

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-410. Accreditation of Schools.**

3 **R277-410-1. 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
8 the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

9 (c) Section 53E-3-501, which directs the Board to establish rules governing
10 school accreditation.

11 (2) The purpose of this rule is to require qualifying secondary schools to be
12 accredited.

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14 **R277-410-2. Definitions.**

15 For the purposes of this rule:

16 "Qualifying secondary school" means a public school that:

17 (1) includes any of grades 9-12; or

18 (2) offers credits toward high school graduation.

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20 **R277-410-3. Accreditation of Public Schools.**

21 (1) A qualifying secondary school shall obtain accreditation from a regional
22 accrediting body.

23 (2) If a qualifying secondary school does not obtain accreditation before the
24 beginning of the school's second year of operation, the credit awarded by the qualifying
25 secondary school is considered earned from a non-accredited source as described in
26 Section R277-705-3:

27 (a) for the school's first year of operation; and

28 (b) until the school becomes accredited.

29 (3)(a) [~~In addition to standards set by an accrediting body, the~~] The
30 Superintendent shall establish Utah-specific assurances demonstrating compliance with
31 state law and Board rule to be followed by the accrediting body.

32 (b) The Superintendent shall ensure that qualified secondary schools meet the
33 Utah-specific assurances described in Subsection (3)(a).

34 (4) The Superintendent may require on-site visits as part of the accreditation
35 process.

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37 **R277-410-4. Transfer or Acceptance of Credit.**

38 (1) A qualifying secondary school shall accept transfer credits from an
39 accredited qualifying secondary school consistent with Section 53G-7-206 and Section
40 R277-705-3.

41 (2) A qualifying secondary school may accept transfer credits from other credit
42 sources consistent with Section R277-705-3.

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47 **Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-501(1)(c);**
48 **53E-3-401(4)**