

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Angie Stallings, Associate Superintendent
Policy and Communication

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ACTION: R277-701 *Standards Review Committee* (New)

Background:

This new rule is created to establish standards review committees and committee procedures.

Key Points:

This new rule provides:

- A timeline for establishing core subject review committees.
- Procedures for selection of committee members.
- Committee processes.

Anticipated Action:

It is proposed that the Standards and Assessment Committee consider approving R277-701 on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-701 on second reading.

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1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-701. Standards Review Committees.**

3 **R277-701-1. Authority and Purpose.**

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;

7 (b) Subsection 53A-1-401(3), which allows the Board to adopt rules in
8 accordance with its responsibilities.; and

9 (c) Section 53A-1-402.8, which directs the Board to establish standards
10 review committees to advise the Board on proposed changes to the core standards.

11 (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish the standards review committees
12 and their procedures.

13 **R277-701-2. Definitions.**

14 (1) "Core standard" means a statement of what a student enrolled in a public
15 school is expected to know and be able to do at a specific grade level or following
16 completion of an identified course for a subject area described in Subsection 53A-1-
17 402.8(2).

18 (2) "Core subject" means a course for which there is a declared set of Core
19 Standards as approved by the Board.

20 (3) "Core subject review committee" means the standards review committee,
21 comprised as set forth in Section 53A-1-402.8, for an individual core subject.

22 **R277-701-3. Establishment of Committees.**

23 (1) The board shall review the core standards on an annual basis to
24 determine whether revisions are necessary.

25 (2) Core subject review committees shall be established when the board
26 identifies a core subject requiring revisions to the core standards.

27 (3) The Superintendent shall:

28 (a) facilitate appointments with the House Speaker and Senate President as
29 provided in Subsections 53A-1-402.8(6)(b) and (6)(c);

30 (b) recommend candidates to the Board chair for appointment under

31 Subsection 53A-1-402.8(6)(a), taking into consideration:
32 (i) recommendations of content-area specialists; and
33 (ii) a candidate's expertise in the content-area under review.

34 **R277-701-4. Committee Processes.**

35 (1) Each core subject review committee shall meet twice within a three month
36 period after the subject review committee is established.

37 (a) At the first meeting of a subject review committee, the core subject review
38 committee shall review:

39 (i) existing core standards; and
40 (ii) relevant research and data.

41 (b) At the second meeting of a subject review committee, the core subject
42 review committee:

43 (i) shall make recommendations to the Board for revisions to the existing core
44 standards, taking into consideration the criteria set forth in Subsection 53A-1-
45 402.8(9); and

46 (ii) may include recommendations to the Board:

47 (A) to consider particular research, data, or professional documents;

48 (B) to add or eliminate content; or

49 (C) regarding format and clarity of the standards.

50 (2) After a core subject review committee has met at least two times, the core
51 subject review committee shall submit written recommendations to the Board.

52 (3) A core subject review committee shall be disbanded after the core subject
53 review committee submits the core subject review committee's written
54 recommendations to the Board as required in Subsection (2).

55 (4) A core subject review committee member may continue to provide input
56 to the Board as part of the public comment process after each core subject review
57 committee is disbanded.

58 (5) The Superintendent shall:

59 (a) provide logistical support for scheduling and conducting core subject
60 review committee meetings;

61 (b) provide relevant materials to a core subject review committee;

62 (c) assist a core subject review committee in preparing written
63 recommendations to the Board; and

64 (d) present a core subject review committee's recommendations to the Board
65 no more than two months after a core subject review committee's final meeting.

66 **KEY: standards review, core**

67 **Date of Enactment of Last Substantive Amendment: 2016**

68 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-1-401(3);**

69 **53A-1-402.8**