

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-404, Requirements for Assessments of Student Achievement (Amendment & Continuation)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Committee continue and approve R277-404, Requirements for Assessments of Student Achievement, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for continuation and approval on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:

Reason for Proposed Amendments and Summary: The proposed amendments are necessary to align the rule with H.B. 502 (School Attendance Modifications), which establishes statewide test-out options for core classes. The amendments clarify the administration of assessments associated with test-out options, align procedures, timelines, and security requirements with existing statewide assessment practices, and ensure consistency between test-out assessments and current assessment administration policies.

R277-404 is soon approaching its five-year review. Staff recommends continuation of the rule.

Staff will present R277-404, Requirements for Assessments of Student Achievement, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-4-302](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#); [53G-6-803\(9\)\(b\)](#)

Contact:

Name:	Jennifer Wadsworth	Cydnee McCarty
Title:	Policy Advisor	Director of Assessment and Accountability
Phone:	801-538-7521	801-538-7654
Email:	jennifer.wadsworth@schools.utah.gov	cydnee.mccarty@schools.utah.gov

Attachments:

1. R277-404 - Draft 1 - May 2026 Committee
2. R277-404 Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form

