

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-635. Citizenship Grading Standards.

R277-635-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized by:

(a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;

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

(c) Section 53E-4-208, which requires the Board to make rules establishing consistent statewide standards for citizenship grading policies.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to establish:

(a) state-specific definitions for durable skills and skills related to college and career readiness;

(b) uniform criteria and methods for assessing citizenship;

(c) requirements for an LEA implementing a citizenship grading policy; and

(d) requirements for recording and reporting citizenship grades.

R277-635-2. Definitions.

(1) "Attendance" for purposes of citizenship grading, means a student's demonstration of consistent attendance or participation in accordance with the student's instructional program.

(2) "Citizenship grade" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-4-208.

(3) "Class participation and personal engagement" means a student's demonstration of engagement in instructional activities and learning responsibilities, separate from the student's attendance.

(4) "Durable skills" means transferable skills and behaviors that support a student's college and career readiness.

(5) "Meeting deadlines" means a student's demonstration of responsibility in

completing and submitting assigned work within established timelines.

(6) "Teacher communication" means a student's demonstration of appropriate and effective communication with the student's teacher regarding the student's learning and responsibilities.

R277-635-3. Statewide Citizenship Grading Standards.

(1) An LEA that adopts a citizenship grading policy in accordance with Section 53E-4-208 shall assess the following durable skills related to college and career readiness:

- (a) attendance;
- (b) meeting deadlines;
- (c) class participation and personal engagement; and
- (d) teacher communication.

(2) An LEA shall assess each durable skill described in Subsection (1) using the following performance levels:

- (a) "Meets the standard" means a student consistently demonstrates the applicable skill defined in Section R277-635-2;
- (b) "Approaches the standard" means a student inconsistently demonstrates the applicable skill defined in Section R277-635-2; and
- (c) "Does not meet the standard" means a student does not yet demonstrate the applicable skill defined in Section R277-635-2.

(3) An LEA shall apply the performance levels described in Subsection (1) consistent with applicable state and federal law, including accommodations and modifications required by a student's IEP or Section 504 plan.

(4) An LEA shall determine a student's overall citizenship grade based on performance across all criteria described in Subsection (1).

R277-635-4. LEA Citizenship Grading Policy.

_____ (1) An LEA that elects to implement citizenship grading shall adopt a policy that:

_____ (a) identifies how the LEA will implement the citizenship grading criteria and
performance levels described in Section R277-635-3;

_____ (b) describes how citizenship grades are determined;

_____ (c) describes how citizenship grades are communicated to students and parents;

_____ (d) establishes a procedure for a parent to request that the parent's student opt
out of receiving a citizenship grade; and

_____ (e) provides for annual notification to parents of the option to opt out of
citizenship grading.

_____ (2) An LEA shall ensure that a student who opts out of citizenship grading:

_____ (a) does not receive a citizenship grade; and

_____ (b) receives a course grade based solely on the student's demonstration of
academic content mastery; and

_____ (c) is not eligible for the citizenship scholarship program described in Section
53H-11-416.

_____ (3) An LEA may establish citizenship grading requirements in addition to the
statewide standards established in this rule.

R277-635-5. Recording and Reporting Citizenship Grades.

_____ (1) An LEA shall record and report a student's citizenship grade separately from
the student's academic course grade on the student's transcript, consistent with Rule
R277-705.

_____ (2) An LEA shall not record a citizenship grade for a student whose parent has
opted the student out of citizenship grading in accordance with Section 53E-4-208.

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