

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

### **R277-463. Class Size Average and Pupil-teacher Ratio Reporting.**

#### **R277-463-1. Definitions.**

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Course" means the subject matter taught to students.

(1) Elementary courses are designated by grade level.

(2) Secondary courses are determined by course content.

C. "EL" means English Learner.

D. "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. A class may include students from multiple grades or may include students taking multiple courses and still shall be considered a single class for purposes of class size reporting. An individual class shall be determined from course data submitted to the USOE using a combination of course elements such as CACTUS identification number, teacher of record, class period, term of student enrollment, and course cycle.

E. "LEA" means a local education agency, including local school boards/public school district or charter school.

F. "Pupil" means a student enrolled in a public school as of October 1 of the reported school year.

G. "Teacher" for purposes of this rule means a full-time equivalent licensed educator, such as a regular classroom teacher, a school-based specialist, and a special education teacher.

H. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

#### **R277-463-2. Authority and Purpose.**

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which places general control and supervision of the public school system under the Board, Section 53A-1-301 which directs the Board to report average class sizes and pupil-teacher ratios, Section 53A-3-602.5 which directs the Board to establish rules for uniform class size reporting, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to establish uniform class size and pupil-teacher ratio reporting procedures, including definitions and codes.

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

A. LEAs shall report student level course data providing sufficient course information to determine the number of students in individual classes. Classes with students in multiple grades shall be calculated as one class. Extended day classes in which one portion of the class arrives early and the other portion stays late will be calculated as one class.

B. Average class size shall be calculated by grade. Special education, EL, online, and other non-traditional classes shall be excluded from class size average calculations.

C. State- and district-level class sizes shall be derived from the median of school-level class sizes.

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

A. LEAs shall report student level course data providing sufficient course information to determine the number of students in individual classes. Classes including students enrolled in multiple courses shall be calculated as one class.

B. Average class size shall be calculated for core language arts, mathematics, and science courses. Special education, EL, online, and other non-traditional classes will be excluded from class size averages.

C. State- and district-level class sizes shall be derived from taking the median of school-level class sizes.

**R77-463-5. Pupil-teacher Ratio Calculation.**

A. Pupil-teacher ratios shall be calculated by school. The pupil-teacher ratio for each school shall be calculated by dividing the number of enrolled pupils by the number of full-time equivalent teachers assigned to the school.

B. District-level ratios shall be derived by taking the median of school-level ratios.

C. State-level ratios for charter schools and traditional schools shall be derived from taking the median of school-level data.

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

School, district and state-level ratios and class size averages shall be reported to the public as required under Section 53A-1-301.

**KEY: public schools, class size average reporting, pupil-teacher ratio reporting**

**Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: 2014**

**Notice of Continuation: June 10, 2014**

**Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-1-301; 53A-3-602.5; 53A-1-401(3)**