

## **R277. Education, Administration.**

### **~~[R277-463. Class Size Average and Pupil-Teacher Ratio Reporting.~~**

#### **~~R277-463-1. Authority and Purpose.~~**

~~—— (1) This rule is authorized by:~~

~~—— (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which places general control and supervision of the public school system under the Board;~~

~~—— (b) Section 53E-3-301, which directs the Board to report average class sizes and pupil-teacher ratios; and~~

~~—— (c) 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.~~

~~—— (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish uniform class size and pupil-teacher ratio reporting procedures, including definitions and codes.~~

#### **~~R277-463-2. Definitions.~~**

~~—— (1) "Course" means the subject matter taught to students.~~

~~—— (a) Elementary courses are designated by grade level.~~

~~—— (b) Secondary courses are determined by course content.~~

~~—— (2) "EL" means English Learner.~~

~~—— (3)(a) "Individual class" means a group of students organized for instruction and assigned to one or more teachers or other staff members for a designated time period.~~

~~—— (b) A class may include:~~

~~—— (i) students from multiple grades; or~~

~~—— (ii) students taking multiple courses.~~

~~—— (c) The Superintendent shall determine an individual class from course data submitted to the Superintendent using a combination of course elements, such as:~~

~~—— (i) CACTUS identification number;~~

~~—— (ii) teacher of record;~~

~~—— (iii) class period;~~

~~—— (iv) term of student enrollment; and~~

~~—— (v) course cycle.~~

~~———— (4) "Pupil" means a student enrolled in a public school as of October 1 of the reported school year.~~

~~———— (5) "Teacher" means a full-time equivalent licensed educator, such as:~~

~~———— (a) a regular classroom teacher;~~

~~———— (b) a school-based specialist; or~~

~~———— (c) a special education teacher.~~

### **~~R277-463-3. Class Size Average for Elementary Classes.~~**

~~———— (1)(a) An LEA shall report student level course data providing sufficient course information to determine the number of students in individual classes.~~

~~———— (b) An LEA shall calculate a class with students in multiple grades as one class.~~

~~———— (c) An LEA shall calculate an extended day classes in which one portion of the class arrives early and the other portion stays late as one class.~~

~~———— (2)(a) The Superintendent shall calculate average class size by grade.~~

~~———— (b) The Superintendent shall exclude special education, EL, online, and other non-traditional classes from class size average calculations.~~

~~———— (3) The Superintendent shall derive state and district-level class sizes from the median of school-level class sizes.~~

### **~~R277-463-4. Class Size Average for Secondary Classes.~~**

~~———— (1)(a) An LEA shall report student level course data providing sufficient course information to determine the number of students in individual classes.~~

~~———— (b) An LEA shall calculate classes including students enrolled in multiple courses as one class.~~

~~———— (2)(a) The Superintendent shall calculate average class size for core language arts, mathematics, and science courses.~~

~~———— (b) The Superintendent shall exclude special education, EL, online, and other non-traditional classes from class size averages.~~

~~———— (3) The Superintendent shall derive state and district-level class sizes from taking the median of school-level class sizes.~~

**~~R277-463-5. Pupil-Teacher Ratio Calculation.~~**

~~————(1)(a) The Superintendent shall calculate pupil-teacher ratios by school.~~

~~————(b) The Superintendent shall calculate the pupil-teacher ratio for each school by dividing the number of enrolled pupils by the number of full-time equivalent teachers assigned to the school.~~

~~————(2) The Superintendent shall derive district-level ratios by taking the median of school-level ratios.~~

~~————(3) The Superintendent shall derive state-level ratios for charter schools and traditional schools by taking the median of school-level data.~~

**~~R277-463-6. Reporting Format and Timeline.~~**

~~————The Superintendent shall report school, district and state-level ratios and class size averages to the public as required under Section 53E-3-301.~~

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**~~Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art. X, Sec 3; 53E-3-301; 53E-3-401(4)]~~**