

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-554. State Charter School Board Grants and Mentoring Program.**

3 **R277-554-1. 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) Subsection [53E-3-401\(4\)](#), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the  
8 Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law;

9 (c) [Title 53G, Chapter 5](#), Charter Schools, which allows the Board to make rules  
10 governing aspects of operations of charter schools; and

11 (d) Section [53F-2-705](#), which requires the Board to make rules regarding start-up  
12 and implementation grants and a mentoring program.

13 (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish rules for the State Charter School Board  
14 to operate:

15 (a) a start-up and implementation grant for charter schools; and

16 (b) a mentoring program for charter schools.

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18 **R277-554-2. Charter School Start-up and Implementation Grants.**

19 (1) A charter school that desires to receive State Charter School Board start-up and  
20 implementation grant funds shall comply with the requirements of this Section R277-554-2.

21 (2) To receive a State Charter School Board start-up or implementation grant, a  
22 charter school may be eligible if the charter school:

23 (a) meets the requirements of Section [53G-5-404](#);

24 (b) has a finalized charter agreement with the school's authorizer;

25 (c) submits an application for the grant within six months of approval by the school's  
26 authorizer; and

27 (d) demonstrates a plan to use the funds within the next two full school years.

28 (3) New, ~~[replication,]~~ large and small expansions, and satellite schools may be  
29 eligible for start-up and implementation grant funds.

30 ~~[(4) A charter school may not receive start-up and implementation grant funds for  
31 school expansion.]~~

32           (~~5~~4) Only schools that have not received state start-up or implementation grant  
33 funds in prior years are eligible.

34           (~~6~~5) The State Charter School Board shall determine amounts and conditions for  
35 distribution of state start-up or implementation grant funds.

36           (~~7~~6) Grant funds may only be used for allowable expenditures as established by  
37 the State Charter School Board annual application form.

38           (~~8~~7) Grant recipients shall participate in monitoring activities and shall provide  
39 monitoring information to the Superintendent, as directed.

40           (~~9~~8)(a) A charter school shall repay grant funds to the State Charter School Board  
41 if recipients change to non-charter status within ten years of receiving grant funds.

42           (b) The State Charter School Board may grant an exception to the requirements of  
43 Subsection (9)(a) for a school that converts status, due to either federal or state law  
44 requirements, for academic purposes.

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46 **R277-554-3. Charter School Mentoring Program.**

47           (1) The State Charter School Board shall identify critical mentoring needs of charter  
48 schools and, through an appropriate procurement process, allocate mentoring funds to one  
49 or more qualified individuals or organizations to meet identified needs.

50           (2) Mentoring program participants shall provide information to the State Charter  
51 School Board as requested.

52           (3) A participating mentor shall submit an annual program report to the State Charter  
53 School Board.

54           (4) The State Charter School Board shall evaluate the mentoring program annually.

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56 **KEY: charter schools, startup, implementation, mentoring**

57 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: January 9, 2019**

58 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401](#); [53G-5-205](#)**