

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-403. School Safety Pilot Program.

R277-403-1. 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) Section 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

(2) The purpose of this rule is to:

(a) create the school safety pilot program;

(b) establish grant eligibility requirements for the schools safety pilot program;

(c) create an application process; and

(d) establish reporting requirements.

R277-403-2. Definitions.

(1) "CSTAG" means the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines adopted by the board as the evidence-based school threat assessment tool.

(2) "SafeUT" means the same as the term is used in Subsection 53B-17-1202.

R277-403-3. Safe School Program—Eligibility and Application.

(1) Subject to legislative appropriation, an LEA may apply for a three-year school safety pilot program grant.

(2) An LEA's application shall contain the following:

(a) a budget proposal for the use of funds including how the LEA will increase school safety measures;

(b) a narrative as to why the LEA should be selected for the school safety pilot program including:

(i) number of disciplinary actions;

(ii) number of threatening behaviors; and

(iii) other evidence demonstrating need.

(c) which school within the LEA will participate in the school safety pilot program;

- (d) how many staff members within the LEA are trained in CSTAG;
- (e) if the participating school within the LEA has a multi-disciplinary team; and
- (f) evidence of the LEA's participating school's:
 - (i) relationship with local law enforcement;
 - (ii) relationship with the local mental health authority; and
 - (iii) implementation of SafeUT;

(3) An LEA's application shall be scored and ranked based upon the following:

(a) the quality of the LEA's overall budget proposal and application as described in Subsection (2); and

(b) an LEA's participating school's geographic and student diversity including;

- (i) urban student settings;
- (ii) suburban student settings; and
- (iii) rural student settings.

(4) The Superintendent may choose which school shall be the participating school if more than one school is prioritized by the LEA to participate.

R277-403-4. Performance Measures and Reporting.

(1) An LEA that receives a school safety pilot program grant shall:

(a) complete a conditions and resources assessment to create a school safety measurement baseline;

(b) hold a semi-annual meeting with the Superintendent to discuss implementation and progress of the school safety pilot program within the LEA;

(c) attend professional development opportunities provided by the Superintendent; and

(d) share relevant aggregated school safety measure as requested by the Superintendent.

(2) An LEA shall submit to the Superintendent an annual progress report by the date and in a manner prescribed by the Superintendent.

(3) The annual progress report shall report on all performance measures and data requested by the Superintendent

(4) If an LEA that receives a school safety pilot program is found to be non-compliant with state law, the LEA shall be removed from the remainder of the three-year pilot program.

R277-403-5. Distribution and Use of Funds.

(1) An LEA may receive up to the LEA's requested amount not to exceed \$37,500 annually for up to three years on a reimbursement basis for one participating school.

(2) An LEA shall use funds only for the purposes specified in the LEA's budget provided in the LEA's application.

(3) An LEA may submit a request to amend the LEA's budget proposal to the Superintendent.

(4) An LEA may not use funds for:

- (a) purchase of property;
- (b) new equipment;
- (c) supplanting existing funding from any source;
- (d) salaries and benefits of any employee;
- (e) maintenance of current equipment; or
- (f) travel expenses unless for approved out of state professional development.

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