

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-488, Dual Language Immersion Program (Amendment & Continuation)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board continue and approve R277-488, Dual Language Immersion Program, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

Staff recommendation

Background:

Summary of Program: Dual Immersion assists school districts and charter schools in providing instruction using a fifty-fifty model where students spend half of their school day in the target language and the other half-day in English. The languages that are approved by the Superintendent vary by school. The program assists students in acquiring foreign language skills and reinforces the academic, societal, and economic development benefits associated with dual language acquisition. (See the COBI and 53F-2-502: Dual Language Immersion for more information)

Reason for Proposed Changes: Staff recommends amending the rule to reduce the number of endorsements as requested from the Board and eliminating the Dual Language Immersion Endorsement. R277-488 is also expiring on 8/19/26, so staff is recommending that the Board continues the rule in addition to considering the amendments.

Staff will present R277-488, Dual Language Immersion Program, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53F-2-502](#); [53E-3-401](#)

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Attachments:

1. R277-488 - Draft 2 - May 2026 Board
2. R277-488 - Draft 1 - April 2026 Committee
3. R277-488 Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form

