

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

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

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Board approve R277-634, Grants and Scholarships, Draft 1, 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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Attachments:

1. R277-634- Draft 1 - May 2026 Committee
2. R277-634 Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form