

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-528. Use of Public Education Job Enhancement Program (PEJEP) Funds.**

3 **R277-528-1[2]. Authority and Purpose.**

4 ~~[A:]~~(1) This~~[e]~~ rule is authorized by:

5 (a) Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution, which places general control and  
6 supervision ~~[of the public schools under the]~~ of public education in the Board;

7 (b) Subsection [53A-1-401(3)] 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to  
8 ~~[adopt]~~make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah  
9 Constitution and state law~~[in accordance with its responsibilities.];~~

10 (c) Subsection [53A-1a-601(3)(c)(2)]53F-2-514(3)(c)(ii), which requires the Board to  
11 make a rule that provides for repayment of a portion of the initial payment by the teacher if  
12 the teacher fails to complete the university [P]program with exceptions; and

13 (d) Subsection [53A-1a-601(5)(b)]53F-2-514(5)(b), which directs the Board to  
14 develop criteria for PEJEP awards. ~~[; and]~~

15 ~~[B:]~~(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide standards and procedures for ongoing  
16 participation in PEJEP.

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18 **R277-528-2[1]. Definitions.**

19 ~~[A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.]~~

20 ~~[B:]~~(1) "Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation" or "~~[CAEP]~~" is a  
21 nationally recognized organization ~~[which provides]~~that accredits~~[ation of]~~ professional  
22 teacher education programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for  
23 ~~[the preparation of]~~ K-12 teachers .

24 ~~[C. "National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)" is a~~  
25 ~~nationally recognized organization which accredits the education units providing~~  
26 ~~baccalaureate and graduate degree programs for the preparation of teachers and other~~  
27 ~~professional personnel for elementary and secondary schools.]~~

28 ~~[D:]~~(2) "PEJEP award[s]" means an award[s] granted to an eligible PEJEP  
29 participant[s] pursuant to Section 53F-2-514 and R277-528~~[that satisfy the purposes of the~~

30 original PEJEP funding and USOE documentation requirements].

31 (3) "PEJEP Participant" means a qualified teacher with an approved application  
32 pursuant to Section 53F-2-514 and R277-528.

33 ~~[E.](4)~~ "Public Education Job Enhancement Program (PEJEP)" means ~~[a]the~~  
34 program authorized under Subsection ~~[53A-1a-601(2)]~~53F-2-514(2).

35 ~~[F. "Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC)" is a nationally recognized~~  
36 ~~organization which provides accreditation of professional teacher education programs in~~  
37 ~~institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for the preparation of K-12~~  
38 ~~teachers.~~

39 ~~—— G. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.]~~

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41 **R277-528-3. PEJEP Participants.**

42 ~~[A.](1)~~ If an application is filed on behalf of a qualified teacher pursuant to  
43 Subsection 53F-2-514(3)(a) and approved by the Superintendent, the PEJEP participant  
44 shall:

45 ~~(a)~~ [PEJEP participants shall] commit to required courses for advanced degrees  
46 and endorsements consistent with Subsection ~~[53A-1a-601(2)]~~53F-2-514(2)~~[-.];~~

47 ~~[B. Qualified Utah institutions of higher education]~~ shall be reimbursed for the tuition  
48 for eligible PEJEP participants.]

49 ~~[C. PEJEP participants shall receive textbook reimbursements directly.]~~

50 ~~[D.](b)~~ [PEJEP participants shall] provide documentation annually, by October 1, to  
51 the ~~[USOE]~~Superintendent, demonstrating full-time employment as an educator[s] during  
52 the previous school year~~[-.];~~

53 ~~[E.](c)~~ [If a PEJEP participant changes employers, leaves public education, or  
54 moves from the state, he shall] notify the ~~[USOE]~~Superintendent immediately if the PEJEP  
55 participant changes employers, leaves public education, or moves from the state;

56 (2) If this occurs, [F]the [USOE]Superintendent may require repayment or partial  
57 repayment, consistent with Subsection [53A-1a-601(3)(c)(ii)]53F-2-514(3) [-.];

58 ~~[F.](d)~~ [PEJEP participants shall] notify the ~~[USOE]~~Superintendent of the

59 participant's<sup>[\*]</sup> satisfaction of the participant's [if] four year teaching commitment as  
60 described by Subsection 53F-2-514(3) [at the conclusion of their Program.]; and

61 (e) provide required documentation to receive textbook reimbursements, which will  
62 be reimbursed directly to the PEJEP participant by the Superintendent.

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64 (2) If a PEJEP participant changes employers, leaves public education, or moves  
65 from the state, the Superintendent may require repayment or partial repayment, consistent  
66 with Subsection 53F-2-514(3).

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68 **R277-528-4. University Program Eligibility.**

69 ~~[A:]~~(1) A ~~u~~University~~[tah higher education institution (university)]~~ program that  
70 provides licensure and endorsements in the areas outlined in Subsection [53A-1a-  
71 604(2)]53F-2-514(2) and meets the criteria of this section shall be eligible to receive tuition  
72 reimbursement for a [eligible] PEJEP participant[s].

73 ~~[B:]~~(2) To be an eligible [U]university [endorsement or education] program, the  
74 university shall:[ desires to enroll PEJEP participants shall meet the following minimum  
75 requirements]:

76 ~~[(1)]~~(a) be a Utah institution of higher education;

77 ~~(b)~~ provide documentation to the Superintendent[USOE] of the university's program  
78 accreditation by [NCATE/TEAG/CAEP; and

79 ~~[(2)]~~(c) provide to the Superintendent[USOE] an overview of the university's  
80 endorsement program including:

81 ~~[(a)]~~(i) program requirements and eligibility standards for participants;

82 ~~[(b)]~~(ii) a screening process for prospective participants;

83 ~~[(c)]~~(iii) course syllabi; and

84 ~~[(d)]~~(iv) a yearly evaluation of the program.

85 ~~[C:]~~(3) The [USOE]Superintendent may determine the eligibility of a university's  
86 program[s] on an annual basis.

87 ~~[D:]~~(4) The [USOE]Superintendent shall reimburse tuition directly to an eligible

88 university's program[s] for a PEJEP participant[s].

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90 **R277-528-5. Evaluation.**

91 [A.](1) The [USOE]Superintendent shall maintain records of PEJEP award  
92 participants.

93 [B.](2) The [USOE]Superintendent shall prepare an annual report for the Board that  
94 demonstrates use of PEJEP funding consistent with Section 53F-2-514 and R277-528[the  
95 intent of original PEJEP legislation].

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99 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [53A-1a-601]53F-2-514; [53A-1-  
100 401(3)] 53E-3-401(4)**

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