

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-334, Classroom Technology (New)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-334, Classroom Technology, Draft 2 on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:**Background of the Rule and H.B. 273**

Rule R277-334 is being established to provide implementation standards for instructional technology and artificial intelligence use in Utah public schools. The rule establishes statewide expectations for balanced technology use, educator training, parent transparency, student protections, AI governance, and LEA compliance requirements.

During the 2026 General Session, the Utah Legislature passed H.B. 273, Classroom Technology Amendments. This legislation created new requirements related to classroom instructional technology, grade-level technology expectations, artificial intelligence use, parent transparency, student privacy protections, and accommodations for students with technology-related learning difficulties. The bill also requires the Utah State Board of Education to create model policies for balanced technology use and artificial intelligence governance.

Summary of Proposed Action

The proposed rule establishes implementation standards and administrative requirements necessary to comply with H.B. 273.

The primary modifications require LEAs to: adopt balanced technology use and artificial intelligence policies, implement grade-level instructional technology requirements, provide educator training, parent transparency, and student protections related to instructional technology and AI use, establish resource plans for students with technology-related learning difficulties, implement compliance, reporting, and monitoring procedures, and establish safeguards and parent consent requirements for AI sandbox courses.

This rule will ensure statutory compliance with H.B. 273 and establish consistent statewide expectations for instructional technology and artificial intelligence use in Utah public schools.

Staff will present R277-334, Classroom Technology, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: 53G-7-228; 53G-7-229; 53G-7-1401; 53G-7-1402; 53G-7-1403

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Attachments:

1. R277-334- Draft 1 - June 2026 Committee
2. R277-334 Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form
3. R277-334- Draft 2- August 2026 Board