# POLICY TITLE: Personnel Files

## Minidoka County Joint School District # 331

The District maintains a complete personnel record for every employee (certificated and classified). Much of the information contained in employee personnel files is confidential and access to such files should be limited to the Superintendent, Principal, the employee, the employee's designee or representative, and school districts requesting information based upon Idaho Code <u>33–1210 for hiring</u>.

A log of those persons other than the Superintendent, Principal or other administrative staff, will be kept indicating the date and time of inspection, name of person requesting access, description of the records copied, if any, and the initials of the person providing the access and/or copies requested.

In accordance with federal law, the District shall release information regarding the professional qualifications and degrees of teachers and the qualifications of paraprofessionals to parents upon request, for any teacher or paraprofessional who is employed by a school receiving Title I funds, and who provides instruction to their child at that school. <u>Access to other information contained in the personnel records of District employees is governed by Policy No. 1001 Public Access to District Records.</u>

In accordance with state law including Idaho Code 33–1210, not later than twenty (20) days after receiving a request from another Idaho public school, the District shall release information regarding job performance or job related conduct to school districts requesting such information for hiring purposes (see Policy No.# 400.00).

The Superintendent, or designee, shall develop procedures to ensure that all district staff have acknowledged policies relevant to their personnel file.

The District shall maintain oOfficial District files for employees.

An employee's official file shall be kept in the District administrative office. It shall, at a minimum, contain the following records:

- 1. application materials;
- 2. contracts of employment;
- 3. communications from the administration;
- 4. performance evaluations;
- 5. rebuttals to performance evaluations;
- 6. parental input materials;
- 7. written reprimands;
- 8. original statements/releases to/from hiring school districts;
- 9. original acknowledgement of receipt of professional liability insurance providers list;

10. a copy of the employee's job description signed by the employee;

<u>11.10.</u> a signed <u>or electronic</u> acknowledgement that the employee has received a copy of the District's sexual harassment policy;

- <u>12.11.</u> a signed <u>or electronic</u> acknowledgement that the employee has received a copy of the District's computer/internet use policy;
- 12. documentation of additional training received, course work completed, in-service attended, etc.:
- 13. Dedocumentation of record and reference checks pursuant to Idaho Code 33-1210;
- 14. **R**rebuttal documents;
- 15. Ccopies of certifications from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction;
- 16. <u>Ttranscripts of credits earned for credit review purposes;</u>
- 13.17. Aany information relevant to the evaluation of the employee.

The file may contain notes and observations. Letters of commendation and recommendation may also be kept in personnel files will be kept in a separate portion of the personnel file. Personal notes of supervisors should be placed in the personnel file, if they are relevant to the evaluation of the employee.

Each employee will be provided written notice of all materials placed in an employee's personnel file. Notice shall be provided within ten (10) days of placement of information in the employee's file or, if possible, presented to the employee prior to placement in the file. An employee will have the opportunity to attach a rebuttal to any information placed in the employee's personnel file. An employee will have seven (7) days (from the date written notice of placement) to attach a statement or notification of rebuttal.

Upon request, an employee or the employee's designee or representative will have access to the employee's personnel file and will be provided copies, upon request within a reasonable period of time. The request, inspection, and/or copying of the file will be logged indicating the date and time, name of person requesting access, description of the records copied, if any, and the initials of the person providing the access and/or copies requested.

# **Other Files upon Separation**

Idaho law recognizes that other files may be kept relative to employees, such as investigative files. Upon separation of employment, all documents from such files, including investigative files, shall be moved into the employee's personnel file. Names of students, fellow employees, or complainants (with the exception of the employee's administrative supervisor or other administrative authors) shall be redacted from such documents before they are placed in the personnel file. Copies of such documents shall be provided to the employee within ten days of placement in the personnel file and written notice of their inclusion in the file by sending such to the employee's last known address. The employee shall be given the opportunity to file a rebuttal to such information in the same manner outlined above.

# **Record Keeping Requirements Under the Fair Labor Standards Act**

In addition to the information to be placed in an employee's personnel file set forth hereinabove, any and all payroll information required by the Fair Labor Standards Act shall also be kept for each employee. - as follows:

Records required for ALL employees: 1. Name in full (same name as used for Social Security); Employee's home address, including zip code; Date of birth if under the age of 19; Sex (may be indicated with Male/Female or M/F); Time of day and day of week on which the employee's work week begins; Basis on which wages are paid (such as \$5/hour, \$200/week, etc.); Any payment made which is not counted as part of the "regular rate"; Total wages paid each pay period; <del>19</del>. Additional records required for non-exempt (classified) employees: 2 Regular hourly rate of pay during any week when overtime is worked; Hours worked in any work day (consecutive twenty-four-(24)-hour period); Hours worked in any work week (or work period in case of 207[k]); Total daily or weekly straight time earnings (including payment for hours in excess of forty (40) per week, but excluding premium pay for overtime); Total overtime premium pay for a work week; Date of payment and the pay period covered; Total deductions from or additions to wages each pay period; Itemization of dates, amounts and reason for the deduction or addition, maintained on an individual basis for each employee; Number of hours of compensatory time earned each pay period;

Number of hours of compensatory time used each pay period;

Number of hours of compensatory time compensated in cash, the total amount paid and the dates of such payments.

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#### LEGAL REFERENCE:

29 USC 201, et seq.	Fair Labor Standards Act
29 C.F.R. § 516.2 and	3 Record Keeping Requirements
I.C. § 33-517	Non-certificated personnel
I.C. § 33-518	Employee personnel files
I.C. § 33-1210	Information on past job performance

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