

## UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Subject:**

ACTION: R277-705, Secondary School Completion and Diplomas (Amendment)

**Agenda item type:**

Action Item

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves R277-705, Secondary School Completion and Diplomas, Draft 2, 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 recognize test-out as a required statewide pathway for earning credit, require LEAs to award credit based on successful completion of a test-out option, clarify the relationship between test-out options and locally determined demonstrated competency, and align transcript and grading provisions with statutory requirements.

Staff will present R277-705, Secondary School Completion and Diplomas, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-501\(1\)\(b\)](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#)

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**Attachments:**

1. R277-705 - Draft 2- June 2026 Board
2. R277-705 - Draft 1 - May 2026 Committee
3. R277-705 Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form

