

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-620. Suicide Prevention Programs.**

3 **R277-620-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized under:

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

7 (b) Section [53E-3-401\(4\)](#) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with
8 its responsibilities.

9 (2) The purposes of this rule are:

10 (a) to provide for collaboration with the Department of Health and Department of
11 Human Services to establish, oversee, and provide model policies, programs for an LEA
12 and training for parents about youth suicide prevention programs;

13 (b) to require an LEA to have and update youth protection policies; and

14 (c) to direct an LEA to send notice to parents and protect the confidentiality of the
15 required parent notification record regarding bullying and suicide incidents.

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17 **R277-620-2. Definitions.**

18 (1) "Adverse Childhood Experiences Study" or "ACES" means the study conducted
19 on potentially traumatic events that can have negative, lasting effects on health, learning,
20 and well-being as defined by the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

21 (2) "Intervention" means an effort to prevent a student from attempting suicide.

22 (3) "LEA" includes, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the
23 Blind.

24 (4) "Parent notification" means a notice provided by a public school to a students'
25 parent(s) consistent with Section [53G-9-604\(2\)](#) and [53G-9-605\(3\)\(e\)](#).

26 (5) "Postvention" means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or death
27 to prevent or contain contagion.

28 ~~[(6) "Program for secondary grades" means a youth suicide prevention program for~~
29 ~~students in grades 7 through 12, including grade 6 if middle or junior high school includes~~
30 ~~grade 6.]~~

31 ~~[(7) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means the person designated by the~~
32 ~~Department of Health – State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in Section~~
33 ~~62A-15-1101.]~~

34 ~~(8)~~ (6) "Youth protection and mental health seminar" means a seminar offered for
35 each 11,000 students enrolled in a school district to parents of students consistent with
36 Section 53G-9-702.

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38 **R277-620-3. Youth Suicide Prevention Grants - LEA Reporting Requirements.**

39 (1) The Superintendent, in collaboration with ~~[the Department of Health]~~ other
40 government and community agencies ~~[-State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental~~
41 ~~Health and the State suicide prevention coordinator,]~~ shall establish model youth suicide
42 prevention programs for LEAs that include training and resources addressing:

- 43 (a) prevention of youth suicides;
- 44 (b) standard response protocols that utilize trauma informed practices, which may
45 reference the ACES or other empirical data;
- 46 (c) youth suicide intervention; and
- 47 (d) postvention for family, students, and faculty.

48 (2) Based on legislative appropriation, the Board shall distribute funds to LEAs to
49 support suicide prevention efforts in the school district or charter school.

50 (a) An LEA may use the awarded funds to select and implement:

- 51 (i) evidenced-based practices and programs; or
- 52 (ii) emerging best practices and programs.

53 (3) An LEA shall implement the appropriate youth suicide prevention programs for
54 elementary grades and secondary grades. ~~students in grades, including grades 7 through~~
55 ~~12 and grade 6, if grade 6 is part of a secondary grade model.]~~

56 (4) An LEA's youth suicide prevention program shall include the components
57 provided in Subsection [53G-9-702\(2\)](#).

58 (5) An LEA shall establish a policy governing the required parent notification outlined
59 in Subsections [53G-9-604\(2\)](#) and [53G-9-605\(3\)\(e\)](#) and Section [R277-613-4](#).

60 (6) An LEA shall provide necessary reporting information consistent with Subsection
61 [53G-9-702\(7\)](#) for the Board's report on the coordination of suicide prevention programs and
62 seminar program implementation to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee.

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64 **KEY: public schools, suicide prevention programs, parent notifications, seminars**

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66 **Notice of Continuation: October 5, 2018**

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