

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-476. Civics Engagement Pilot Program.**

3 **R277-476-1. 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; and

9 (c) Section [53G-10-204](#), which directs the Board to make rules creating a civics  
10 engagement project that complies with the Utah Core Standards, establish eligibility for  
11 the program, and establish an application process.

12 (2) The purpose of this rule is to:

13 (a) create a pilot civics engagement project program;

14 (b) establish eligibility requirements to participate in the program;

15 (c) create an application process; and

16 (d) establish reporting criteria.

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18 **R277-476-2. Definitions.**

19 (1) "Civic disposition" means a student's desire to actively participate in civic  
20 processes and engage with issues of civic concern at various scales including local,  
21 statewide, or larger.

22 (2) "Civic engagement project" or "project" means the same as the term is  
23 defined in Subsection [53G-10-204\(1\)](#).

24 (3) "Civic knowledge" means a student's grasp of governmental processes and  
25 core concepts of representative government including ways citizens can play a role in  
26 civic life.

27 (4) "Civic skills" means a student's capability to use acquired skills effectively to  
28 participate in civic life, including abilities to think critically, communicate effectively,  
29 problem-solve, and work collaboratively.

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**R277-476-3. Civics Project Requirements—Eligibility and Application.**

- (1) An LEA may apply for a pilot civics engagement project grant.
- (2) An LEA’s application shall contain the following:
  - (a) a budget proposal for the use of funds;
  - (b) the number of schools, teachers, and projected students participating in the grant program within the LEA;
  - (c) the LEA’s goals and outcome measures for the program; and
  - (d) the LEA’s plan to create and implement a program including:
    - (i) implementation and use of competencies as defined by the Superintendent;
    - (ii) how the LEA’s projects aligns with Utah Core Standards for social studies;
    - (iii) opportunities for student reflection; and
    - (iv) opportunities for public student presentations.
- (3) An LEA’s application shall be scored and ranked based upon the following:
  - (a) the quality of the LEA’s overall budget proposal and plan as described in Subsection (2); and
  - (b) an LEA’s geographic and student diversity including:
    - (i) urban student settings;
    - (ii) suburban student settings; and
    - (iii) rural student settings.
- (4) A participating LEA is not exempt from the civics test requirement described in Section 53E-4-205.

**R277-476-4. Performance Measures and Reporting.**

- (1) An LEA shall submit to the Superintendent an annual progress report by the date and in a manner prescribed the Superintendent.
- (2) The annual progress report shall report on all performance measures and data requested by the Superintendent including:
  - (a) civic disposition of participating students;

59 (b) project impact on civic knowledge;

60 (c) enhancement of civic skills;

61 (d) the LEA's goals and outcome measures;

62 (e) project categories and types; and

63 (f) other relevant experiential data.

64 (3) An LEA may use a board approved online provider to collect performance  
65 measures and outcome data.

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67 **R277-476-5. Distribution and Use of Funds.**

68 (1) An LEA may receive up to the LEA's requested amount not to exceed  
69 \$40,000.

70 (2) An LEA shall use funds only for the purposes specified in the LEA's  
71 application and plan.

72 (3) An LEA may submit a request to amend the LEA's budget proposal to the  
73 Superintendent.

74 (4) An LEA may not use funds for:

75 (a) purchase of property;

76 (b) new equipment;

77 (c) maintenance of current equipment; or

78 (d) travel expenses.

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80 **KEY: civics, civics engagement project, social studies.**

81 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: 2020**

82 **Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#);**

83 **53G-10-204.**