

PART-TIME AND SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT

The district may employ part-time employees and employees who will work on a substitute basis in the district. These employees must meet the same qualifications as full-time staff, must be appropriately certified or licensed when necessary, and are subject to the same policies, procedures and other rules as full-time employees. Part-time and substitute employees must satisfactorily complete the same background checks and screenings required of full-time employees.

Job Sharing

The district may employ staff through a job-sharing arrangement, in accordance with law. Staff in a job-sharing position shall receive paid leave applicable to all staff on a pro rata basis.

A job-sharing position shall mean any position that is shared with one other employee, requires employment of at least 17 and no more than 20 hours per week on a regular basis and requires at least 70 percent of all time spent in classroom instruction. Instructional support or school services positions such as guidance counselors, media coordinators, psychologists, social workers, audiologists, speech and language pathologists, and nursing positions are not eligible for job sharing under state law but may still be employed on a part-time basis.

Job sharing professional staff shall receive paid leave applicable to all staff on a pro-rata basis and must work at least 20 hours per week to be eligible for Board paid health insurance benefits on a pro-rata basis based on the contracted FTE.

Job sharing professional staff will be paid on the current salary schedule based on the FTE they are working.

Job sharing professional staff will move on the salary schedule every two years instead of every year.

Job sharing professional staff are expected to attend all workdays and professional development days.

Job sharing professional staff who substitute on days they are not contracted to work will receive the current substitute pay for the position they are subbing for.

Substitute Employees

In accordance with law, a majority of the whole Board must approve the employment of all employees, which includes substitute employees. The superintendent will present an initial list of substitute employees to the Board for approval. If substitute employees are added to or removed

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from the list, the superintendent will submit the revised list or the individual changes to the Board for approval.

A long term substitute teacher who teaches more than five consecutive days shall be paid at an increased rate upon the recommendation of the superintendent.

Employing Retirees

The district may employ persons retired and currently receiving a retirement allowance other than for disability under the Missouri Public School Retirement System(PSRS) or the Public Education Employee Retirement System (PEERS) in any capacity on either a part-time, temporary or substitute basis. As long as these employees do not work in excess a total of 550 hours in any one school year as prorated by state law, these employees will not contribute to PSRS or PEERS.

The district may employ a retiree for more than 550 hours or even employ a retiree full-time with the mutual understanding that this will result in a new retirement account being established and that the employee will not be eligible to receive his or her retirement allowance for any month during which he or she is employed by the district unless the district can demonstrate that it has a critical shortage of qualified employees as required under state law.

In accordance with law, the district will not reach a written or unwritten agreement for future employment with a person who has retired or is going to retire under PSRS or PEERS until the person has received his or her first retirement benefit payment.

All persons employed by the district who are receiving a retirement allowance from PSRS or PEERS are required to provide the district an accurate record of the dates and hours they work for the district. Such records will be maintained by the district.

Limits on Compensation for Retirees under PSRS

Retirees receiving a retirement allowance under the PSRS who are employed by the district may earn up to 50 percent of the annual compensation payable under the employing district's salary schedule for the position or positions filled by the retiree, given such person's level of experience and education, without a discontinuance of the person's retirement allowance. If the position in question is not subject to the district's salary schedule, an employed retiree may earn up to 50 percent of the annual compensation paid to the person or persons who last held such position or positions. If the position or positions did not previously exist, the compensation limit shall not exceed 50 percent of the annual compensation payable for the position in the school district that is most comparable to the position filled by the retiree.

In any case where a retiree under PSRS fills more than one position during the school year, the 50 percent limit on permitted earnings shall be based on the annual compensation of the highest paid position occupied by the retiree for at least one-fifth of the total hours worked during the year.

Contracts

The contracts of all teachers employed on a regular, part-time basis must explicitly state the percentage of full-time equivalent (FTE) work for which they are contracted so that the district may accurately calculate the accumulation of tenure.

Restrictions on Employment and Transfer

The district does not offer health coverage for part-time or substitute employees, unless required by law to do so. Therefore the district will not consider re-employing in a part-time or substitute capacity a recently retired or former employee if the person would be entitled by law to district-paid health coverage. However, the district will consider an application once the person has gone 26 weeks without being credited for an hour of service with the district.

Likewise, the district will not consider transferring a full-time employee to a part-time position if the employee would be entitled by law to district-paid health coverage.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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5 C.S.R. 20-400.110, .220
16 C.S.R. 10-5.010, -6.060

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