

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-551. Charter Schools - General Provisions.**

3 **R277-551-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized under:

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

7 (b) Section [53F-2-702](#), which directs the Board to distribute funds for charter  
8 school students directly to the charter school;

9 (c) Subsection [53E-3-401](#)(4), which allows the Board to adopt rules in  
10 accordance with its responsibilities; and

11 (d) Subsection [53G-5-205](#)(5), which requires the Board to make rules  
12 establishing minimum standards that a charter school authorizer is required to apply.

13 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide operational requirements for charter  
14 schools.

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16 **R277-551-2. Alternate Methods for Determining the Economically Disadvantaged  
17 Status of a Charter School's Students.**

18 (1) A charter LEA with a charter school that does not participate in the National  
19 School Lunch Program shall comply with the requirements of this Section R277-551-2  
20 to identify the economically disadvantaged status of students in the school's daily  
21 UTREx submission.

22 (2) A charter LEA described in Subsection (1):

23 (a) shall determine the economically disadvantaged status for its students on the  
24 basis of criteria no less stringent than those established by the U.S. Department of  
25 Agriculture for identifying students who qualify for reduced price lunch for the fiscal year  
26 in question; or

27 (b) may use the Charter School Declaration of Household Income form provided  
28 by the Superintendent for this purpose.

29 (3) A school that does not use the form identified in Subsection (2)(b) shall  
30 maintain equivalent documentation in its records, which may be subject to review by the  
31 Superintendent.

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33 **R277-551-3. Transportation.**

34 (1) A charter school may not receive to-and-from school transportation funds  
35 except as provided under Section [53F-5-211](#).

36 (2) A charter school that provides transportation to students shall comply with  
37 the inspection and safety requirements of Section [53-8-211](#).

38 (3) A school district may provide transportation for charter school students on a  
39 space-available basis on approved routes.

40 (4)(a) A school district may provide transportation or transportation information  
41 to charter school students and their parents who participate in transportation by the  
42 school district as guests.

43 (b) Charter schools or charter school students may forfeit with no recourse the  
44 privilege of transportation, as described in Subsection (4)(a), for violation of district  
45 policies.

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47 **R277-551-4. Student Health, Safety, and Welfare Reporting Requirements.**

48 (1)(a) The State Charter School Board shall provide a form for a charter school  
49 to report threats to health, safety or welfare of students consistent with Subsection [53G-](#)  
50 [5-503](#)(4).

51 (b) The State Charter School Board shall provide reports received, as described  
52 in Subsection (1)(a):

53 (i) to the Superintendent; and

54 (ii) for charter schools from other authorizers, to the applicable authorizer.

55 (2) Individuals making reports about threats shall report suspected criminal  
56 activity to local law enforcement and suspected child abuse to local law enforcement or  
57 the Division of Child and Family Services consistent with:

58 (a) Section [80-2-602](#);

59 (b) Subsection [53G-9-203](#)(3)(a); and

60 (c) Rule [R277-401](#).

61 (4) A charter school shall verify that potential criminal activity or suspected child  
62 abuse has been reported consistent with state law and this rule.

63 (5) A charter school shall act promptly to investigate and take disciplinary action,  
64 if appropriate, against students who may be participants in threatening activities or take  
65 appropriate and reasonable action to protect students or both.

66 (6) All charter schools shall be subject to accountability standards established by  
67 the Board and to monitoring and internal auditing by the Board.

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69 **R277-551-5. Charter School Information for Students and Parents.**

70 (1) An authorizer shall ensure that each of the authorizer's charter schools has a  
71 website that contains the following information:

72 (a) the charter school s governance structure, including the name, qualification,  
73 and contact information of all charter school governing board members;

74 (b) the number of new students that will be admitted into the school;

75 (c) the school calendar, which shall include:

76 (i) the first and last days of school;

77 (ii) scheduled holidays;

78 (iii) scheduled professional development days; and

79 (iv) scheduled non-school days;

80 (d) timelines for acceptance of new students consistent with Section [53G-6-503](#);

81 (e) the requirement and availability of a charter school student application;

82 (f) the application timeline to be considered for enrollment in the charter school;

83 (g) procedures for transferring to or from a charter school;

84 (h) timelines for a transfer;

85 (i) provisions for payment, if required, of a one-time fee per secondary school

86 enrollment, not to exceed \$5.00, consistent with Subsection [53G-6-503](#)(9);

87 (j) the charter school governing board s policies; and

88 (k) other items required by:

89 (i) the charter school s authorizer;

90 (ii) statute; and

91 (iii) Board rule.

92 (2) The fee described in Subsection 1(I) is subject to fee waiver in accordance  
93 with Rule [R277-407](#).

94 (3) A charter school shall have an operative and readily accessible website  
95 containing the information described in Subsection (1) at least 180 days before the  
96 proposed opening day of school.

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100 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401](#); [53G-5-](#)**  
101 **[205](#)**