

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 [R277-111](#).

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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:

- (a) parents;
- (b) students;
- (c) administration;
- (d) school building certified and classified 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

50 (i) with parental consent as described in Section 53E-9-203;

51 (ii) to all schools within the LEA;[~~and~~]

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

53 Section R277-623-2;

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

55 (v) in an anonymous and randomized manner;

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

57 (vii) with participation from at least 35% of students in each student group, or a

58 minimum of 400 responses per student survey group, whichever is fewer; and

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

60        ~~[— (iii) at least once every other year and in the opposite year from administration of~~

61        ~~the public education exit and engagement survey described in Rule R277-325;]~~

62        (b) an LEA may:

63        (i) not modify any existing survey questions; and

64        (ii) include additional questions in the LEA's climate survey consistent with

65        student data privacy requirements as described in Section [53E-9-203](#).

66        (c) An LEA shall restrict access to survey responses in accordance with the

67        LEA's written policies, Board rule, or state and federal laws.

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

69        ~~administer the climate survey:~~

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

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

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

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

74        ~~(e) with a minimum of 35% of the student population or 400 responses per~~

75        ~~survey group, whichever is less.~~

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

77        [(3)](2) [For survey accommodations:] Administrators shall provide students with

78        a Section 504 plan or Individualized Education Program (IEP) with the appropriate

79        accommodations

80        ~~[— (a) the student can request for a different survey administrator; and~~

81        ~~[(b)](a) an LEA may administer the survey orally to a student if the LEA ensures~~

82        ~~confidentiality protections for:~~

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

84        ~~responses; and~~

85        ~~(ii) [the LEA provides methods to protect the confidentiality and] the identity of the~~

86        ~~survey administrator from the general public.~~

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

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

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96 **8-802(2)(i)**

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