

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-628. School Libraries.

R277-628-1. 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-3-501(1)(c)(v), which requires the Board to establish rules and minimum standards for public schools including school libraries; and

(c) 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.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the minimum standards for an LEA's library policies and accompanying procedures for library material selection and reconsideration.

R277-628-2. Definitions.

(1) "Library material" means any digital, including audio or visual media, or physical text contained within a school library's collection.

(2) "School library" means the location, both physical and virtual, where library materials are housed and administered by professional staff hired to oversee the selection, maintenance, and access to school library materials.

R277-628-3. Policy and Accompanying Procedures for School Library Material Selection and Reconsideration.

(1) On or before September 1, 2022 each LEA shall:

(a) establish a policy and accompanying procedures for the selection and reconsideration of library materials selected for a school's library that is consistent with current state and federal law; and

(b) ensure each school within the LEA complies with the LEA's policy and accompanying procedures for the selection and reconsideration of library materials selected for a school's library described in Subsection (1)(a).

(2) The Superintendent shall provide a model policy for use by an LEA in developing an LEA's policy and accompanying procedures described in Subsection (1).

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