

1     **R277. Education, Administration.**

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

3     **R277-623-1. Authority, Purpose, and Oversight Category.**

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; and

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

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

10             (a) the recommended distribution method;

11             (b) climate survey frequency; and

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

13         (3) This Rule R277-623 is categorized as Category 2 as described in Rule R277-  
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16     **R277-623-2. Definitions.**

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

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

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

26         [(1)](4) "School Climate Survey" or "climate survey" means a survey that  
27         evaluates a range of aspects of the educational environment to assess perceptions and  
28         identify specific strengths and weaknesses within a school.

29         [(2)](5) "School Community" means relevant stakeholders including:

30 (a) parents;  
31 (b) students;  
32 (c) administration;  
33 (d) school building certified and classified education support personnel staff  
34 [~~including teachers~~]; and  
35 (e) school resource officers as defined in Subsection [53G-8-701](#)(2).

36 (6) “School safety” means the physical space, culture, and climate of a school,  
37 as defined in Section [53G-8-102](#).

38 (7) “Survey group” means each version of the school climate survey  
39 administered to a distinct stakeholder group.

41 **[R277-623-3. Incorporation of Required School Climate Survey Questions by**  
42 **Reference.**

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

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

45 (a) <https://schools.utah.gov/administrative/rules/documentsincorporated>; and

46 (b) the Utah State Board of Education.]

## 48 R277-623-[4]3. Climate Survey Administration.

49 (1) If an LEA chooses to administer the Model School Climate Survey:

50 (a) an LEA shall administer the climate survey:

51 (i) with parental consent as described in Section [53E-9-203](#);

52 (ii) to all schools within the LEA;[-and]

53 (iii) to at least one stakeholder group in the school's community, as defined in

54 Section R277-623-2;

55 (iv) through a Board-approved online provider;

56 (v) in an anonymous and randomized manner;

57 (vi) to all students across all academic achievement levels;

58        (vii) with participation from at least 35% ~~[of students in each student group,]~~ or  
59 ~~[a minimum of]~~ 400 responses per ~~[student]~~ survey group, whichever is fewer; and  
60        (viii) in additional languages relevant to the school community, where feasible.  
61 ~~[— (iii) at least once every other year and in the opposite year from administration of~~  
62 ~~the public education exit and engagement survey described in Rule R277-325;]~~  
63        (b) an LEA may:  
64        (i) not modify any existing survey questions; and  
65        (ii) remove or include additional questions in the LEA's climate survey consistent  
66 with student data privacy requirements as described in Section 53E-9-203.  
67        (c) An LEA shall restrict access to survey responses in accordance with the  
68 LEA's written policies, Board rule, or state and federal laws.  
69 ~~[— (2) If an LEA chooses to administer a school climate survey, the LEA shall~~  
70 ~~administer the climate survey:~~  
71        (a) ~~in an anonymous and randomized way;~~  
72        (b) ~~to the LEA's school community as defined in Section R277-623-2;~~  
73        (c) ~~in other languages relevant to the school community where possible;~~  
74        (d) ~~to all adults and students across all academic achievement levels; and~~  
75        (e) ~~with a minimum of 35% of the student population or 400 responses per~~  
76 ~~survey group, whichever is less.~~  
77        (f) ~~in a form compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.]~~  
78        [(3)](2) [For survey accommodations:] Administrators shall provide students with  
79 a Section 504 plan or Individualized Education Program (IEP) with the appropriate  
80 accommodations:  
81        (a) the student can request for a different survey administrator; and  
82        (b) an LEA may administer the survey orally to a student if the LEA ensures  
83 confidentiality protections for:  
84        (i) ~~[the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality of]~~ the student's  
85 responses; and

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

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

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

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

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