

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-492. ~~[Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative (USTAR) Centers]~~ Math**
3 **and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers (MOST) Program.**

4 **R277-492-1. Authority and Purpose.**

5 (1) This rule is authorized by:

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

8 (b) Subsection [53E-3-401](#)(4), which permits the Board to adopt rules to carry out its
9 duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

10 (c) Section [53F-2-505](#), which provides for funding to establish extended contracts for
11 participating [~~teachers]~~ educators as part of the [~~Utah Science Technology and Research~~
12 ~~(USTAR) Centers Initiative]~~ Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers
13 (MOST) program.

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

15 (a) conditions for the Superintendent to manage the [~~USTAR]~~ MOST [P]program;

16 (b) standards and procedures for an LEA to submit a proposal for [~~USTAR]~~ MOST
17 funding to develop and create [~~USTAR Centers]~~ MOST programs to enhance the LEA's ability
18 to retain participating [~~teachers]~~ educators, offer more opportunities for students, and use
19 capital facilities more effectively [~~by creating an extended contract~~]; and

20 (c) requirements associated with receiving [~~USTAR]~~ MOST funding for a recipient LEA.

21 **R277-492-2. Definitions.**

22 [~~(1) "Extended" means either a longer contract day or a longer contract year for~~
23 ~~participating teachers.]~~

24 [(2)1] "LEA [~~USTAR]~~ MOST proposal" means a written proposal, including components
25 required by the Board, developed and submitted by an [~~school district/charter school]~~ LEA
26 applying for [~~USTAR]~~ MOST funding.

27 (2) "MOST Program" means the grant program created in Section [53F-2-505](#).

28 (3) "Participating ~~[teacher]~~ educator" means an educator who is qualified to teach
29 mathematics or science in grades 7-12.[:

30 ~~—— (a) licensed mathematics teacher with a secondary (7-12) mathematics teaching~~
31 ~~assignment; or~~

32 ~~—— (b) licensed science teacher with a secondary (7-12) science teaching assignment.~~

33 ~~—— (4) "STEM" means science, technology, engineering and mathematics.~~

34 ~~—— (5) "USTAR Program" means the grant program created in Section 53F-2-505.]~~

35 (4) "Regional Education Service Agency" or "RESA" means the same as that term is
36 defined in Section [53G-4-410](#).

37 (5) "RESA MOST Proposal" means a written proposal, including components required
38 by the Board, developed and submitted by a RESA applying for MOST base funds.

39 **R277-492-3. [USTAR] MOST Proposal Criteria.**

40 ~~[(1) An LEA shall first identify the purpose or goal(s) of its USTAR proposal:~~

41 ~~—— (2) Appropriate purposes may include:~~

42 ~~—— (a) improvement in student test scores;~~

43 ~~—— (b) satisfaction of specific academic goals for all students or various groups of~~
44 ~~students;~~

45 ~~—— (c) increased retention of licensed educators in specific areas;~~

46 ~~—— (d) improved school climate;~~

47 ~~—— (e) increased opportunities for students to take remedial or college preparation~~
48 ~~courses;~~

49 ~~—— (f) increased student enrollment in identified courses;~~

50 ~~—— (g) additional opportunities for students to learn about specific or general higher~~
51 ~~education or career opportunities in math or science fields; or~~

52 ~~—— (h) other purposes consistent with Subsection 53F-2-505(1)(b).~~

53 ~~—— (3) In accordance with Section 53F-2-505(1)(b)(ii), an LEA shall provide a school~~
54 ~~schedule showing how it will extend hours of the school day or days of the school year to~~
55 ~~maximize employee and facility resources in furtherance of the proposal's goals.~~

56 (4) A USTAR proposal shall:

57 ~~—— (a) explain how employees shall be used in the extended school day or extended~~
58 ~~school year to maximize their effectiveness with students, including how various groups of~~
59 ~~employees will participate including classified employees, licensed employees, and~~
60 ~~appropriate supervisors for all groups;~~

61 ~~—— (b) use USTAR grant funds only to pay for hours or days worked by participating~~
62 ~~teachers with valid, current Utah educator licenses, even though various school employee~~
63 ~~groups may be necessary or desirable to achieve the purposes of the proposal;~~

64 ~~—— (c) identify the number of designated employees that will participate in the extended~~
65 ~~school year or extended school day program with the understanding that USTAR grant funds~~
66 ~~may only be used for licensed participating teachers;~~

67 ~~—— (d) identify the compensation that participating teachers shall receive, including~~
68 ~~increased insurance and benefit costs, if appropriate, which may be reported by groups of~~
69 ~~employees or by individual employees;~~

70 ~~—— (e) identify how participating teachers will be evaluated for the extended hours or~~
71 ~~extended days worked;~~

72 ~~—— (f) include a budget section, including anticipated costs and narrative; and~~

73 ~~—— (g) include an annual evaluation component that provides opportunities for student,~~
74 ~~employee and parent participation in the assessment of the proposal's effectiveness.]~~

75 (1) An LEA MOST proposal shall include:

76 (a) a description of the programming the LEA intends to use MOST funds for;

77 (b) a description of the challenges the LEA's proposed programming is intended to
78 solve;

79 (c) the intended benefits of the proposed MOST program, which shall align with the
80 benefits described in Subsection [53F-2-505\(2\)\(b\)](#);

81 (d) an evaluation methodology for determining the efficacy of the program in meeting
82 the intended benefits;

83 (e) a signed statement of assurances, expressing the LEA's intent to adhere to MOST
84 program statutory requirements; and

