R277. Education, Administration.
R277 498. Grant for Math Teaching Training.
R277-498-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Comprehensive Administration of Credentials for Teachers in Utah Schools (CACTUS)" means the electronic file maintained on all licensed Utah educators. The file includes information such as:

(1) personal directory information;

(2) educational background;

(3) endorsements;

(4) employment history; and

(5) a record of disciplinary action taken against the educator.

C. "Endorsements in mathematics" means one or more endorsements in the mathematics teaching field that qualify an educator or prospective educator to teach a specific or specific level of mathematics course. A notation indicating the educator's competency is maintained on the educator's CACTUS record.

D. "Matching funds" means funds provided by the grant recipient in order to receive state funds under Section 53A-6-901.

E. "Teaching license" or "educator license" means an authorization issued by the Board which permits the holder to serve in a professional capacity in the public schools.

F. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-498-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board, by Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities, and by Section 53A-6-901(2) that directs the Board to write rules to provide criteria to award grant(s) to a higher education institution(s) to encourage prospective educators to earn mathematics endorsements.

B. The purpose of this rule is to award funds, consistent with 2012 legislation, to institution(s) of higher education to support and encourage prospective educators to earn mathematics endorsements.

R277-498-3. Board/USOE Procedures for Distributing Funds.

A. The USOE shall identify one or more institutions of higher education that meets the criteria of Section 53A-6-901 and the criteria of this rule from requests submitted by interested institutions of higher education.

B. The USOE shall notify selected institutions of their eligibility to receive funds under this program following review of the request and the assurance of matching funds.

C. The USOE may identify one eligible and qualified institution of higher education and establish a funding schedule to distribute funds or allow institutions to submit applications until

March 30, 2013.

D. The USOE, under the direction of the Board, shall distribute the appropriation provided for in Section 53A-6-901, Section 2 by June 30 2013.

R277-498-4. Criteria for Awarding Grants.

A. The USOE shall consider the amount or percent of matching funds that an institution of higher education shall offer.

B. The USOE shall determine that the institution of higher education requesting funds under Section 53A-6-901 shall use the funds for teachers and training consistent with Section 53A-6-901(1).

R277-498-5. Accountability and Documentation.

A. The USOE shall maintain records of the distribution of funds to institution(s) of higher education that made requests for funds provided under Section 53A-6-901 and R277-498.

B. The recipient of funds under Section 53A-6-901 shall maintain documentation of the matching funds offered by the institution that established the institution's eligibility.

C. Both the USOE and the eligible institution(s) shall maintain documentation of the number of prospective educators and the relevant training received from funding provided in Section 53A-6-901.

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