

**R277. Education, Administration.**

**R277-720. Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation from Personalized, Competency-Based Learning Program.**

**R277-720-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(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;

(c) Subsection 53F-2-511(1)(c)(ii), which allows the Board to make rules to specify additional criteria for an LEA to be eligible for a personalized, competency-based learning early graduation reimbursement; and

(d) Subsection 53F-2-511(6), which allows the Board to make rules for the administration of the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation from Personalized, Competency-Based Learning.

**R277-720-2. Definitions.**

(1) "Eligible LEA" means an LEA that:

(a) has demonstrated to the Board that the LEA or a school within the LEA provides and facilitates personalized competency-based learning that is based on the core principles described in Section 53F-5-502; and

(b) has an approved personalized, competency-based learning program that includes:

(i) at least one outcome measure for each indicator level required by the Superintendent;

(ii) outcome measures that are disaggregated by student subgroups where possible; and

(iii) at least one outcome measure for student growth and proficiency.

(2) "Eligible student" means a student who:

(a) meets the requirements described in Subsection 53F-2-511(1)(d);

(b) has been flagged by an LEA as a personalized competency-based learning participant.

(3) "Program" means the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation from Personalized, Competency-Based Learning described in Section 53F-2-511.

(4) "Review Committee" means the Personalized Competency-based Learning Review Committee created in Section R277-712-3.

**R277-720-3. Personalized, Competency-Based Learning Designation.**

(1) To receive a personalized, competency-based learning designation, an eligible LEA shall:

(a) submit an application in the form prescribed by the Superintendent to the review committee;

(b) submit the application in Subsection (1)(a) no later than April 1 of the school year prior to the school year in which the LEA intends to seek reimbursement; and

(c) have an approved personalized, competency-based learning plan pursuant to Rule R277-712.

(2) The review committee shall review each application and make recommendations to the Board based on the Board approved personalized, competency-based learning core principals and measures described in Rule R277-712.

(3) The Board shall approve or deny the recommendations made by the review committee in a timely manner.

(4) If approved, an eligible LEA's personalized, competency-based learning designation shall continue for three years, provided the school continues to implement a personalized, competency-based learning model.

(5) An eligible LEA may not retroactively use an approved personalized, competency-based learning designation for reimbursement of eligible students.

(6) An LEA may claim reimbursement for eligible students in the school year after establishing a personalized, competency-based learning designation and in subsequent years, as long as the designation continues.

**R277-720-4. Early Graduation Reimbursement.**

(1) An eligible LEA with a personalized, competency-based learning designation may seek reimbursement for an eligible student in October for membership generated by the eligible student in the previous school year.

(2) The reimbursement amount shall be calculated by the Superintendent in the following manner:

(a) the amount of weighted pupil unit lost due to early graduation for each eligible student shall be determined as described by Subsection 53F-2-511(5);

(b) the total amount of lost weighted pupil unit for each eligible student shall be used to establish an LEA aggregate total and a statewide aggregate total for all eligible students;

(c) if the statewide aggregate total is equal to or less than the total amount allocated for the program by the legislature, an eligible LEA shall be reimbursed the LEA aggregate total;

(d) if the statewide aggregate total exceeds the total amount allocated for the program by the legislature, an eligible LEA shall be reimbursed a prorated amount proportionate to the percentage that the LEA aggregate total is of the statewide aggregate total.

(3) An LEA shall not receive a reimbursement for an eligible student that exceeds the amount outlined in Subsection 53F-2-511(5)(a).

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