

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-623. School Climate Survey.**

3 **R277-623-1. 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) [Section 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) [Section 53G-8-802\(2\)\(i\)](#), which requires the Board to make rules requiring an
10 LEA to:

11 (i) create or adopt and disseminate a school climate survey; and

12 (ii) disseminate the school climate survey.

13 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide an LEA with:

14 (a) the recommended distribution method;

15 (b) climate survey frequency; and

16 (c) minimum sample size required to conduct a climate survey.

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18 **R277-623-2. Definitions.**

19 (1) "School Climate Survey" or "climate survey" means a survey that evaluates a
20 range of aspects of the educational environment to assess perceptions and identify
21 specific strengths and weaknesses within a school.

22 (2) "School Community" means all relevant stakeholders including:

23 (a) parents;

24 (b) students;

25 (c) administration;

26 (d) school building staff including teachers; and

27 (e) school resource officers as defined in Subsection [53G-8-701\(2\)](#).

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29 **R277-623-3. Incorporation of Model School Climate Survey by Reference.**

30 (1) This rule incorporates by reference the Model School Climate Survey.

31 (2) A copy of the model survey is located at:

32 (a) <https://www.schools.utah.gov/> ; and

33 (b) the Utah State Board of Education.

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35 **R277-623-4. Climate Survey Administration.**

36 (1) An LEA shall administer a school climate survey containing the questions
37 identified in the Model School Climate Survey described in Section R277-623-3.

38 (2) An LEA may include additional questions in the LEA's climate survey
39 [consistent with student data privacy requirements as described in Section 53E-9-203.](#)

40 (3) An LEA shall administer the climate survey:

41 (a) at least once every other year and in the opposite year from administration of
42 the public education exit and engagement survey described in R277-325;

43 (b) in an anonymous and randomized way;

44 (c) to a school community;

45 (d) [in other languages relevant to the school community where possible;](#)

46 (e) to students across all academic achievement levels; and

47 (f) in a form compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

48 (4) [An LEA may administer the survey orally to a student if:](#)

49 (a) [the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality of the student's](#)
50 [responses;](#)

51 (b) [the student can request for a different survey administrator; and](#)

52 (c) [the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality and identity of the](#)
53 [survey administrator.](#)

54 (5) An LEA shall administer the climate survey through a Board approved online
55 provider.

56 (6) An LEA shall provide the survey to:

57 (a) the lesser of 35% of the student population or 400 students;

58 (b) each school in the LEA; and

59 (c) all staff at a school level.

60 ~~[(6) If an LEA fails to administer the survey, the Superintendent may pursue~~
61 ~~corrective action in accordance with R277-114.]~~

62 (7) An LEA ~~[may]~~shall restrict access to survey responses in accordance with
63 the LEA's written policies, board rule, or state and federal laws.

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65 **KEY: school climate survey, school safety.**

66 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: 2019**

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

68 **53G-8-802(2)(i)**