

**R277. Education, Administration.**

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

**R277-623-1. 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; and

(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

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

(a) the recommended distribution method;

(b) climate survey frequency; and

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

(3) This Rule R277-623 is categorized as Category 2 as described in Rule [R277-111](#).

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

(1) "Climate" means the perceptions and experiences of students, staff, parents, and the community regarding the school's environment and the resources that support the experiences, as defined in Section [53G-8-102](#).

(2) "Culture" means the beliefs, values, and practices that shape how a school functions and influences student learning and well-being through policies, procedures, and safety protocols, as defined in Section [53G-8-102](#).

(3) "Physical Space" means the way in which a building is designed and structured to promote safety, including the minimum safety and security standards as described in Section [53-22-102](#).

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

[(2)](5) "School Community" means relevant stakeholders including:

- (a) parents;
- (b) students;
- (c) administration;
- (d) school building certified and [classified] education support personnel staff  
[including teachers]; and
- (e) school resource officers as defined in Subsection [53G-8-701](#)(2).
- (6) "School safety" means the physical space, culture, and climate of a school,  
as defined in Section [53G-8-102](#).
- (7) "Survey group" means each version of the school climate survey  
administered to a distinct stakeholder group.

~~**R277-623-3. Incorporation of Required School Climate Survey Questions by  
Reference.**~~

- ~~—— (1) This rule incorporates by reference the Model School Climate Survey.~~
- ~~—— (2) A copy of the model survey is located at:~~
- ~~—— (a) <https://schools.utah.gov/administrativerules/documentsincorporated>; and~~
- ~~—— (b) the Utah State Board of Education.]~~

**R277-623-[4]3. Climate Survey Administration.**

- (1) If an LEA chooses to administer the Model School Climate Survey:
- (a) an LEA shall administer the climate survey:
- (i) with parental consent as described in Section [53E-9-203](#);
- (ii) to all schools within the LEA;[and]
- (iii) to at least one stakeholder group in the school's community, as defined in  
Section [R277-623-2](#);
- (iv) through a Board-approved online provider;
- (v) in an anonymous and randomized manner;
- (vi) to all students across all academic achievement levels;

(vii) with participation from at least 35% ~~[of students in each student group,] or~~  
~~[a minimum of]~~ 400 responses per ~~[student]~~ survey group, whichever is fewer; and

(viii) in additional languages relevant to the school community, where feasible.

~~[(iii) at least once every other year and in the opposite year from administration of~~  
~~the public education exit and engagement survey described in Rule R277-325;]~~

(b) an LEA may:

(i) not modify any existing survey questions; and

(ii) remove or include additional questions in the LEA's climate survey consistent with student data privacy requirements as described in Section 53E-9-203.

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

~~[(2) If an LEA chooses to administer a school climate survey, the LEA shall administer the climate survey:~~

~~— (a) in an anonymous and randomized way;~~

~~— (b) to the LEA's school community as defined in Section R277-623-2;~~

~~— (c) in other languages relevant to the school community where possible;~~

~~— (d) to all adults and students across all academic achievement levels; and~~

~~— (e) with a minimum of 35% of the student population or 400 responses per survey group, whichever is less.~~

~~— (f) in a form compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.]~~

~~[(3)](2) [For survey accommodations:]~~ Administrators shall provide students with a Section 504 plan or Individualized Education Program (IEP) with the appropriate accommodations:

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

(b) an LEA may administer the survey orally to a student if the LEA ensures confidentiality protections for:

(i) ~~[the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality of]~~ the student's responses; and

(ii) ~~[the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality and]~~the identity of  
the survey administrator from the general public.

~~[(4) If an LEA chooses to administer a school climate survey, the LEA shall  
administer the climate survey through a Board approved online provider.~~

~~[(5) An LEA shall restrict access to survey responses in accordance with the  
LEA's written policies, Board rule, or state and federal laws.]~~

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**Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401](#)(4); [53G-8-802](#)(2)(i)**