application described in Subsection R277-511-3(1);

40 (b) have completed a bachelor's degree or higher;

41 (c) submit postsecondary transcripts to the Superintendent;

42 (d) receive a passing score on the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Praxis
43 Assessment;

44 (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;

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

46 (g) pay the applicable licensing fee.

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

48 (a) equivalent to the Level 1 license as described in R277-500 and R277-502 as to
49 length and professional development expectations; and

50 (b) subject to the same renewal procedures.

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

53 (1) To qualify for an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and
54 an Endorsement, an applicant shall:

55 (a) complete the application described in Subsection R277-511-3(1);

56 (b) have completed a bachelor's degree or higher;

57 (c) submit postsecondary transcripts to the Superintendent;

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

- 61 (i) a Praxis II Subject Assessment; or
- 62 (ii) another Board-approved content knowledge assessment;
- 63 (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;
- 64 (f) successfully pass a background check as described in R277-516; and
- 65 (g) pay the applicable licensing fee.

66 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary
67 (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement is:

- 68 (a) equivalent to the Level 1 license as described in R277-500 and R277-502 as to
69 length and professional development expectations; and
- 70 (b) subject to the same renewal procedures.

71 (3) An APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an
72 Endorsement holder may only seek an additional endorsement after the APT Level 1
73 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration holder obtains a level 2 license.

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

75 If an LEA employs an APT level 1 license holder, the LEA shall:

- 76 (1) assign a teacher leader to serve as a mentor to the APT level 1 license holder;
- 77 (2) prepare the APT level 1 license holder to meet the Utah Effective Educator
78 Standards described in R277-530-5;
- 79 (3) prepare a mentoring plan for each APT Level 1 license holder; and
- 80 (4) provide an APT Level 1 license holder's mentoring plan to the Superintendent
81 upon request.

82 **R277-511-7. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License Holder to Gain a Level 2**
83 **License.**

- 84 (1) To receive a Level 2 license, an APT level 1 license holder shall:
- 85 (a)(i) complete three years of teaching full-time in one LEA under supervision of the

86 teacher leader mentor and LEA administrator; or

87 (ii) complete four years of at least 0.4 FTE teaching in one LEA under the
88 supervision of a teacher leader mentor and the LEA administrator;

89 (b) satisfy all Entry Years Enhancement for Quality Teaching requirements
90 designated in R277-522;

91 (c) complete the requirements of the APT Level 1 license holder's mentoring plan;

92 (d) complete any additional requirements of the recommending LEA, including
93 coursework and professional learning that the recommending LEA requires;

94 (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;

95 (f) renew the educator's background check as required in R277-516; and

96 (g) obtain a recommendation from the LEA administrator; and

97 (h) pay applicable licensing fees.

98 (2)(a) An APT level 1 license holder seeking a level 2 license may request a one
99 year extension of the APT level 1 license at the recommendation of the LEA Administrator
100 up to a maximum of two one-year extensions.

101 (b) Unless required by the recommending LEA, the years of teaching in Subsection
102 (1)(a) do not need to be consecutive.

103 **R277-511-8. Sunset Clause.**

104 (1) This rule will sunset on June 30, 2020.

105 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the Superintendent shall convert the license of
106 an educator with an APT Level 1 License prior to June 30, 2020, with a current teaching
107 position in a Utah LEA, to an Associate Educator license.

108 (3) An educator with a converted license under Subsection (2) may receive a
109 Professional Educator license by completing the requirements of Section R277-511-7.

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112 **Date of Enactment of Last Substantive Amendment: December 8, 2016**

113 **Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-6-104; 53A-1-401**