

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-468. Parent/Guardian Review of Public Education Curriculum and Review of**  
3 **Complaint Process.**

4 **R277-468-1. Authority and Purpose**

5 (1) This rule is authorized by:

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

8 (b) [Subsection 53E-3-401\(4\)](#), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the  
9 Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law.

10 (2) The purpose of this rule is to direct an LEA to include parents in the adoption  
11 and review of an LEA's primary instructional materials including the review of complaints  
12 specific to curriculum materials.

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14 **R277-468-~~1~~2. Definitions.**

15 ~~[A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.]~~

16 B. "Instructional materials" means the same as the term is defined in Section  
17 53E-4-401. [systematically arranged content in text or digital format which may be used  
18 within the state curriculum framework for grade levels or courses of study by students in  
19 public schools including text books, workbooks, computer software, online or Internet  
20 courses, CDs or DVDs and multiple forms of communication media. Such materials may  
21 be used by students or teachers or both as principal sources of study to cover any portion  
22 of the grade level or course. These materials:

23 —— (1) shall be designed for student use;

24 —— (2) may be accompanied by or contain teaching guides and study helps;

25 —— (3) shall include all text books, workbooks and student materials and supplements  
26 necessary for a student to fully participate in coursework; and

27 —— (4) shall be high quality, research-based and prove to be effective in supporting  
28 student learning.

29 —— C. "LEA" means a local education agency, including local school boards/public

30 school districts, charter schools, and, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools for the  
31 Deaf and the Blind.

32 ——— D. "Parent or guardian" means the individual that establishes the residency of the  
33 child under Sections 53G-6-302, 53G-6-303, or 53G-6-402 or another applicable Utah  
34 guardianship provision.

35 ——— E. "Primary instructional materials" means comprehensive or basal Core textbook  
36 or integrated instructional program for which a publisher seeks a recommendation for Core  
37 subjects as outlined in Sections R277-700-4, 5 or 6.]

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39 **~~[R277-468-2. Authority and Purpose.~~**

40 ——— A. This rule is authorized under Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests  
41 general control and supervision over public education in the Board, Subsections  
42 53E-3-401(1)(b) and (c) which require the Board to establish rules regarding competency  
43 levels, graduation requirements, school accreditation, curriculum and instruction  
44 requirements, and school libraries, and Subsection 53E-3-401(3) which allows the Board  
45 to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

46 ——— B. The purpose of this rule is to direct LEAs, consistent with the Board's  
47 responsibility to involve parents in the adoption and review of LEA primary instructional  
48 materials to support Utah Core Standards, and to include parents in reviewing complaints  
49 specific to primary curriculum materials.]

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51 **R277-468-3. [LEA Board Responsibilities]Parental Involvement with Instructional**  
52 **Material.**

53 (1)[A.] ~~[Each]An~~ LEA shall involve a parent[s], who has~~[ve]~~ a student[s] who  
54 attends ~~[LEA schools]a school within the LEA~~, and instructional staff in the consideration of  
55 LEA-purchased instructional materials.

56 (2)[B.] ~~[Each]An~~ LEA shall include a parent[s], who has a student who attends a  
57 school within the LEA, in reviewing complaints specific to ~~[primary curriculum]instructional~~  
58 materials.

59 ~~(3)(C)~~ An LEA[s] may seek assistance from parent organizations or associations  
60 or other groups to recruit and select parent members for the purposes described in  
61 subsection (1) and (2)~~[materials and complaint reviews].~~

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63 **R277-468-4. ~~[USOE Responsibilities]~~Parental Involvement Resources.**

64 ~~[A.](1) [The USOE shall develop and make readily available to]~~ An LEA[s] may  
65 request the Board provide the LEA [suggestions]resources for effective parent participation  
66 in the instructional materials review or complaint process~~[and the complaint review~~  
67 ~~process].~~

68 ~~[B.](2) [The USOE shall assist LEAs]~~An LEA may request the Board assist the  
69 LEA in policy development regarding parental involvement in the instructional materials  
70 review or complaint process~~[, upon request and to the extent of resources available].~~

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72 **KEY: parent/guardian, committees, curriculum, complaints**

73 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: March 10, 2015**

74 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); ~~[53E-3-401(1)(b);~~  
75 ~~53E-3-401(1)(c);]~~ [53E-3-401\(3\)](#)**