

**R277. Education, Administration.**

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

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

(1) This rule is authorized under:

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

(b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

(2) The purposes of this rule are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) "Parent notification" means a notice provided by a public school to a students' parents consistent with Subsections 53G-9-604(2) and 53G-9-605(3)(e).

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

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

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

(1) The Superintendent, in collaboration with other government and community agencies shall establish model youth suicide prevention programs for LEAs that include training and resources consistent with Subsection 53G-9-702(2).

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

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

(i) evidenced-based practices and programs; or

(ii) emerging best practices and programs.

(3) An LEA shall implement the appropriate youth suicide prevention programs for students in elementary grades and secondary grades.

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

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

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

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