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Professional Personnel

5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to employ only those professional staff members best trained and equipped to meet the educational needs of the students of this District. The Board shall discharge that obligation by retaining in service only those probationary teachers who meet those standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that probationary teachers are evaluated in a timely manner by appropriate administrators in accordance with the negotiated agreement.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually review the performance of all probationary teachers by a date adequate to ensure timely compliance with all statutory, contractual, or other applicable timelines.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that appropriate notices of the Board's actions are timely sent and delivered to all affected probationary teachers.

The Board of Education delegates authority and responsibility to the Superintendent or designee to manage the terms and conditions for the employment of professional personnel. The Superintendent or designee shall act reasonably and comply with State and federal law as well as any applicable individual employment contract or collective bargaining agreement in effect. The Superintendent or designee is responsible for making dismissal recommendations to the Board consistent with the Board's goal of having a highly qualified, high performing staff.

School Year and Day, Salary, Dismissal, Evaluation, Assignments and Transfers

Please refer to the applicable collective bargaining agreement(s) or working agreement(s).

Duty-Free Lunch

Teachers employed for at least 4 hours per day shall receive a duty-free lunch equivalent to the student lunch period, or 30 minutes, whichever is longer.

Nursing Mothers

The District accommodates employees who are nursing mothers according to provisions in State and federal law.

School Social Worker Services Outside of District Employment

School social workers may not provide services outside of their District employment to any student(s) attending school in the District. *School social worker* has the meaning stated in [105 ILCS 5/14-1.09a](#).

LEGAL REF.:

[29 U.S.C. §218\(d\)](#), [Pub. L. 117-328](#), Pump for Nursing Mothers Act.

[42 U.S.C. §2000gg](#) *et seq.*, [Pub. L. 117-328](#), Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

[105 ILCS 5/10-19](#), [5/10-19.05](#), [5/10-20.65](#), [5/14-1.09a](#), [5/22-965](#), [PRESSPlus1 5/22.4](#), [5/24-16.5](#), [5/24-2](#), [5/24-8](#), [5/24-9](#), [5/24-11](#), [5/24-12](#), [5/24-21](#), [5/24A-1 through 24A-20](#).

[820 ILCS 260/](#), Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code Parts 50](#) (Evaluation of Educator Licensed Employees) and [51](#) (Dismissal of Tenured Teachers).

[Cleveland Bd. of Educ. v. Loudermill](#), 470 U.S. 532(1985).

CROSS REF.: 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:290 (Employment Termination and Suspensions), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day)

PRESSPlus Comments

[PRESSPlus 1](#). 105 ILCS 5/22-96, added by P.A. 103-46 and amended by P.A. 103-564, requires school districts, when hiring or assigning educators for physical education, music, or visual arts, to prioritize the hiring or assigning of educators who hold an educator license and endorsement in those areas. The law also requires educators in these areas to obtain short-term approval if they are not licensed in the content area, or, if no short-term approval is available, they must meet criteria specified by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE). Educators must obtain an endorsement in the area being taught prior to the end of the short-term approval period to continue to maintain the educator's employment for subsequent school years. In the alternative, educators do not need to be licensed, obtain short-term approval, or meet other ISBE requirements if they meet the requirements of Title 23 of the Illinois Administrative Code except for Section 1.710. **Issue 115, June 2024**