

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-489. Kindergarten Programs and Assessment.**

3 **R277-489-1. 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) Subsection [53E-3-401\(4\)](#), which permits the Board to make rules to execute
8 the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah constitution and state law; and

9 (c) Section [53G-7-203](#), which requires the Board to establish rules regarding the
10 administration of and reporting regarding the kindergarten assessment.

11 (2) The purpose of this rule is to designate the kindergarten assessment and
12 establish timelines and requirements for administration and reporting assessment
13 results and enrollment.

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15 **R277-489-2. Definitions.**

16 "Utah eTranscript and Record Exchange" or "UTREx" means a system that
17 allows individual detailed student records to be exchanged electronically between public
18 education LEAs and the Board, and allows electronic transcripts to be sent to any post-
19 secondary institution, private or public, in-state or out-of-state, that participates in the e-
20 transcript service.

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22 **R277-489-3. Administration of Kindergarten Entry and Exit Assessments.**

23 (1) For purposes of Subsection [53G-7-203\(4\)](#), for the 2023-24 school year, the
24 Board selected kindergarten assessment is the kindergarten entry and exit profile or
25 KEEP, which includes the kindergarten entry and exit assessments, required to be
26 administered by LEAs as described in Section [53G-7-203](#).

27 (2) An LEA shall administer:

28 (a) the kindergarten entry assessment to each kindergarten student sometime
29 during the three weeks before through the three weeks after the first day of
30 kindergarten; and

31 (b) the kindergarten exit assessment to each kindergarten student sometime
32 during the four weeks before the last day of school.

33 (3) The days used for the assessment shall be consistent with Subsection [R277-](#)
34 [419-4\(6\)\(d\)](#).

35 (4) An LEA shall submit to the Data Gateway:

36 (a) kindergarten entry assessment data by September 30; and

37 (b) kindergarten exit assessment data by June 15.

38 (5) In accordance with Rule [R277-114](#), the Superintendent may recommend
39 action to the Board, including withholding of funds, if an LEA fails to provide complete,
40 accurate, and timely reporting under Subsection (4).

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42 **R277-489-4. Use of Kindergarten Entry and Exit Assessment Data.**

43 (1) The Superintendent or an LEA may use entry and exit assessment data
44 obtained in accordance with Section R277-489-3 to:

45 (a) provide insights into current levels of academic performance upon entry and
46 exit of kindergarten;

47 (b) identify students in need of early intervention instruction and promote
48 differentiated instruction for all students;

49 (c) understand the effectiveness of programs, such as full-day kindergarten and
50 preschool;

51 (d) provide opportunities for data-informed decision making and cost-benefit
52 analysis of early learning initiatives;

53 (e) identify effective instructional practices or strategies for improving student
54 achievement outcomes in a targeted manner; and

55 (f) understand the influence and impact of full-day kindergarten on at-risk
56 students in both the short- and long-term.

57 (2) An LEA may not use entry and exit assessment data obtained in accordance
58 with Section R277-489-3 to:

59 (a) justify early enrollment of a student who is not currently eligible to enroll in
60 kindergarten, such as a student with a birthday falling after September 1;

61 (b) evaluate an educator's teaching performance; or

62 (c) determine whether a student should be retained or promoted between
63 grades.

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65 **R277-489-5. Kindergarten Enrollment Reporting.**

66 (1) An LEA shall submit student membership information daily to the
67 Superintendent using the appropriate kindergarten code through UTREx.

68 (2) The Superintendent shall review October 1 and June 15 kindergarten
69 membership information annually to inform LEA funding allocations and to inform
70 potential Board action.

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72 **R277-489-6. Sunset Clause.**

73 _____ This rule will sunset on June 30, 2024.

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75 **KEY: enhanced kindergarten**

76 **Date of Last Change: July 11, 2023**

77 **Notice of Continuation: January 13, 2022**

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

79 **~~[53F-2-507]~~; [53G-7-203](#)**