

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-606. Dropout Prevention and Recovery Services.

R277-606-1. Authority, Purpose, and Oversight Category.

(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-9-802, which requires the Board to develop rules to set policies related to a dropout prevention and recovery services.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to:

(a) develop policies related to an LEA's dropout prevention and recovery services; and

(b) set reporting requirements for LEAs with a dropout prevention and recovery services.

(3) This Rule R277-606 is categorized as Category 2 as described in Rule R277-111.

R277-606-2. Definitions.

For purposes of this rule:

(1) "Average daily membership" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53F-2-102.

(2) "Cohort" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-801.

(3) "Designated student" means a student:

(a)(i) who has withdrawn from a secondary school before earning a diploma;

(ii) who was dropped from average daily membership; and

(iii) whose cohort has not yet graduated; or

(b) who is at risk of meeting the criteria described in Subsection (5)(a), as determined by the student's LEA, using the risk factors described in Subsection (5).

(4) "LEA" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-801.

(5) "Risk factors" means:

(a) low academic performance, as measured by grades, test scores, or course failure;

(b) poor behavior, as measured by office disciplinary referrals, suspensions, or expulsions; and

(c) absenteeism, whether excused or unexcused absences, and including days tardy and truant.

(6) "Third party" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-801.

R277-606-3. LEA Dropout Prevention and Recovery Services.

An LEA that serves students in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 shall provide dropout prevention and recovery services for a designated student with the dropout prevention and recovery services described in Sections 53G-9-802 and 53G-9-803.

R277-606-4. Reporting Requirements and Audits.

(1) An LEA shall submit an annual report to the Superintendent on the LEA's dropout prevention and recovery services by October 30.

(a) An LEA shall submit the report using a survey provided by the Superintendent.

(2) The Superintendent shall:

(a) review LEA reports described in Subsection (1);

(b) by December 15 each year, determine whether an LEA meets the conditions described in Subsection 53G-9-802(3);

(c) except as provided in Subsection 53G-9-802(5), ensure that an LEA identified under Subsection (4)(b) provides dropout prevention and recovery services as required under Subsection 53G-9-802(1), and implements such services through:

(i) a contract with a third party provider as required in Subsection 53G-9-802(6);
or

(ii) an evidence-based or evidence-informed plan consistent with Subsection 53G-9-802(4) and Section 53G-11-303;

(d) require an LEA identified under Subsection (4)(b) to notify the Superintendent of the method by which the LEA will implement dropout prevention and recovery services under Subsection (4)(c), no later than January 15;

(e) administer responsibilities delegated by the board pursuant to Section 53G-9-804.

(3)(a) An LEA shall maintain documentation to comply with the requirements of Section 53G-9-802 and this rule.

(b) The Board or the Superintendent may request an audit of an LEA's dropout prevention and recovery services.

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