R277. Education, Administration.
R277-630. Child Sex Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention Training and Instruction.

R277-630-1. 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) Section 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 53G-9-207, which requires the Board to approve, in partnership with the Department of Human Services, age-appropriate instructional materials for the child sex abuse and human trafficking prevention training and instruction.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the process for a third-party provider of instructional materials for the child sex abuse and human trafficking prevention training and instruction to be approved for use by an LEA.


(1) A third-party provider offering child sex abuse or human trafficking training or instruction shall apply to the Superintendent and be approved by the Board prior to being utilized by an LEA.

(2) An LEA may only use a third-party provider that has been approved by the Board.

(3) A third-party provider shall apply according to the form and deadlines established by the Superintendent and include the following within the application submission:

(a) a table showing with which Utah core standards each portion of the third-party’s materials or trainings align;

(b) an assurance that the materials and trainings are vetted and do not lead to the accessibility of materials or resources that violate Section 53G-10-103.
(c) a copy of all materials to be used for instruction or training purposes and notation for each regarding the intended audience;

(d) a list of evidence-based research that has been used to inform the materials or training; and

(e) additional information as requested by the Superintendent.

(4) The Superintendent, in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services, shall establish a review committee to determine a potential third-party provider's advancement to the Board for final approval.

(5) The review committee members shall sign a non-disclosure agreement regarding the materials provided by a third-party provider and refrain from sharing the materials provided with any member of the public outside of the review committee.

(6) The review committee shall use a scoring rubric to assess several key program components including:

(a) training expectations, including:

(i) familiarity with state and federal law;

(ii) specialized instruction that considers cultural differences and needs of specialized populations;

(iii) how to adapt instruction to be age appropriate; and

(iv) a general understanding of child sex abuse and human trafficking, including human trafficking as a form of abuse;

(b) required program concepts, including:

(i) human trafficking definition aligned with state law;

(ii) sex trafficking definition;

(iii) labor trafficking definition;

(iv) grooming cycle;

(v) examples of trafficker conduct or behavior;

(vi) risk factors;

(vii) populations that are vulnerable to being victims of human trafficking; and

(viii) concepts showing how human trafficking can happen to any individual;

(c) focus areas regarding prevention and disclosure of sexual abuse or human trafficking including:

(i) how to be safe in various situations;
(ii) appropriate use of technology;
(iii) appropriate adult behavior;
(iv) concepts of self-awareness and trust;
(v) disclosure of inappropriate activities;
(vi) recognizing warning signs; and
(vii) appropriate actions when sex abuse or human trafficking is suspected; and
(d) how an individual can create a reporting plan including a method of reporting
sex abuse or human trafficking.

(7) A third-party provider that is sent to the Board for final approval shall make all
application materials available to the Board for review and Board members are bound to
keep the materials confidential until such time that the materials are publicly used by an
LEA.

(8) If the Board denies an application for approval, the Board shall notify the
third-party provider within 30 days of the Board's determination the reason for the
denial.

(9) A third-party provider that has been denied may reapply for approval if the
reasons for the denial have been shown by the third-party provider to be remediated.

(10) An approved third-party provider shall reapply for approval of materials or
trainings every three years and whenever updates to the approved materials or trainings
are made.

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