

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-924. Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program.**

3 **R277-924-1. 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; and

7 (b) Section 53F-5-406, which requires the Board to make rules to administer the  
8 Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program; and

9 (c) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the  
10 Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law.

11 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide:

12 (a) criteria for evaluating grant applications; and

13 (b) procedures for:

14 (i) an eligible partnership to apply to the Board to receive grant money; and

15 (ii) the evaluation of an eligible partnership's use of grant money.

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17 **R277-924-2. Definitions.**

18 (1) "Eligible partnership" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53F-  
19 5-401.

20 (2) "Eligible school feeder pattern" means the same as that term is defined in  
21 Section 53F-5-401.

22 (3) "Grant program" means the Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program  
23 established in Section 53F-5-402.

24 (4) "Lead applicant" means an LEA or local nonprofit organization designated by  
25 an eligible partnership to act as the lead applicant for a grant described in Title 53F,  
26 Chapter 5, Part 4, Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program and this Rule.

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28 **R277-924-3. Grant Application.**

29 (1) The Superintendent shall:

30           (a) develop a grant application that allows an eligible partnership, through the lead  
31 applicant, to apply to participate in the grant program; and

32           (b) make the grant application available on the Board's website.

33           (2) An eligible partnership may apply for a grant described in Section 53F-5-402  
34 by submitting an application to the Superintendent:

35           (a) on or before September 1, 2016; or

36           (b) on or before the date published on the Board's website.

37           (3)(a) An eligible partnership or lead applicant may notify the Superintendent of  
38 the eligible partnership's intention to apply for a grant at any time.

39           (b) If an eligible partnership intends to be considered for a grant for the upcoming  
40 school year, the eligible partnership shall submit a letter of intent by the deadline  
41 established by the Superintendent and published on the Board's website.

42           (4) For each year the Superintendent is authorized to solicit grant applications, the  
43 Superintendent shall publish a timeline on the Board's website by March 1, including a  
44 date for the application release, and due dates for the LEA to submit required materials.

45           (5) The Superintendent shall evaluate each application using the criteria described  
46 in Section R277-924-4 to determine if the applying partnership is an eligible partnership.

47           (6) The Superintendent shall notify the lead applicant of successful receipt of a  
48 grant by July 1.

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50 **R277-924-4. Procedure and Criteria for Awarding a Grant.**

51           (1) The Superintendent shall award grants to eligible partnerships based on the  
52 amount of funding available for the grant program.

53           (2) The Superintendent shall award the grant described in Subsection (1) to an  
54 eligible partnership based on the following criteria:

55           (a) the percentage of students who live in families with an income at or below  
56 185% of the federal poverty level enrolled in schools within the eligible school feeder  
57 pattern;

58 (b) the comprehensive needs assessment of the eligible partnership, including the  
59 shared goals, outcomes and measurement practices based on the unique community  
60 needs and interests;

61 (c) the proposed program services to be implemented based on the  
62 comprehensive needs assessment described in Subsection (2)(b), including how the  
63 eligible partnership's plan aligns with:

64 (i) the five- and ten-year plan to address intergenerational poverty described in  
65 Section 35A-9-303; and

66 (ii) if the eligible partnership has a low performing school within the eligible  
67 partnership's school feeder pattern, the school turnaround plans of the low performing  
68 schools;

69 (d) how the eligible partnership will:

70 (i) improve educational outcomes for low income students through the formation  
71 of cross-sector partnerships; and

72 (ii) improve efforts focused on student success;

73 (e) the outcome-based measures selected by the eligible partnership, including  
74 the eligible partnership's plan to:

75 (i) objectively assess the success of the eligible partnership's program design  
76 plan; and

77 (ii) make changes to the eligible partnership's plan based on the assessment  
78 described in Subsection (2)(e)(i);

79 (f) the strength of the eligible partnership's commitment to:

80 (i) the establishment and maintenance of data systems that inform program  
81 decisions;

82 (ii) sharing of information and collaboration with third party evaluators; and

83 (iii) meeting annual reporting requirements;

84 (g) the eligible partnership's budget, including:

85 (i) identifying the estimated cost per student for the program;

86 (ii) an explanation for each proposed expenditure and how each expenditure  
87 aligns with the eligible partnership's proposed program; and

88 (iii) providing matching funds as required in Section 53F-5-403.

89 (3) Additional points will be awarded to an eligible partnership that:

90 (a) includes a low performing school as defined in Section 53E-5-301; or

91 (b) includes community and parent engagement as a part of the eligible  
92 partnership's plan.

93 (4) The Superintendent shall administer and oversee the evaluation of the  
94 program as provided in Section 53F-5-405.

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97 **organizations**

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100 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53F-5-406; 53E-3-**  
101 **401(4)**

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