

1. **Position.** The District agrees to employ _____ as a _____
[Certified Classroom Teacher, Administrator, Counselor, Educational Diagnostician, Library Media Specialist, or Nurse].
2. **Term.** You will be employed on a _____-month basis for the 2014-2015 school year, according to the hours and dates set by the District as they exist or may hereafter be amended.
 - 2.1 **Work Schedule.** You will work Monday through Friday, during district business hours. As a salaried, exempt professional, you will also be expected to work outside business hours and on weekends as needed to complete assigned work and job-related activities.
3. **Credentials and Criminal History Review.**
 - 3.1 **Certification.** You agree to provide, before your start date under this Contract, the certification, service records, documentation of highly-qualified status, licenses, and other records and information required by law, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), or the District. You agree to maintain any required certification or license throughout the term of this Contract. If you fail to fulfill the requirements necessary to extend a temporary or emergency certificate or permit, or if your certification expires, is canceled, or is revoked, the District may provide you with notice that this Contract is void pursuant to Texas Education Code section 21.0031.
 - 3.2 **Highly Qualified Status.** If you are employed as a classroom teacher, you agree to become and remain "highly qualified," as that term is defined under the No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. § 7801(23), and by TEA, to the extent required by law.
 - 3.3 **Criminal History Review.** If required by the District, TEA, or SBEC, you agree to submit to a review of your state or national criminal history record information.
4. **Representations.**
 - 4.1 **Beginning of Contract.** You understand that a criminal history record acceptable to the District, at its sole discretion, is a condition of this Contract. You represent that you have disclosed to the District, in writing, any conviction, no contest or guilty plea, deferred adjudication, or other adjudication for any felony or any offense listed at 19 Texas Administrative Code § 249.16(b).
 - 4.2 **During Contract.** You agree that, during the term of this Contract, you will notify the Superintendent in writing of any arrest, indictment, conviction, no contest or guilty plea, deferred adjudication, or other adjudication for any felony or any offense listed at 19 Texas Administrative Code § 249.16(b). You agree to provide the notification within seven calendar days or any shorter period specified in Board policy.
 - 4.3 **False Statements and Misrepresentations.** You represent that any required records or information in your employment application are true and correct. Any false statements, misrepresentations, omissions of requested information, or fraud by you concerning any required records or in the employment application may be grounds for termination or nonrenewal, as applicable.
5. **Duties.**
 - 5.1 **General Standard.** You agree to perform the duties of your assigned position, as prescribed by state law and regulations and by the District, with reasonable care, skill, and diligence.
 - 5.2 **Rules.** You agree to comply with all Board and District directives, state and federal laws and rules, and District policy and regulations, as they exist or may hereafter be amended.
 - 5.3 **Assignment/Reassignment.** You understand that the District has the right to assign or reassign you to positions, duties, or additional duties and to make changes in responsibilities, work, or transfers, at any time during this Contract.
 - 5.4 **Supplemental Duty.** You understand that this Contract does not apply to assignments of or payments for supplemental duties. This Contract does not create a property right to continued employment in any supplemental duty. If you are assigned to a supplemental duty, the start and end dates for the supplemental duty may be different from the start and end dates under this Contract.
6. **Compensation.**
 - 6.1 **Salary.** The District shall pay you according to the compensation plan adopted by the Board. Your salary includes consideration for all assigned duties, responsibilities, and tasks, regardless of the actual number of hours or days (including days not designated on the school calendar) that you work during this Contract. Your salary shall be reduced for absences in excess of authorized, paid leave.
 - 6.2 **Furloughs.** If the District implements a furlough under Texas Education Code section 21.4021, your salary will be reduced in proportion to the number of furlough days. The reduction will be equally distributed over the remainder of the applicable school year.
 - 6.3 **Annualized Salary.** Your salary will be paid out over 12 months, regardless of the work schedule specified in paragraph 2.
 - 6.4 **Incentive and Performance Pay.** If you qualify, you may receive incentive pay or pay for performance under the

District's compensation plan, federal law, or state law, including Texas Education Code chapter 21, subchapter O. An incentive payment is not an entitlement as part of your salary.

6.5 **Overpayments.** You agree that the District may deduct any overpayments under this Contract from one or more of your paychecks.

6.6 **Benefits.** The District shall provide you with benefits as provided by state law and Board policy. The District reserves the right to amend its policies at any time during the term of this Contract to reduce or increase these benefits, at the Board's sole discretion.

7. **Other Provisions.**

7.1 **Equipment and Reports.** You agree to satisfactorily submit or account for all grades, reports, school equipment, or other required items upon request from the District.

7.2 **Special Funding.** If your position is funded by grants, federal funding, or other special funding, you understand that your employment is expressly conditioned on the availability of full funding for the position. If full funding becomes unavailable, your employment is subject to termination or nonrenewal, as applicable.

7.3 **Addenda.** This Contract does/does not (circle one) include one or more Addenda, as follows:

(1) Addendum A: _____

(2) Addendum B: _____

8. **Suspension.** In accordance with Texas Education Code chapter 21, the District may suspend you without pay during the term of this Contract for good cause as determined by the Board.

9. **Termination of Contract.** This Contract will terminate, in accordance with the procedures at Texas Education Code chapter 21, if the Board determines that termination of your contract at the end of the contract period will serve the best interests of the District, or if the Board determines that any of the following exists: good cause, financial exigency, or a program change. This Contract will also terminate if you provide written notice of resignation before the penalty-free resignation date (see Tex. Educ. Code § 21.105).

10. **General Provisions.**

10.1 **Amendment.** This Contract may not be amended unless you and the District agree, in writing, to an amendment.

10.2 **Severability.** If any provision in this Contract is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the other provisions of the Contract will remain in full force and effect.

10.3 **Entire Agreement.** This Contract supersedes all existing agreements, verbal and written, between you and the District regarding your employment. This Contract does not constitute a "unified contract" with any supplemental duties agreement between the parties.

10.4 **Applicable Law.** Texas law shall govern construction of this Contract.

11. **Notice to Employee.** You agree to keep a current address on file with the District's human resources office. Unless Texas Education Code chapter 21 requires a different notice delivery method, you agree that the District may meet any legal obligation it has to give you written notice regarding your employment by hand-delivering the notice to you or by sending the notice by certified mail, regular mail, and/or express delivery service to your address of record.

12. **Expiration of Offer.** This offer of employment contract shall expire unless you sign and return this Contract, without changes, to the Superintendent on or before _____. If you are currently employed under a contract with the District and you fail to sign and return this Contract, without changes, by the return date, you shall be deemed to have resigned from employment at the end of your existing contract term.

I have read this Contract and agree to abide by its terms and conditions:

Date

Employee's Signature

Date

Superintendent of Schools, West Orange Cove CISD, as authorized by Board action

Date

Board President, West Orange Cove CISD