

Professional Personnel

Substitute Teachers ¹

The Superintendent may employ substitute teachers as necessary to replace teachers who are temporarily absent.

A substitute teacher must hold either a valid teaching or substitute license and may teach in the place of a licensed teacher who is under contract with the Board.² There is no limit on the number of days that a substitute teacher may teach in the District during the school year, except as follows: ³

1. A substitute teacher holding a substitute license may teach for any one licensed teacher under contract with the District only for a period not to exceed 90 paid school days in any one school term.
2. A teacher holding a Professional Educator License⁴ or Educator License with Stipulations⁵ may teach for any one licensed teacher under contract with the District only for a period not to exceed 120 paid school days.

The Illinois Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) limits a substitute teacher who is a TRS annuitant to substitute teaching for a period not to exceed 100 paid days or 500 paid hours in any school year, unless the subject area is one where the Regional Superintendent has certified that a personnel shortage exists. ⁶

The School Board establishes a daily rate of pay for substitute teachers. Substitute teachers receive only monetary compensation for time worked and no other benefits. ⁷

Commented [MB1]: Amended to clarify requirements stated in 23 Ill.Admin.Code § 1.790.

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¹ State law controls this policy's content. Policy 5:30, *Hiring Process and Criteria*, contains the requirements for pre-employment investigations, e.g., a finger-print based criminal history records check. See also 5:30-AP2, *Administrative Procedure - Investigations*. Each board must require new employees to furnish evidence of a physical examination and freedom from communicable disease, ~~(105 ILCS 5/24-5, amended by P.A. 98-716).~~ The physical examination must be performed within 90 days before the time it is presented to the board, and the employee bears the cost of the physical examination.

² ~~23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.790(a)(2), added by 41 Ill.Reg. 6924, requires that any individual who serves as a substitute teacher for driver's education be endorsed for driver's education pursuant to 23 Ill.Admin.Code §25.100(k).~~

³ Substitute teaching licenses are governed by 105 ILCS 5/21B-20(3) and 23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 1.790, 25.520.

⁴ Professional educator licenses are governed by 105 ILCS 5/21B-20(1) and 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 25.

⁵ ~~Educator licenses with stipulations are governed by 105 ILCS 5/21B-20(2) and 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 25. 105 ILCS 5/21B-20(2)(E), amended by P.A. 100-13, permits an individual who holds a valid career and technical educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations but who does not hold a bachelor's degree to substitute teach in career and technical education classrooms. Similarly, 105 ILCS 5/21B-20(2)(F), amended by P.A. 100-13, permits an individual who holds a provisional or part-time provisional career and technical educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations but who does not hold a bachelor's degree to substitute teach in career and technical education classrooms.~~

⁶ ~~40 ILCS 5/16-118 and 40 ILCS 5/16-150.1. Use this alternative for districts in suburban Cook County: replace "Regional Superintendent" with "appropriate Intermediate Service Center." P.A. 96-893 abolished the Regional Office of Education for Suburban Cook County and transferred its duties and powers to Intermediate Service Centers.~~

⁷ If a board provides substitute teachers other benefits, it may consider listing them here.

Emergency Situations 8

A substitute teacher may teach when no licensed teacher is under contract with the Board if the District has an emergency situation as defined in State law. During an emergency situation, a substitute teacher is limited to 30 calendar days of employment per each vacant position. The Superintendent shall notify the appropriate Regional Office of Education within ~~5-five~~ business days after the employment of a substitute teacher in an emergency situation.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/21B-20(2) and 5/21B-20(3)-and 24-5.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.790 (Substitute Teacher) and §25.520 (Substitute Teaching License).

CROSS REF.: 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria)

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~~8~~ 105 ILCS 5/21-~~9B-20(3)~~. An *emergency situation* is defined as one where an unforeseen vacancy has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or her contractual duties, or (ii) the district's teacher capacity needs exceed previous indications and the district is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed teacher for the vacant position.

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