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The College District is committed to maintaining a faculty, administrator, and staff compensation plan that is competitive with peer institutions within the state.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the College-District compensation program are to:

INTERNAL EQUITY

1. Establish pay relationships between jobs that are fair and equitable when compared to other jobs in the institutionCollege;

EXTERNAL COMPETITIVENESS

 Provide salary levels that are competitive and/or comparable with peer <u>colleges and</u> organizations in order to attract and retain <u>well</u> qualified employees;

CONTINUITY AND FLEXIBILITY

 Accommodate new jobs and changes in existing jobs, as well as adjust to changes in economic conditions and the job market; and

EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION

4. Establish clearly defined policies, procedures, and guidelines for salary budgeting and administration and ensure a clear understanding among all employees of the College-District about how the compensation program works.

PAY PLAN AND FRAMEWORK

The staff and administrative pay plan establishes compensation based on an analysis of the level of decision making required to accomplish-job-related duties of a position, including factors such as decision-making responsibilities. Each staff and administrative position with the College District shall be assigned to a market decision band based on this criterion. The compensation schedule shall be reviewed every two years and adjusted periodically to reflect market changes. Employees have no guarantee that the College-District will adjust their pay under the compensation schedule.

ADMINISTRATION

The <u>College District</u> President or designee shall administer and maintain compensation in accordance with this policy and the related procedures and guidelines for the College's <u>District's</u> compensation plan.

DESIGNATED WORKWEEK

The designated College-District workweek shall be from 12:01 a.m. Monday-Sunday through Sunday, 12:00 midnight on Saturday.

EXEMPT / NONEXEMPT

The College-District President or designee shall determine the classification of positions or employees as "exempt" or "nonexempt" for purposes of payment of overtime in compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Exempt employees shall beare compensated on a salary basis for their employment period and are not entitled to overtime compensation.

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COMPENSATORY TIME

Nonexempt employees shall beare compensated on an hourly basis for all hours worked each week and shall beare compensated for overtime in accordance with federal and state regulations and the College's District's compensation plan.

Nonexempt employees shall notare not permitted to work beyond their scheduled work hours unless authorized in writing, in advance, by the appropriate supervisor. Nonexempt employees may be subject to disciplinary action for working overtime or beyond the approved schedule without advanced written approval. In the case of an emergency or where campus safety is involved, a verbal directive is appropriate authorization. The verbal approval should be documented with a follow-up email from the supervisor to the employee.

Nonexempt employees shall beare compensated through compensatory time off or direct pay for the additional hours worked beyond 40 in a workweek, at a rate of time and one-half the employee's normal pay rate. Employees may not earn and take compensatory time within the same workweek. Adjusted schedules shall beare documented by the employee and approved in advance by the appropriate supervisor.

GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FOR SALARY SUPPLEMENTS The College District shall not accept gifts, grants, donations or other consideration designated for use as salary supplements.

EMOLUMENTS

As a part of the benefits package for key administrators, compensation-related emoluments are provided, as follows:

- A stipend, as outlined below, is provided to cover the cost of transportation-related expenses such as mileage, insurance, maintenance, toll, and parking fees.
 - \$1000 per month for the Executive Vice President and Senior Vice Presidents.
 - \$500 per month for Vice Presidents.
 - \$250 per month for the Faculty Council President during his/her tenure in the position.
 - Other administrators with college- district-wide responsibilities that require substantive local travel among campuses may also receive a stipend, not to

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exceed \$500 per month, when the District President determines it is in the best interests of the college

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- A stipend in the amount of \$75 per month is provided for administrators who require smart phones to perform their jobs.
- A stipend in the amount of \$40 per month or a Ceollegeowned cell phone is provided for staff who are required to be regularly "on call," but their job does not require a smartphone. Such staff who are in non-exempt positions must comply with all College timekeeping policies.

Emoluments are considered annually by the Board of Trustees as a part of the budget review and approval process. All emoluments are listed in the annual budget of the College and reported to Texas State Agencies as required by law.

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