

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-632. Funding for At-Risk Students and Students Learning English.

R277-632-1. 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 53F-2-314(4), which requires:
 - (i) an LEA to report information on the use of the at-risk add-on to the WPU to the Board; and
 - (ii) the Board to monitor the learning outcomes resulting from an LEA's use of the at-risk add-on to the WPU; and
 - (c) Section 53F-2-316, which requires the Board to make rules regarding distribution of emergency funds for students learning English.
- (2) The purpose of this rule is to:
 - (a) clarify reporting requirements for the At-Risk Add-On Funding Report; and
 - (b) establish requirements for distribution of emergency funding to schools under Section 53F-2-316.

R277-632-2. Definitions.

- (1) "At risk" has the same meaning as described in Section 53F-2-314.
- (2) "At-Risk Add-On Funding Report" means the reporting required of each LEA consistent with Subsection 53F-2-314(4)(a).
- (3) "Student learning English" has the same meaning as described in Section 53F-2-316.
- (4) "UPEFS" means the Utah Public Education Financial System.
- (5) "Weighted Pupil Unit" or "WPU" has the same meaning as described in Section 53F-2-102.

R277-632-3. LEA Reporting.

- (1) An LEA shall submit the At-Risk Add-On Funding Report by October 1 for the previous fiscal year.

- (2) An LEA shall submit financial data through UPEFS.
- (3) An LEA shall submit the following through a separate data collection form provided by the Superintendent:
 - (a) the definition the LEA's local Board has approved for the term "at-risk student" in the LEA consistent with Subsection 53F-2-314(1)(a)(ii);
 - (b) LEA outcome data specific to the defined at-risk subpopulation;
 - (c) a report of intervention effectiveness related to the LEA's use of funds;
 - (d) the number of students served that meet the LEA's definition of at-risk; and
 - (e) other data as requested by the Superintendent.

R277-632-4. Emergency Funding for Schools With Increased Enrollment of Students Learning English.

- (1) The Superintendent shall annually identify schools qualifying for funding under Section 53F-2-316.
- (2) The Superintendent shall notify each school identified in accordance with Subsection (1) of the opportunity to apply for available funding.
- (3) The Superintendent shall establish an application process and distribution formula for funds allocated by the Legislature, which prioritizes schools with:
 - (a) the greatest percentage increase in enrollment of students learning English; and
 - (b) the most severe financial need.
- (4)(a) An LEA shall provide all information required in Subsection 53F-2-316(3).
- (b) An LEA may demonstrate a school has substantial need by showing:
 - (i) a plan for spending the funds for a qualifying school consistent with the purposes allowed in Section 53F-2-316; and
 - (ii) that the LEA has less than 5% carry forward from the LEA's at-risk add-on funding.
- (5) An LEA receiving funds under this rule may only use funds as set forth in Section 53F-2-316.

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