

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-634, Grants and Scholarships (New)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Committee approve R277-634, Grants and Scholarships, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:

Background: During recent legislative action, the Utah Legislature enacted statutory provisions requiring the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) to administer two new initiatives: the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) grant program under Section 53G-9-216, and the Citizenship Scholarship Program under Section 53H-11-416. To effectively govern and operationalize these programs, USBE staff has drafted a new administrative rule, R277-634: Grants and Scholarships.

Explanation of Proposed Rule: Draft 1 of R277-634 establishes the authority, definitions, and administrative procedures necessary to oversee these newly mandated programs . Because this is a new rule, all language is proposed as new. Key provisions include:

- **General Administration Framework:** Outlines the Superintendent's responsibilities to establish application timelines, determine eligibility, monitor compliance, and require corrective action when necessary . It also tasks the Board with setting minimum eligibility thresholds, including standards for citizenship grades and attendance.
- **Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) Grant Program:** Establishes a prioritization structure that distributes funds first to high-needs schools (designated as Title I) and second to rural schools.
- **Citizenship Scholarship Program:** Directs the Superintendent to establish eligibility criteria focused on demonstrated exemplary citizenship grades (consistent with Section 53E-4-208) and student attendance records .

Staff will present R277-634, Grants and Scholarships, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: 53G-9-216; 53H-11-416, 53E-3-401(4), and Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 3.

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1. R277-634- Draft 1 - May 2026 Committee