- 85 (f) additional information as requested by the Superintendent.
86 (2) During each grant cycle, the Superintendent shall allocate a base amount of funds
87 to participating RESAs to achieve their proposed benefits on a regional scale.
88 (3) A RESA MOST proposal shall include:
89 (a) a description of the programming the RESA intends to use MOST funds for;
90 (b) a description of the challenges the RESA's proposed programming is intended to
91 solve;
92 (c) the intended benefits of the proposed MOST program, which shall align with the
93 benefits described in Subsection 53F-2-505(2)(b);
94 (d) an evaluation methodology for determining the efficacy of the program in meeting
95 the intended benefits;
96 (e) a signed statement of assurances, expressing the RESA's intent to adhere to
97 MOST program statutory requirements; and
98 (f) additional information as requested by the Superintendent.
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100 **R277-492-4. Superintendent Responsibilities.**

- 101 (1) Subject to legislative appropriations, [The] the Superintendent shall provide
102 statewide supervision of the [USTAR] MOST program and budget, based on [USTAR
103 objectives] MOST intended benefits, and Board funding priorities[, and available funds].
104 (2) The Superintendent shall solicit proposals from LEAs and RESAs to participate in
105 the [USTAR] MOST grant program.
106 (3)(a) In order to qualify for funding, an LEA or RESA shall submit a proposal to the
107 Superintendent [by June 2 annually] consistent with timelines established by the
108 Superintendent.
109 ([a]b) The Superintendent shall work with applicants that submit proposals early to
110 improve proposals, to the extent of resource[s] and time availab[le]ility.
111 [(b) The Superintendent shall deliver final charter school proposals to the State Charter
112 School Board for review and recommendation.

113 ~~———— (4)(a) The State Charter School Board shall submit a consolidated request to the~~
114 ~~Superintendent, consistent with Subsection 53F-2-505(4), by June 20 annually.~~

115 ~~———— (b) The State Charter Board and State Charter Board staff shall work with charter~~
116 ~~school applicants that submit proposals early to improve proposals, to the extent of resources~~
117 ~~and time available.]~~

118 ([5]4) The Superintendent shall receive all MOST proposals [from school districts,
119 consider the consolidated request submitted by the State Charter Board as a proposal from
120 one school district,] and rank them on an objective scale or rubric prepared by the
121 Superintendent.

122 ([6]5) The Superintendent may appoint a[n expert] review panel, including
123 representatives from Board staff and LEAs, to prioritize proposals and recommend proposals
124 for funding.

125 ([7]6) The [expert] review panel, the Superintendent, or both, shall consider the
126 [priorities of Subsection 53F-2-505(5) in recommending and selecting the recipients, with the
127 following objectives:

128 ~~———— (a) rural, urban, large, small, growing and declining school districts (considering the~~
129 ~~consolidated charter request as one school district) having unique circumstances;~~

130 ~~———— (b) as many pilot programs shall be funded as possible; and~~

131 ~~———— (c) funded proposals should address the objectives and benefits of Section 53F-2-~~
132 ~~505(1)(b).] the unique circumstances of different rural, urban, large, small, growing and~~
133 ~~declining LEAs in recommending funding recipients.~~

134 ([8]7) The Superintendent shall review recommendations, make final
135 recommendations to the Board for funding, and notify applicants that they will receive funding
136 no later than July 31 annually.

137 ([9]8) The Superintendent shall provide funds to LEAs and RESAs [school
138 districts/charter schools (or the consolidated charter recipient)] consistent with Board
139 distribution practices for grants.

140 **~~[R277-492-5. LEA and State Charter School Board Proposal Responsibilities.~~**

141 ~~——(1) School districts shall submit proposals that meet the standards of Section 53F-2-~~
142 ~~505 no later than June 2 annually.~~

143 ~~——(2) The State Charter Board shall complete its work under Subsection 53F-2-505(4)~~
144 ~~and submit its consolidated request to the Superintendent no later than June 20 annually.~~

145 ~~——(3) LEA proposals shall clearly demonstrate that all participants necessary for the~~
146 ~~success of a proposal are voluntary participants and understand the requirements of their~~
147 ~~participation.~~

148 ~~——(4) LEA participants shall demonstrate parent and community notification and support~~
149 ~~of the school district/charter school proposals.~~

150 ~~——(5) Proposals shall clearly demonstrate that at least 95% of allocated funds shall be~~
151 ~~used for extended contracts for licensed participating teachers.~~

152 ~~——(6) Proposals shall clearly demonstrate that the remaining 5% of allocated funds is~~
153 ~~used only for purposes identified under Subsection 53F-2-505(6)(b).~~

154 ~~——(7) LEAs that receive USTAR funding shall provide all required evaluations to the~~
155 ~~Superintendent as identified by their proposals consistent with timelines established by the~~
156 ~~Superintendent.~~

157 ~~——(8) LEAs that receive USTAR funding shall provide information as requested by the~~
158 ~~Superintendent during the time periods identified in the proposals, including allowing for visits~~
159 ~~of Board staff and review of student work or assessments.]~~

160 **R277-492-[6]5. Final Decision-making and Reporting Requirements.**

161 (1) The Board's decisions for MOST program funding are final.

162 (2)(a) A grant recipient shall provide requested data or information related to its
163 [USTAR] MOST [Funding] programming to the Superintendent each year by June 30.

164 (b) The Superintendent may request additional information[, ~~data or budget~~
165 ~~information~~] if annual reports or student assessments indicate that [USTAR] MOST funding
166 is being used ineffectively, for ineligible employees, or inconsistent with the [LEA's] proposal
167 or the intent of the law or this rule.

168 (3) The [USOE] Superintendent may interrupt [USTAR] MOST funding to [school
169 ~~districts/charter schools~~] LEAs or RESAs that do not meet the time lines [~~required by this rule~~]
170 or [~~that~~] do not provide complete information or evaluations required under this rule.

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175 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#); [53F-2-505](#)**