**R277. Education, Administration.**

**R277-331. Stipends for Future Educators.**

**R277-331-1. Authority, Purpose, and Oversight Category.**

(1) This rule is authorized by:

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

(b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

(c) Section 53F-5-223, which creates a stipend for eligible student teachers and directs the Board to determine how the grant is distributed.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to create rules for distribution of stipends to eligible student teachers.

(3) This Rule R277-331 is categorized as Category 4 as described in Rule R277-111.

**R277-331-2. Definitions.**

(1) "Eligible student teacher" means the same as defined in Section 53F-5-223.

(2) "Program" means the Stipends for Future Educators program established in Section 53F-5-223.

**R277-331-3. Student Teachers Stipends.**

(1) An eligible student teacher may apply for a stipend under the program by filling out an application on a form provided by the Superintendent.

(2)(a) An eligible student teacher shall be a student in a Utah institution of higher education.

(b) An eligible student teacher's university shall confirm the student's enrollment with the Superintendent in order for the teacher to qualify for a program stipend.

(3) An eligible student teacher may only receive a program stipend for student teaching done in a Utah k-12 public school.

(4)(a) The Superintendent shall distribute funds to LEAs under the program of $6,000 per semester for each eligible student.

(b) The Superintendent may pro rate the stipend for a teacher working in an LEA with a class schedule that varies from a standard two semester school year.

(c) The Superintendent shall determine a schedule for disbursing funds to LEAs with eligible student teachers no less than four times a year.

(5)(a) An eligible student shall receive payment of the stipend through the student teacher's cooperating LEA.

(b) An LEA may not claim indirect costs in relation to this program.

(c) An LEA shall disburse the stipend half at the beginning of the semester and half at the end of the semester.

(d) An LEA shall record an eligible student teacher's placement in CACTUS or USIMS, as appropriate.

(6) An eligible student teacher may do substitute teaching on a part-time basis during the student teaching period.

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**Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: Art. X, Sec. 3, 53E-3-401(4), 53F-5-223**