

**R277. Education, Administration.**

**R277-473. K-12 Computer Science for Utah Grant.**

**R277-473-1. 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 53H-13-306, which allows the Board to establish rules for grant application and reporting requirements.
- (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish standards and procedures for LEAs seeking to receive K-12 Computer Science for Utah Grant funds.
- (3) This rule is categorized as Category 3 as described in Rule R277-111.

**R277-473-2. Definitions.**

- (1) "College and Career Awareness" or "CCA" has the same meaning as defined in Rule R277-916.
- (2) "Computer science" means the foundation for all computing, encompassing the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including principles, hardware and software design, implementation, and impact on society.
- (3) "Digital literacy" means the middle school course requirement established by the Board in Subsection R277-700-5(3)(i)(C).
- (4) "Keyboarding" means the elementary school core subject requirement established by the Board in Subsection R277-700-4(2)(h).
- (5) "Talent Ready Utah" means a program of the Utah System of Higher Education established in Title 53B, Chapter 34, Talent, Education, and Industry Alignment, that:
  - (a) optimizes partnerships made by education and industry, working collectively to build a highly skilled workforce while providing students with increased career and education opportunities; and
  - (b) consults with the Board on the K-12 Computer Science for Utah grant.

**R277-473-3. Computer Science Advisory Committee.**

- (1) The Superintendent shall establish a Computer Science Advisory Committee.
- (2) The Superintendent shall appoint at least six members to the committee, including:
  - (a) an industry representative;
  - (b) one member who represents a school district with expertise in computer science;
  - (c) one member who represents a charter school with expertise in computer science;
  - (d) one member representing the Utah System of Higher Education;
  - (e) one member representing the Talent Ready Utah Board;
  - (f) a non-profit national computer science organization representative; and
  - (g) other members determined by the Superintendent in consultation with the committee.
- (3) The advisory committee shall:
  - (a) oversee the review process of a new LEA plan to determine whether the LEA meets the plan criteria described in Section 53H-13-306;
  - (b) make recommendations for improvement if an LEA plan does not meet requirements; and
  - (c) perform other duties as directed by the Superintendent.

**R277-473-4. LEA Requirements.**

- (1) An LEA shall develop an annual plan that expands student opportunities in computer science in grades k-12 in cooperation with educators, paraeducators, and parents.
- (2) An LEA plan shall be consistent with Section 53H-13-306 and include a comprehensive model outlined for k-6.
- (3) An LEA that receives grant funding shall annually submit to the Superintendent a summary of progress by June 30 for k-6, including:

- (a) demographic data of students participating in computer science courses compared to the overall LEA k-6 demographics;
- (b) annual professional development plans for teachers;
- (c) itemized budgetary expenditures for grant funds; and
- (d) overall effectiveness of the grant program.

**R277-473-5. Funds Distribution.**

- (1) The Superintendent shall approve each LEA plan in consultation with the advisory committee established in Section R277-473-3.
- (2) An approved LEA will receive funds as outline this section.
- (3)(a) The Superintendent shall award program funds in consultation with the Computer Science Advisory Committee.
  - (b) An approved LEA shall receive a base amount determined by the Superintendent after reviewing legislative funding allocations.
  - (c) If funds permit, an approved LEA may receive an additional amount based on the LEA's enrollment.
- (4) An LEA may not use computer science grant program funds to:
  - (a) support non-computer science programs, including, digital literacy, graphic arts, keyboarding, or CCA courses; or
  - (b) cover indirect costs charged by the LEA.

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**Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4); 53H-13-306**