

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-551. Charter Schools - General Provisions.**

3 **R277-551-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized under:

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

7 (b) Section 53F-2-702, which directs the Board to distribute funds for charter school  
8 students directly to the charter school;

9 (c) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance  
10 with its responsibilities; and

11 (d) Subsection 53G-5-205(5), which requires the Board to make rules  
12 establishing minimum standards that a charter school authorizer is required to apply.

13 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide operational requirements for charter  
14 schools.

15 **R277-551-2. Alternate Methods for Determining the Economically Disadvantaged**  
16 **Status of a Charter School's Students.**

17 (1) A charter LEA with a charter school that does not participate in the National  
18 School Lunch Program shall comply with the requirements of this Section R277-551-2  
19 to identify the economically disadvantaged status of students in the school's daily  
20 UTREx submission.

21 (2) A charter LEA described in Subsection (1):

22 (a) shall determine the economically disadvantaged status for its students on  
23 the basis of criteria no less stringent than those established by the U.S. Department of  
24 Agriculture for identifying students who qualify for reduced price lunch for the fiscal year  
25 in question; or

26 (b) may use the Charter School Declaration of Household Income form provided  
27 by the Superintendent for this purpose.

28 (3) A school that does not use the form identified in Subsection (2)(b) shall  
29 maintain equivalent documentation in its records, which may be subject to review by the  
30 Superintendent.

31 **R277-551-3. Transportation.**

32 (1) A charter school may not receive to-and-from school transportation funds  
33 except as provided under Section 53F-5-211.

34 (2) A charter school that provides transportation to students shall comply with the  
35 inspection and safety requirements of Section 53-8-211.

36 (3) A school district may provide transportation for charter school students on a  
37 space-available basis on approved routes.

38 (4)(a) A school district may provide transportation or transportation information to  
39 charter school students and their parents who participate in transportation by the school  
40 district as guests.

41 (b) Charter schools or charter school students may forfeit with no recourse the  
42 privilege of transportation, as described in Subsection (4)(a), for violation of district  
43 policies.

44 **R277-551-4. Student Health, Safety, and Welfare Reporting Requirements.**

45 (1)(a) The State Charter School Board shall provide a form ~~[on its website]~~ for  
46 ~~[individuals]~~a charter school to report threats to health, safety or welfare of students  
47 consistent with Subsection 53G-5-503(4).

48 (b) The State Charter School Board shall ~~[share reports received on]~~provide  
49 reports received, as described in Subsection (1)(a):

50 (i) to the Superintendent; and

51 (ii) for charter schools from other authorizers, [with]to the applicable authorizer.

52 (2) Individuals making reports about threats shall report suspected criminal  
53 activity to local law enforcement and suspected child abuse to local law enforcement or

54 the Division of Child and Family Services consistent with:

55 (a) Section 62A-4a-403;

56 (b) Subsection 53G-9-203(3)(a); and

57 (c) Rule R277-401.

58 (4) A charter school shall verify that potential criminal activity or suspected child  
59 abuse has been reported consistent with state law and this rule.

60 (5) A charter school shall act promptly to investigate and take disciplinary action,  
61 if appropriate, against students who may be participants in threatening activities or take  
62 appropriate and reasonable action to protect students or both.

63 (6) All charter schools shall be subject to accountability standards established by  
64 the Board and to monitoring and internal auditing by the Board.

65 **R277-551-5. Charter School Information for Students and Parents.**

66 (1) An authorizer shall ensure that each of the authorizer's charter schools has a  
67 website that contains the following information:

68 (a) the charter school's governance structure, including the name, qualification,  
69 and contact information of all charter school governing board members;

70 (b) the number of new students that will be admitted into the school;

71 (c) the school calendar, which shall include:

72 (i) the first and last days of school;

73 (ii) scheduled holidays;

74 (iii) scheduled professional development days; and

75 (iv) scheduled non-school days;

76 (d) timelines for acceptance of new students consistent with Section 53G-6-503;

77 (e) the requirement and availability of a charter school student application;

78 (f) the application timeline to be considered for enrollment in the charter school;

79 (g) procedures for transferring to or from a charter school;

80 (h) timelines for a transfer;

81 (i) provisions for payment, if required, of a one-time fee per secondary school  
82 enrollment, not to exceed \$5.00, consistent with Subsection 53G-6-503(9);

83 (j) the charter school governing board's policies; and

84 (k) other items required by:

85 (i) the charter school's authorizer;

86 (ii) statute; and

87 (iii) Board rule.

88 (2) The fee described in Subsection 1(l) is subject to fee waiver in accordance  
89 with Rule R277-407.

90 (3) A charter school shall have an operative and readily accessible website  
91 containing the information described in Subsection (1) at least 180 days before the  
92 proposed opening day of school.

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94 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment:**

95 **Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401; 53G-5-**

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