

The Public Education Job Enhancement Program

The Public Education Job Enhancement Program, enacted under Utah Code Annotated 53a-1a-601, 602, passed through House Bill 188 during the 2005 General Legislative Session. The program was established to attract, train, and retain, teachers in Special Education (PreK-12) and secondary school educators (7-12) in math, physics, chemistry, physical science, information technology, and learning technology. Link: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/cert/PEJEP/default.htm>

The award programs are: Advancement Awards (Scholarships) and Opportunity Awards (Signing Bonuses).

Please note: Teachers cannot receive both the Opportunity Award (Signing Bonus) and Advancement Awards (Scholarships) at the same time or within the four year teaching commitment time.

Advancement Award (Scholarship) Advancement Awards are scholarships to encourage teachers in secondary schools (7-12) to earn additional education leading to endorsements, degrees and/or advanced degrees in math, physics, chemistry, physical science, information technology, learning technology, and special education (PreK-12).

NEW Advancement Award Scholarships 4, 5, & 6 Grade Educators The award is a scholarship to encourage educators currently teaching grades 4, 5, or 6 in elementary and/or middle schools in special education PreK-12 or math, chemistry, physics, physical science, information technology, and learning technology, to earn an endorsement in Math.

Opportunity Award (Signing Bonus) Opportunity Awards are given by districts to newly hired teachers or teachers who have been in an ARL program for one year and teaching in the following secondary (7-12) subject areas: math, physics, chemistry, physical science, information technology, and learning technology. The award is also given to special education teachers (PreK-12). Teachers must be recommended by a school principal, school district superintendent, or designee.

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