

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-405. School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding.**

3 **R277-405-1. 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.

9 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the required criteria for an LEA to have
10 in a memorandum of understanding with a local law enforcement agency for a school
11 resource officer.

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13 **R277-405-2. Definitions.**

14 (1) "School resource officer" or "SRO" means the same as the term is defined in
15 Subsection 53G-8-701.

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17 **R277-405-3. Establishment and Required Components of an SRO memorandum of**
18 **understanding.**

19 (1) An LEA shall establish a memorandum of understanding with a local law
20 enforcement agency to partner with the local law enforcement agency for services to be
21 carried out by SRO.

22 (2) An LEA shall establish clear roles of each party signing to the memorandum
23 of understanding including:

24 (a) responsibilities of each school's administration;

25 (b) roles of the SRO including:

26 (i) limiting disciplinary or code of conduct violation involvement to only those
27 suspected or amounting to a criminal violation;

28 (ii) which regular meetings SRO is expected to actively participate in including
29 multi-disciplinary team meetings;

- 30 (iii) what basic routine job functions SRO is expected to fulfill;
31 (iv) which programs or curriculum are expected to be instituted and overseen by
32 the SRO; and
33 (v) any areas that an SRO should not be involved in including routine discipline
34 problems involving students; and
35 (c) the involvement of an LEA governing board in any decisions or procedural
36 needs for the memorandum of understanding to be carried out effectively.
37 (3) An LEA shall ensure the memorandum of understanding includes the
38 following components:
39 (a) a mission or purpose statement;
40 (b) roles of each signing party as described in subsection (2);
41 (c) supervision and chain of command responsibilities for an SRO;
42 (d) all data sharing policies and laws an SRO are required to know;
43 (e) any data collection that will be required including the data described in
44 Section [53E-3-516](#) and [R277-921](#).
45 (f) any trainings and certifications required for an SRO to complete for job
46 related duties and expectations; and
47 (g) the required components as described in Subsection [53G-8-703\(2\)](#).
48 (4) An LEA shall obtain approval of a memorandum of understanding from the
49 LEA governing board of authority as required by Subsection [53G-8-703\(1\)](#).
50 (5) An LEA shall review the memorandum of understanding with the local law
51 enforcement agency and the LEA's governing board of authority at least every three
52 years.
53 (6) An LEA shall include in the memorandum of understanding review described
54 in subsection (5) all relevant school climate survey data described in [R277-623](#).

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56 **KEY: School resource officer; memorandum of understanding; juvenile justice**
57 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: February 8, 2021**
58 **Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401\(4\)](#)**