

Contracts

The district will contract annually with each applicable staff member. Such contract will be in conformity with state law and the policies and negotiated agreements of the district. The contract will be binding on the district and on the staff member and may not be abridged or abrogated during its term by either party except by mutual consent or as may be provided elsewhere in board policy or in negotiated agreements.

The contracts for certificated staff will be written for a period not to exceed one year. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent contracts for selected classified staff may be in writing and/or for a specific period of time not to exceed one year. Otherwise the employment of classified staff will be on a month-to-month basis commencing from the first day of work.

Supplemental contracts, which are not subject to the continuing contract statute, will be issued for services to be rendered in addition to a staff member's normal "full-time" assignment.

A. Retire-Rehires and Persons Replacing Certificated Staff on Leave

The district will issue one-year, non-continuing contracts to persons who have retired from a certificated position in the state of Washington and are returning to employment under the "retire-rehire" provisions of state law. The district will issue "replacement employee" contracts upon the recommendation of the superintendent and action of the board, to certificated staff who replace certificated staff who have been granted leaves. Such contracts will be for the duration of the leave only and are not subject to the terms of the Continuing Contract Law. Such contracts will clearly state the terms and conditions of the contract.

These contracts will include the following rider:

"It is understood and agreed that the staff member is employed pursuant to the provisions of RCW 28A.405. In accordance with the provisions of RCW 28A.405.900, this contract will expire automatically at the end of the contract terms set forth herein and is not subject to the provisions of RCW 28A.405.210."

B. Supplemental Employment Agreements

The district will issue separate supplemental employment agreements to certificated staff for service to be rendered in excess of a normal "full-time" assignment or for service to be rendered beyond the scheduled staff day or for service to be performed beyond the scheduled staff year. Supplemental contracts will also be issued for co-curricular activities and special responsibility assignments. Separate agreements will not exceed one year and if not renewed will not constitute an adverse change in contract status. Salary for services performed under supplemental employment agreements will be paid according to the current salary schedule for supervision of co-curricular activities or, in the case of extended time assignments, according to the applicable provisions for payment for the services rendered.

C. Job-Sharing Staff Members

A job-sharing assignment is the shared performance of the duties of one full-time, regular position by employees. Employees sharing a position will sign a job-sharing contract to be developed by the superintendent or designee. The contract will identify contingencies which may arise during the course of employment including, but not limited to, absence or resignation of one of the job-sharing employees, computation of employee benefits, and responsibility for participation in staff meetings and committees. The purpose of such contract is to address potential conflicts in an equitable manner in advance of actual conflicts.

D. Consultants

Staff consultant services may be obtained when unique knowledge or technical skills are needed. A description of desired services and an estimate of time and costs will be submitted to the Superintendent or designee for action. Compensation will be determined by the Superintendent or designee, but normally may not exceed that paid to a regular staff member with comparable duties. The honorarium paid to a consultant will be determined by the Superintendent or designee, taking into account cost incurred and benefits derived there from. Compensation classification of a consultant on a personal services contract or payroll will be determined in compliance with the guidelines of the Internal Revenue Service.

E. Title 1 Employees

All teachers working in a program supported with Title 1 funds, who were hired on or after the first day of the 2002-2003 school year, will be highly qualified, as defined by federal law and regulations.

All paraprofessionals providing instructional support in a program supported by Title 1 funds hired after January 8, 2002, will have a high school diploma or a recognized equivalent and one (1) of the following:

1. Completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher learning;
2. Obtained an Associate's or higher degree; or
3. Met a rigorous standard of quality through a formal state or local assessment.

Paraprofessionals, who are hired primarily as translators or solely to conduct family involvement activities, do not need to meet the new requirements. However, they must have earned a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

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