

**R277. Education, Administration.**

**R277-910. Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program.**

**R277-910-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized by:

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

(b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

(c) Section 53G-10-406 which directs the Board to establish rules regarding:

(i) a requirement that an LEA offer the Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program each school year to each student in grade 4 or 5, grade 7 or 8, and grade 9 or 10; and

(ii) the criteria for the board to use in selecting a provider for the Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to establish the criteria for selecting a provider for the Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program and general requirements of an LEA when offering the program.

**R277-910-2. Criteria for Selecting a Provider.**

(1) The following criteria, along with the requirements found in Section 53G-10-406, shall be considered in selecting a provider for the Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program:

(a) a program that is evidence-based including peer-reviewed journals, national registries, and research;

(b) a program that is focused on preventing underage consumption of alcohol and use of electronic cigarette products through a curriculum, course, or program that is taught through multiple days of instruction and not a one-time presentation.

(c) a program that is delivered in the classroom by the classroom teacher or other trained professional;

(d) a program that addresses behavioral risk factors associated with underage drinking and use of electronic cigarette products and integrates skills practice into the curriculum; and

(e) a program that aligns with the core standards of the Utah Public School system.

(2) The vendor of the Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program shall have prior experience in successfully reducing underage drinking and substance abuse.

**R277-910-3. Mandatory Offering of Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program.**

(1) An LEA shall offer to each student in grades 4 or 5, grades 7 or 8, and grades 9 or 10, respectively, the Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program procured by the Board.

**R277-910-4. LEA Positive Behaviors Plan Annual Report.**

An LEA governing Board shall submit an annual assurance to the Superintendent confirming that each school under the governing Board's jurisdiction has an approved positive behavior plan as prescribed by the Superintendent and as required in Subsection 53G-10-407(5)(b).

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**Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4); 53G-10-405; 53G-10-406**