

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Angie Stallings, Associate Superintendent
Policy and Communication

DATE: October 8-9, 2015

ACTION: R277-726 *Statewide Online Education Program* (Amendment and Continuation)

Background:

1. The Law and Licensing Committee discussed issues related to the Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP) and Board rule R277-726 during the Committee's August meeting and gave policy direction to staff. R277-726 is amended to incorporate the policy decisions of the Committee as well as make technical and conforming changes.
2. In addition to the amendments to R277-726, the rule is continued consistent with Board policy for continuation of rules and the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. The rule has not yet come due for continuation, but was created effective October 11, 2011.

Key Points: The amendments include changes to how the program requires LEAs and Statewide Online Education Program providers (SOEP providers) to deal with certain issues, including:

- How to manage a Section 504 Accommodation plan.
- How to serve SOEP students with disabilities.
- The responsibilities of SOEP providers that are higher education entities.
- How fee waiver-eligible materials are provided to SOEP students.
- How to manage the SOEP appropriation for home and private school students.

The amendments also redefine the term "school of enrollment" and include technical and conforming changes throughout the rule.

Anticipated Action:

1. It is proposed that the Committee consider approving R277-726, as amended, on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-726, as amended, on second reading.
2. It is proposed that the Committee consider approving R277-726 for continuation on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-726 for continuation on second reading.

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