

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-917, Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program (New)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Committee approve R277-917, Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program, 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:

Reason for Proposed Amendments and Summary: This rule is proposed to implement H.B. 36 (2026 General Session), which created the Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program, and to establish procedures and requirements for the administration of the program, including eligibility, application, selection, funding, and reporting. The rule also reflects a statutory amendment to Section 53F-5-224 that conditions implementation of the program on the Department of Health and Human Services receiving sufficient federal funding. This new rule establishes definitions consistent with statute, creates an application and selection process for eligible schools, establishes criteria for participation and for earning a gold medal recognition award, defines allowable uses and distribution of program funds including administrative cost limitations, establishes reporting, monitoring, and accountability requirements for participating schools, and specifies that program implementation is contingent upon the receipt of sufficient federal funding by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Staff will present R277-917, Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401](#); 53F-5-224; [63G-3](#)

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Attachments:

1. R277-917- Earl Draft 1- May 2026 Committee
2. R277-917- Draft 1- May 2026 Committee
3. R277-917 Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form
4. Utah-RHTP-Application-Summary-Nov2025
5. Utah-RHTP-Project-Narrative-Accessible-PDF-2026.04.20
6. NOA_RHTCMS332051-01-00

