

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-623. School Climate Survey.**

3 **R277-623-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

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

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

9 (c) [Section 53G-8-802\(2\)\(i\)](#), which requires the Board to make rules requiring an  
10 LEA to:

11 (i) create or adopt and disseminate a school climate survey; and

12 (ii) disseminate the school climate survey.

13 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide an LEA with:

14 (a) the recommended distribution method;

15 (b) climate survey frequency; and

16 (c) minimum sample size required to conduct a climate survey.

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18 **R277-623-2. Definitions.**

19 (1) "School Climate Survey" or "climate survey" means a survey that evaluates a  
20 range of aspects of the educational environment to assess perceptions and identify  
21 specific strengths and weaknesses within a school.

22 (2) "School Community" means [\[a#\]](#) relevant stakeholders including:

23 (a) parents;

24 (b) students;

25 (c) administration;

26 (d) school building staff including teachers; and

27 (e) school resource officers as defined in Subsection [53G-8-701\(2\)](#).

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29 **R277-623-3. Incorporation of [\[Model\]](#) Required School Climate Survey [Questions](#)**

30 **by Reference.**

31 (1) This rule incorporates by reference the Model School Climate Survey.

32 (2) A copy of the model survey is located at:

33 (a) <https://www.schools.utah.gov/> ; and

34 (b) the Utah State Board of Education.

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36 **R277-623-4. Climate Survey Administration.**

37 (1) An LEA shall administer a school climate survey containing the questions  
38 identified in the Model School Climate Survey described in Section R277-623-3.

39 (2) An LEA may include additional questions in the LEA’s climate survey  
40 consistent with student data privacy requirements as described in Section 53E-9-203.

41 (3) An LEA shall administer the climate survey:

42 (a) at least once every other year and in the opposite year from administration of  
43 the public education exit and engagement survey described in R277-325;

44 (b) in an anonymous and randomized way;

45 (c) to the LEA’s school community;

46 (d) in other languages relevant to the school community where possible;

47 (e) to students across all academic achievement levels; and

48 (f) in a form compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

49 (4) An LEA may administer the survey orally to a student if:

50 (a) the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality of the student’s  
51 responses;

52 (b) the student can request for a different survey administrator; and

53 (c) the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality and identity of the  
54 survey administrator [from the general public.](#)

55 (5) An LEA shall administer the climate survey through a Board approved online  
56 provider.

57 (6) An LEA shall provide the survey to:

58 (a) the lesser of 35% of the student population or 400 students;

59 (b) each school in the LEA; and

60 (c) ~~all~~ staff at a school level.

61 ~~[(6) If an LEA fails to administer the survey, the Superintendent may pursue~~  
62 ~~corrective action in accordance with R277-114.]~~

63 (7) An LEA ~~may~~ shall restrict access to survey responses in accordance with  
64 the LEA's written policies, Board rule, or state and federal laws.

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66 **KEY: school climate survey, school safety.**

67 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: 2019**

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

69 **53G-8-802(2)(i)**