

R277-509 received final approval by the Utah State Board of Education on March 11, 2021. R277-509 will be published in the April 1, 2021 Utah State Bulletin, subject to a 30-day comment period, with a first possible effective date of May 24, 2021.

R277. Education, Administration.

~~R277-509. Licensure of Student Teachers and Interns.~~

~~R277-509-1. Authority and Purpose.~~

~~_____ (1) This rule is authorized by:~~

~~_____ (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;~~

~~_____ (b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law;~~

~~_____ (c) Subsection 53E-6-201(1), which permits the Board to issue licenses for educators; and~~

~~_____ (d) Subsection 53E-6-402(1), which directs the Board to establish a procedure for obtaining and evaluating relevant information about license applicants.~~

~~_____ (2) The purpose of this rule is to specify the procedure under which the Board issues licenses to student teachers and interns.~~

~~R277-509-2. Definitions.~~

~~_____ (1) "Cooperating teacher" means a licensed teacher employed by an LEA who is qualified to directly supervise a student teacher or intern during the period the student teacher or intern is assigned to the LEA.~~

~~_____ (2)(a) "Intern" means a teacher education student, who, in an advanced stage of preparation, usually as a culminating experience, may be employed in a school setting for a period of up to one year and receive salary proportionate to the service rendered.~~

~~_____ (b) An intern is supervised primarily by the school system while maintaining a continuing relationship with college personnel as part of a planned program designed to produce a demonstrably competent professional.~~

~~_____ (3) "LEA" includes, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.~~

~~_____ (4) "Student teacher" means a college student preparing to teach who is assigned a period of guided teaching during which the student assumes increasing responsibility for~~

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~~directing the learning of a group or groups of students over a period of time.~~

~~R277-509-3. Issuing Licenses.~~

~~—— (1) The Superintendent shall recommend applicants enrolled in teacher preparation programs for student teacher or intern licenses.~~

~~—— (2) The Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission shall review background check information and make recommendations to the Board regarding student teacher and intern license applicants in accordance with Rule R277-214.~~

~~—— (3)(a) An LEA may not give a student teacher or intern an unsupervised classroom assignment prior to issuance of a license in accordance with this Rule R277-509.~~

~~—— (b) If an LEA assigns a student teacher or intern to a position in violation of Subsection (3)(a), the Superintendent shall not recognize the service as fulfilling the student teacher's or intern's requirements for Level 1 licensure.~~

~~—— (c) An LEA is responsible to verify with the Board that a student teacher or intern has appropriate licensure.~~

~~—— (4) A teacher preparation programs may allow an unlicensed student teacher or intern to complete student teaching or intern hours only if the university provides a constant supervisor for the student teacher's or intern's work in the public schools.~~

~~—— (5)(a) The Superintendent may only recommend for licensure a student teacher or intern assigned to elementary, middle, or secondary schools under cooperating teachers for part of their preparation program.~~

~~—— (b) A supervising administrator must be permanently assigned to the building to which an intern is assigned.~~

~~—— (6) A student teacher or intern license is valid only for the period of time indicated on the license.~~

~~R277-509-4. Effective Dates.~~

~~—— (1) This rule shall be effective through June 30, 2020.~~

~~—— (2) This rule shall sunset on July 1, 2020.~~

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