



# Wyoming Teacher Apprenticeship

an initiative of the Wyoming Department of Education and the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board

## The Role of the State Agency

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) in partnership with the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board established the Wyoming Teacher Apprenticeship (WTA) in the fall of 2022. The WTA aligns leading practices in educator preparation and development with the rigors of the national registered apprenticeship process. The WDE operates as the state sponsor for any school district's program. After a school district has identified its needs to design a strategic model, the school district will still need to formally apply to the WDE.

### State Responsibilities

#### Quality Programing for Excellent Educators



**While local need and context will define some elements of the apprenticeship, the WDE maintains the following responsibilities to ensure meaningful impact:**

- Review new program applications as the state apprenticeship sponsor. Utilizing an internal review team, the WDE will issue either a notice of approval, need for additional documentation, or request for resubmission.
- Oversee and monitor programmatic quality and effectiveness. Apprenticeships must meet both federal requirements for standard programs and prescribed state requirements.
- Pursue financial supports and programmatic investments. The WDE will continue to seek additional funding opportunities for greater investment and programmatic scale statewide for districts to leverage.

Offering essential resources, best practices, and technical / practical assistance, the WDE will continue to ensure that districts are equipped to establish strong partnerships responsive to their local contexts. Further, by bringing this work to scale, the WDE will continue to address educator challenges with high quality apprenticeships for aspiring candidates across the state.

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