

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-331. Stipends for Future Educators.

R277-331-1. Authority, Purpose, and Oversight Category.

(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; and

(c) Section 53F-5-223, which creates a stipend for eligible student teachers and directs the Board to determine how the grant is distributed.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to create rules for distribution of stipends to eligible student teachers.

(3) This Rule R277-331 is categorized as Category 4 as described in Rule R277-111.

R277-331-2. Definitions.

(1) "Accredited institution" means the same as that term is defined in Rule R277-301.

(2) "Eligible student teacher" means the same as defined in Section 53F-5-223.

(3) "Program" means the Stipends for Future Educators program established in Section 53F-5-223.

R277-331-3. Student Teachers Stipends.

(1)(a) An eligible student teacher may apply for a stipend under the program by filling out an application on a form provided by the Superintendent.

(b) An eligible student teacher shall submit an affidavit demonstrating the student teacher's intent to pursue a Utah professional educator license and work in Utah as a teacher.

(2)(a) An eligible student teacher shall be a student in an accredited institution of higher education.

(b) An eligible student teacher's institution of higher education shall confirm the student's enrollment with the Superintendent in order for the teacher to qualify for a program stipend.

(3) An eligible student teacher may only receive a program stipend for student teaching done in a Utah k-12 public school.

(4)(a) The Superintendent shall distribute funds to LEAs under the program of \$6,500 per semester for each eligible student.

(b) The Superintendent may pro rate the stipend for a teacher working in an LEA with a class schedule that varies from a standard two semester school year.

(c) The Superintendent shall determine a schedule for disbursing funds to LEAs with eligible student teachers no less than four times a year.

(d) An eligible student teacher shall receive no less than \$6,000 before applicable payroll deductions, unless the stipend is reduced under Subsection (b).

(e) An LEA may use up to \$500 to cover benefit costs associated with the stipend.

(5)(a) An eligible student shall receive payment of the stipend through the student teacher's cooperating LEA.

(b) An LEA may not claim indirect costs in relation to this program.

(c) An LEA shall disburse the stipend in one lump sum within 30 days of the beginning of the student teaching experience.

(d) An LEA shall record an eligible student teacher's placement in CACTUS or USIMS, as appropriate.

(6) The Superintendent may not penalize an LEA if a student teacher does not complete the student teaching experience.

(7) An eligible student teacher may be employed by the student teacher's cooperating LEA on a part-time basis to provide substitute teaching services or to support an extracurricular activity during the student teaching period.

(8) An individual who has received a stipend under this program is ineligible for any subsequent stipend.

(9) An individual who receives any funding from another state program in compensation for student teaching is ineligible for the stipend.

(10) Each Board-approved Utah educator preparation program that is an accredited institution of higher education shall provide written notification to the Superintendent, by September 15 annually, of the projected number of student teachers for that school year.

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Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: Art. X, Sec. 3, 53E-3-401(4), 53F-5-223