MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT Mountain View, California

Personnel

Board Policy No. 4113

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ASSIGNMENT

In order to serve the best interests of students and the educational program, the Superintendent or designee shall assign certificated personnel to positions for which their preparation, certification, <u>professional</u> experience and aptitude qualify them.

Teachers may be assigned to any school within the district in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement or board policy.

(cf. 4114 - Transfers)

Assignment to Courses/Classes

The Superintendent or designee shall assign teachers to courses based on the grade level and subject matter authorized by their credentials.

When there is not credential authorization requirement for teaching an elective course, the Superintendent or designee shall select the credentialed teacher whose knowledge and skills best prepare him/her to provide instruction in that subject.

Teachers who are assigned to teach core academic subjects shall meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act pertaining to teacher qualifications. (20 USC 6319, 7801; 2 CCR 6100-6126)

When specifically authorized by law or regulations, the Superintendent or designee may assign a teacher, with his/her consent, to a position outside his/her credential authorization when specifically authorized by law or regulations, and in accordance with the local teaching assignment options described in the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Administrator's Assignment Manual. Assignments made pursuant to Education Code 44256, 442582, and 44263 shall be annually approved by Board resolution. In such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall reference in district records the statute or regulation under which the assignment is authorized.

If at any time a certificated employee is required by the district to accept an assignment which the employee believes is not legally authorized by the employee's credential, the employee shall notify the Superintendent or designee, in writing, of the misassignment. Within 15 working days, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the employee of the legality of the assignment. If no action is taken by the district, the employee shall provide written notification to the County Superintendent of Schools. No adverse action shall be taken against an employee who files a notice of misassignment. (Education Code 44258.9)

Vacancies and Misassignments

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on any teacher assignments and vacancies, including the number and type of assignments made outside a teacher's credential authorization through a local teaching assignment option. Whenever district misassignment and vacancies are reviewed by the County Superintendent of Schools or Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall report the results to the Board and shall provide recommendations for remedying any identified issues.

Annually, the district shall review potential misassignments and vacant positions throughout the district. Upon receiving notification from CTC of the availability of data regarding potential misassignments and vacant positions in the district, the Superintendent shall review the data within 60 days. When necessary, the Superintendent or designee may respond by submitting additional documentation to the County Superintendent showing that an employee is legally authorized for an assignment and/or that a position identified as vacant was miscoded and a legally authorized employee is assigned to the position. (Education Code 44258.9)

If the district subsequently receives, within 90 days of CTC's initial notification, a notification from the County

Superintendent indicating that a certificated employee in the district is assigned to a position for which the

employee has no legal authorization, the district shall correct the assignment within 30 calendar days.

(Education Code 44258.9)

The district shall serve as the monitoring authority for teacher assignments in any charter school it has authorized, in accordance with Education Code 44258.9-44258.10.

Any complaint alleging teacher misassignment or vacancy shall be filed and addressed through the district's procedures specified in AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

The school accountability report card for each school shall include any assignment of teachers outside their subject areas of competence, misassignments, including misassignments of teachers of English learners, and the number of vacant teacher positions for the most recent three-year period. (Education Code 33126)

Equitable Distribution of Qualified and Experienced Teachers

The Superintendent or designee shall identify and address the equitable distribution of highly qualified and experienced teachers among district schools, including those with higher than average levels of low-income,

minority, and/or academically underperforming students. In order to ensure that highly qualified and experienced teachers are equitably distributed among district schools, including those with higher than average levels of low-income, minority, and/or academically underperforming students, the Superintendent or designee shall:

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board comparisons of teacher qualifications across district schools, including the number of teachers serving under a provisional internship permit, short-term staff permit, intern credential, emergency permit, or credential waiver.

Strategies for ensuring equitable access to experienced teachers may include, but are not limited to, incentives for voluntary transfers, provision of professional development, and/or programs to recruit and retain effective teachers.

- 1. Verify that all teachers of core academic subjects possess the qualifications of highly qualified teachers as required by NCLB or develop immediate and long term solutions for ensuring that all core academic classes will be taught by highly qualified teachers
- 2. Not assign teachers with provisional internship permits, short-term staffing permits, or credential waivers to schools that have 40 percent or higher poverty or are ranked in deciles 1-3 on the statewide Academic Performance Index
- 3. Not place interns in high-poverty, low-performing schools in greater numbers than in schools with low poverty or higher academic achievement
- 4. Compare teacher retention rates across district schools and develop strategies to recruit and retain experienced and effective teachers in hard to staff schools

(cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board and the California Department of Education (CDE) comparisons of teacher qualifications across district schools. When required by the CDE, the Superintendent or designee shall develop an equitable distribution plan to identify strategies for recruiting, developing, and retaining highly qualified teachers in low-performing schools. As needed, the Board may direct the Superintendent to transfer teachers to high-need schools in accordance with law and the collective bargaining agreement, and/or may align district resources to improve the skills and qualifications of teachers at those schools.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33126 School accountability report card

35035 Additional powers and duties of superintendent

35186 Complaint process

37616 Assignment of teachers to year-round schools

44225.6 Commission report to the legislature re: teachers

44250-44277 Credentials and assignments of teachers

44314 Subject matter programs, approved subjects

44395-44398 Incentives for assigning NBPTS-certified teachers to high-priority schools

44824 Assignment of teachers to weekend classes

44955 Reduction in number of employees

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

6100-6126 Teacher qualifications, No Child Left Behind Act

80003-80005 Credential authorizations

80020-80020.5 Additional assignment authorizations

80335 Performance of unauthorized professional services

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80339-80339.6 Unauthorized certificated employee assignment

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 State plan

6319 Highly qualified teachers

6601-6651 Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund

7801 Definitions, highly qualified teacher

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

200.55-200.57 Highly qualified teachers