R277. Education, Administration.

R277-463. Class Size Average and Pupil-Teacher Ratio Reporting.

R277-463-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized by:

(a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which places general control and supervision of the public school system under the Board;

(b) Section 53E-3-301, which directs the Board to report average class sizes and pupil-teacher ratios; and

(c) Subsection 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 establish uniform class size and pupil-teacher ratio reporting procedures, including definitions and codes.

R277-463-2. Definitions.

(1) "Course" means the subject matter taught to students.

(a) Elementary courses are designated by grade level.

(b) Secondary courses are determined by course content.

(2) "EL" means English Learner.

(3)(a) "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.

(b) A class may include:

(i) students from multiple grades; or

(ii) students taking multiple courses.

(c) The Superintendent shall determine an individual class from course data submitted to the Superintendent using a combination of course elements, such as:

(i) CACTUS identification number;

(ii) teacher of record;

(iii) class period;

(iv) term of student enrollment; and

(v) course cycle.

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

(5) "Teacher" means a full-time equivalent licensed educator, such as:

(a) a regular classroom teacher;

(b) a school-based specialist; or

(c) a special education teacher.

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

(1)(a) An LEA shall report student level course data providing sufficient course information to determine the number of students in individual classes.

(b) An LEA shall calculate a class with students in multiple grades as one class.

(c) An LEA shall calculate an extended day classes in which one portion of the class arrives early and the other portion stays late as one class.

(2)(a) The Superintendent shall calculate average class size by grade.

(b) The Superintendent shall exclude special education, EL, online, and other non-traditional classes from class size average calculations.

(3) The Superintendent shall derive state and district-level class sizes from the median of school-level class sizes.

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

(1)(a) An LEA shall report student level course data providing sufficient course information to determine the number of students in individual classes.

(b) An LEA shall calculate classes including students enrolled in multiple courses as one class.

(2)(a) The Superintendent shall calculate average class size for core language arts, mathematics, and science courses.

(b) The Superintendent shall exclude special education, EL, online, and other non-traditional classes from class size averages.

(3) The Superintendent shall derive state and district-level class sizes from taking the median of school-level class sizes.

R277-463-5. Pupil-Teacher Ratio Calculation.

(1)(a) The Superintendent shall calculate pupil-teacher ratios by school.

(b) The Superintendent shall calculate the pupil-teacher ratio for each school [shall]by dividing the number of enrolled pupils by the number of full-time equivalent teachers assigned to the school.

(2) The Superintendent shall derive district-level ratios by taking the median of school-level ratios.

(3) The Superintendent shall derive state-level ratios for charter schools and traditional schools by taking the median of school-level data.

R277-463-6. Reporting Format and Timeline.

The Superintendent shall report school, district and state-level ratios and class size averages to the public as required under Section 53E-3-301.

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