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R277. Education, Administration.

R277-623. School Climate Survey.

R277-623-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized by:

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

(b) Section 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; and

(c) Section 53G-8-802(2)(i), which requires the Board to make rules requiring an LEA to:

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

(ii) disseminate the school climate survey.

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

(a) the recommended distribution method;

(b) climate survey frequency; and

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

R277-623-2. Definitions.

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

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

(a) parents;

(b) students;

(c) administration;

(d) school building staff including teachers; and

(e) school resource officers as defined in Subsection 53G-8-701(2).

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R277-623-3. Incorporation of Required School Climate Survey Questions by Reference.

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

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

(a) <https://schools.utah.gov/administrativerules/documentsincorporated>; and

(b) the Utah State Board of Education.

R277-623-4. Climate Survey Administration.

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

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

(3) An LEA shall administer the climate survey:

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

(b) in an anonymous and randomized way;

(c) to the LEA's school community;

(d) in other languages relevant to the school community where possible;

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

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

(4) An LEA may administer the survey orally to a student if:

(a) the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality of the student's responses;

(b) the student can request for a different survey administrator; and

(c) the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality and identity of the survey administrator from the general public.

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

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(6) An LEA shall provide the survey to:

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

(b) each school in the LEA; and

(c) staff at a school level.

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

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

KEY: school climate survey, school safety.

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Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4); 53G-8-802(2)(i)