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**53A-6-107 Teacher preparation programs.**

- (1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board shall make rules that establish standards for approval of a preparation program or an alternative preparation program.
- (2) The board shall ensure that standards adopted under Subsection (1) meet or exceed generally recognized national standards for preparation of educators, such as those developed by the:
  - (a) Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium;
  - (b) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; or
  - (c) Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.
- (3) The board shall designate an employee of the board's staff to:
  - (a) work with education deans of state institutions of higher education to coordinate on-site monitoring of teacher preparation programs that may include:
    - (i) monitoring courses for teacher preparation programs;
    - (ii) working with course instructors for teacher preparation programs; and
    - (iii) interviewing students admitted to teacher preparation programs;
  - (b) act as a liaison between:
    - (i) the board;
    - (ii) local school boards or charter school governing boards; and
    - (iii) representatives of teacher preparation programs; and
  - (c) report the employee's findings and recommendations for the improvement of teacher preparation programs to:
    - (i) the board; and
    - (ii) education deans of state institutions of higher education.
- (4) The board shall:
  - (a) in good faith, consider the findings and recommendations described in Subsection (3)(c); and
  - (b) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, make rules, as the board determines is necessary, to implement recommendations described in Subsection (3)(c).

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