

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-436. Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs in the Schools.**

3 **R277-436-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

5 (a) Utah Constitution [Article X, Section 3](#), which vests general control and  
6 supervision over public education in the Board;

7 (b) Subsection [53E-3-401\(4\)](#), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the  
8 Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

9 (c) Subsection [53F-2-410\(1\)\(b\)](#), which appropriates funds to be used for Gang  
10 Prevention and Intervention Programs in the schools.

11 (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish standards and procedures for distributing  
12 funding for gang prevention and intervention programs in public schools.

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14 **R277-436-2. Definitions.**

15 (1) "At-risk student" means any student who because of the student's individual  
16 needs requires some kind of uniquely designed intervention in order to achieve literacy,  
17 graduate and be prepared for transition from school to post-school options.

18 (2)(a) "Gang" means a group of three or more people who form an allegiance and  
19 engage in criminal activity, which uses violence or intimidation to further its criminal  
20 objectives.

21 (b) A gang may have a name, turf, colors, symbols, distinct dress, or any combination  
22 of the preceding characteristics.

23 (3)(a) "Gang prevention" means instructional and support strategies, activities,  
24 programs, or curricula designed and implemented to provide successful experiences for  
25 youth and families.

26 (b) Gang prevention activities shall promote cultural and social competence, self-  
27 management skills, citizenship, preparation for life skills, academic achievement, literacy,

28 and interpersonal relationship skills required for school completion and full participation in  
29 society.

30 (4) "Gang intervention" means specially designed services required by an individual  
31 student experiencing difficulty in cultural and social competence, self-management skills,  
32 citizenship, preparation for life skills, academic achievement, literacy, and interpersonal  
33 relationships, within or outside of the school, which may impact the individual's susceptibility  
34 to gang membership or gang-like activities.

35 (4) "Gang Prevention and Intervention Program" means specifically designed  
36 projects and activities to help at-risk students stay in school and enhance their cultural and  
37 social competence, self-management skills, citizenship, preparation for life skills, academic  
38 achievement, literacy, and interpersonal relationship skills required for school completion  
39 and full participation in society.

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41 **R277-436-3. Application, Distribution of Funds, and Administrative Support.**

42 (1) An LEA may apply for gang intervention funds by submitting a proposal on a form  
43 approved by the Superintendent.

44 (a) An school district may submit:

45 (i) a proposal for a single school; or

46 (ii) a single district-wide proposal.

47 (b) A charter school may apply individually or jointly with other charter schools.

48 (2) A proposal submitted in accordance with Subsection (1) shall:

49 (a) provide for distribution of funds to individuals schools;

50 (b) explain prevention and intervention activities and strategies planned for individual  
51 schools;

52 (c) identify the school's at-risk student population and demonstrate how the  
53 prevention and intervention strategies will benefit at-risk students; and

54 (d) demonstrate interagency collaboration between the LEA and other service  
55 providers.

56 (3) The Superintendent shall award gang intervention funds based on proposals  
57 submitted in accordance with Subsection (1), and subject to the annual legislative  
58 appropriation.

59 (4) The Superintendent shall give priority in awarding funds to:

60 (a) schools that demonstrate multiple risk factors for gang involvement; and

61 (b) schools with outcome data that show successful reduction of gang involvement.

62 (5) The Superintendent shall notify successful applicants of their awards by July 1  
63 annually.

64 (6) An LEA or charter consortia may use up to ten percent of its funding awarded in  
65 accordance with this rule for:

66 (a) administrative oversight; [and](#)

67 (b) professional development for licensed and non-licensed employees who directly  
68 [engage](#) in gang prevention or intervention activities[; ~~and~~

69 ~~—(c) professional and technical services].~~

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#### 71 **R277-436-4. Evaluation and Reports.**

72 (1) An LEA or charter school consortia shall provide the Superintendent a year-end  
73 evaluation report by June 30 for the previous fiscal year.

74 (2) A year-end report shall include:

75 (a) an expenditure report;

76 (b) a narrative description of all activities funded;

77 (c) copies of any and all products developed;

78 (d) an effectiveness report detailing evidence of individual and overall program  
79 impact on gang and gang-related activities and involvement; and

80 (e) any other information or data required by the Superintendent.

81 (3) The Superintendent may require additional evaluation or audit procedures from  
82 the grant recipient to demonstrate use of funds consistent with the law and Board rules.

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84 **R277-436-5. Waivers.**

85           Notwithstanding Rule [R277-121](#), the Superintendent may grant a written request for  
86 a waiver of a requirement or deadline contained in this rule, which a district or school finds  
87 unduly restrictive.

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91 **Notice of Continuation: May 11, 2018**

92 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53F-2-410](#); [53E-3-](#)  
93 [401\(3\)](#)**

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