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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent
Policy and Communication

DATE: September 8-9, 2016

ACTION: R277-511 *Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) Level 1 License* (Amendment)

Background:

In June, the Board adopted R277-511 *Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) Level 1 License*, which was made effective on August 12, 2016. During the Board's August meeting, the Board asked staff to further amend the rule and bring it back to Law and Licensing in September. The rule is updated to: 1) require an APT Level 1 license holder to complete all the required mentoring years with the same LEA before the LEA may recommend the license holder qualify for a level 2 license; 2) amend the definition of "master teacher;" and 3) require an LEA that hires an APT Level 1 educator to prepare a comprehensive mentoring plan for each APT Level 1 educator.

Board Strategic Plan:

This item supports the following imperative and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan:

- Oversight - Monitor, review, and provide general supervision to all public education institutions and other entities for which the State Board has responsibility.

Anticipated Action:

It is proposed that the Law and Licensing Committee consider approving R277-511, as amended, on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-511, as amended, on second reading.

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1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-511. Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) Level 1 License.**

3 **R277-511-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

5 (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and
6 supervision over public education in the Board;

7 (b) Section 53A-6-104, which allows the board by rule, to rank, endorse, or
8 otherwise to:

9 (i) classify licenses; and

10 (ii) establish the criteria for an educator to obtain or retain a license; and

11 (c) Section 53A-1-401, which allows the Board to make rules to execute the
12 Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law.

13 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide standards and procedures:

14 (a) for an applicant to obtain an Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) level
15 1 license; and

16 (b) for an APT level 1 license holder to obtain a level 2 license.

17 **R277-511-2. Definitions.**

18 (1)(a) "APT level 1 license" means a license obtained through the academic
19 path to teaching process as described in this rule.

20 (b) "APT level 1 license" includes:

21 (i) an APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration; and

22 (ii) an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an
23 Endorsement.

24 (2) "LEA administrator" means a school building principal or LEA administrator
25 who:

26 (i) supervises an APT level 1 licensee; and

27 (ii) may recommend the APT level 1 licensee for Level 2 licensure to the
28 Superintendent as described in Section R277-511-6.

29 ~~[(3) "Master teacher" means a level 2 or level 3 licensed teacher designated~~
30 ~~as a master teacher by an LEA through the demonstration of consistent leadership,~~
31 ~~focused collaboration, distinguished teaching, and continued professional growth.]~~

32 (3) "Teacher leader" means a teacher designated as a teacher leader as
33 described in R277-513.

34 **R277-511-3. Superintendent Responsibilities.**

35 (1) The Superintendent shall create an application for an APT level 1 license
36 and publish the application on the Board's website.

37 (2) The Superintendent shall approve an application for an APT level 1
38 license if the applicant meets all of the requirements of Section R277-511-4 or
39 Section R277-511-5.

40 **R277-511-4. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License with an Elementary (K-6)**
41 **Concentration.**

42 (1) To qualify for an APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6)
43 Concentration, an applicant shall:

- 44 (a) complete the application described in Subsection R277-511-3(1);
- 45 (b) have completed a bachelor's degree or higher;
- 46 (c) submit postsecondary transcripts to the Superintendent;
- 47 (d) receive a passing score on the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects
48 Praxis Assessment;
- 49 (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;
- 50 (f) successfully pass a background check as described in R277-516; and
- 51 (g) pay the applicable licensing fee.

52 (2) An APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration is:

- 53 (a) equivalent to the Level 1 license as described in R277-500 and R277-502
54 as to length and professional development expectations; and
- 55 (b) subject to the same renewal procedures.

56 **R277-511-5. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12)**
57 **Concentration and an Endorsement.**

58 (1) To qualify for an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12)
59 Concentration and an Endorsement, an applicant shall:

- 60 (a) complete the application described in Subsection R277-511-3(1);

- 61 (b) have completed a bachelor's degree or higher;
- 62 (c) submit postsecondary transcripts to the Superintendent;
- 63 (d) receive a passing score on one of the following that is related to the
- 64 subject, field, or area to which they are seeking an APT Level 1 License with a
- 65 Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement:
- 66 (i) a Praxis II Subject Assessment; or
- 67 (ii) another Board-approved content knowledge assessment;
- 68 (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;
- 69 (f) successfully pass a background check as described in R277-516; and
- 70 (g) pay the applicable licensing fee.

71 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), an APT Level 1 License with a

72 Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement is:

- 73 (a) equivalent to the Level 1 license as described in R277-500 and R277-502
- 74 as to length and professional development expectations; and
- 75 (b) subject to the same renewal procedures.

76 (3) An APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an

77 Endorsement holder may only seek an additional endorsement after the APT Level

78 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration holder obtains a level 2 license.

79 **R277-511-6. Requirements for an LEA that Employs an APT Level 1 License**

80 **Holder.**

81 If an LEA employs an APT level 1 license holder, the LEA shall:

- 82 (1) assign a ~~master~~ teacher leader to serve as a mentor to the APT level 1
- 83 license holder;~~and~~
- 84 (2) prepare the APT level 1 license holder to meet the Utah Effective Educator
- 85 Standards described in R277-530-5~~[-]~~;
- 86 (3) prepare a comprehensive mentoring plan for each APT Level 1 license
- 87 holder; and
- 88 (4) provide an APT Level 1 license holder's comprehensive mentoring plan
- 89 to the Superintendent upon request.

90 **R277-511-7. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License Holder to Gain a Level**

91 **2 License.**

92 (1) To receive a Level 2 license, an APT level 1 license holder shall:

93 (a)(i) complete three years of teaching full-time in one LEA under supervision
94 of the[~~master~~] teacher leader mentor and LEA administrator; or

95 (ii) complete four years of at least 0.4 FTE teaching in one LEA under the
96 supervision of a[~~master~~] teacher leader mentor and the LEA administrator;

97 (b) satisfy all Entry Years Enhancement for Quality Teaching requirements
98 designated in R277-522;

99 (c) complete the requirements of the APT Level 1 license holder's
100 comprehensive mentoring plan;

101 ([e]d) complete any additional requirements of the recommending LEA,
102 including coursework and professional learning that the recommending LEA
103 requires;

104 ([d]e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;

105 ([e]f) renew the educator's background check as required in R277-516; and

106 ([f]g) obtain a recommendation from:

107 (i) the[~~master~~] teacher leader mentor; and

108 (ii) the LEA administrator; and

109 ([g]h) pay applicable licensing fees.

110 (2)(a) An APT level 1 license holder seeking a level 2 license may request a
111 one year extension of the APT level 1 license at the recommendation of the[~~master~~]
112 teacher leader mentor and the LEA Administrator up to a maximum of two one-year
113 extensions.

114 (b) Unless required by the recommending LEA, the years of teaching in
115 Subsection (1)(a) do not need to be consecutive.

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117 **KEY: Academic Pathway to Teaching, educator licensure**

118 **Date of Enactment of Last Substantive Amendment: August 12, 2016**

119 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-6-104;**

120 **53A-1-401**