

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-629. Paid Professional Hours for Educators.

R277-629-1. Authority, ~~and~~ 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; and

(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.

(c) Section [53F-7-203](#), which directs the Board to distribute program funds to LEAs to provide to educators consistent with the statute.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to establish rules for distribution of program funds.

(3) This Rule R277-629 is categorized as Category 2 as described in Rule [R277-111](#).

R277-629-2. Definitions.

(1) "Program funds" means funds allocated to LEAs in accordance with Section 53F-7-203.

(2) For purposes of Subsection [53F-7-203](#)(~~1~~2), "student support educator" may include a librarian, instructional coach, or another certified position that works 50% or more in a school building.

R277-629-3. Distribution of Funds.

(1) The Superintendent shall distribute program funds to LEAs annually based on November 15 licensing information.

(2) An LEA shall distribute program funds in compliance with ~~[Subsections]~~ Section [53F-7-203](#)(~~3~~) and (~~4~~).

(3) An LEA shall establish a policy outlining how the LEA will use program funds.

(~~3~~4)(a) An LEA may only use program funds for ~~[educator salary and benefits]~~ costs outlined in Section [53F-7-203](#).

(b) An LEA may not use program funds to cover indirect costs.

(c) An LEA may pro-rate funds if an educator ends employment prior to the end of the school year consistent with the LEA's policy adopted in accordance with Subsection (3).

([4]5)(a) An LEA shall disburse program funds to educators by June 30 annually.

(b) The Superintendent may:

(i) offset unused program funds against future allocations to the LEA; or

(ii) require the LEA to return unused program funds by September 30 of the next school year.

KEY: paid professional hours

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Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#); [53F-7-203](#)