

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-623. School Climate Survey.**

3 **R277-623-1. 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-8-802](#)(2)(i), which requires the Board to make rules requiring an  
10 LEA to:

11 (i) create or adopt and disseminate a school climate survey; and

12 (ii) disseminate the school climate survey.

13 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide an LEA with:

14 (a) the recommended distribution method;

15 (b) climate survey frequency; and

16 (c) minimum sample size required to conduct a climate survey.

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18 **R277-623-2. Definitions.**

19 (1) "School Climate Survey" or "climate survey" means a survey that evaluates a  
20 range of aspects of the educational environment to assess perceptions and identify  
21 specific strengths and weaknesses within a school.

22 (2) "School Community" means relevant stakeholders including:

23 (a) parents;

24 (b) students;

25 (c) administration;

26 (d) school building staff including teachers; and

27 (e) school resource officers as defined in Subsection [53G-8-701](#)(2).

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29 **R277-623-3. Incorporation of Required School Climate Survey Questions by**  
30 **Reference.**

- 31 (1) This rule incorporates by reference the Model School Climate Survey.  
32 (2) A copy of the model survey is located at:  
33 (a) <https://schools.utah.gov/administrativerules/documentsincorporated>; and  
34 (b) the Utah State Board of Education.

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36 **R277-623-4. Climate Survey Administration.**

37 (1) An LEA shall administer a school climate survey containing the questions  
38 identified in the Model School Climate Survey described in Section R277-623-3.

39 (2) An LEA may include additional questions in the LEA's climate survey  
40 consistent with student data privacy requirements as described in Section [53E-9-203](#), as  
41 long as the questions incorporated in Section R277-623-3 are included without  
42 modification.

43 (3) An LEA shall administer the climate survey:

44 (a) at least once every other year and in the opposite year from administration of  
45 the public education exit and engagement survey described in [R277-325](#);

46 (b) during a timeframe established by the Superintendent;

47 ([b]c) in an anonymous and randomized way;

48 ([e]d) to the LEA's school community;

49 ([e]e) in other languages relevant to the school community where possible;

50 ([e]f) to students across all academic achievement levels; and

51 ([f]g) in a form compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

52 (4) An LEA may administer the survey orally to a student if:

53 (a) the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality of the student's  
54 responses;

55 (b) the student can request for a different survey administrator; and

56 (c) the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality and identity of the  
57 survey administrator from the general public.

58 (5) An LEA shall administer the climate survey through a Board approved online  
59 provider.

60 (6) An LEA shall provide the survey to:

61 (a) the lesser of 35% of the student population or 400 students;

62 (b) each school in the LEA; and

63 (c) staff at a school level.

64 (7) An LEA shall restrict access to survey responses in accordance with the LEA's  
65 written policies, Board rule, or state and federal laws.

66 (8) An LEA shall share data requested by the Superintendent from the climate  
67 survey through the Board approved online provider.

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69 **KEY: school climate survey, school safety**

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71 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#); [53G-](#)  
72 [8-802\(2\)\(i\)](#)**