

Employment of Retired School Employees

On occasion it may be in the best interest of the district to hire or appoint a person who is retired. This policy shall apply to persons who are hired by the district and who are retired from the following Washington state retirement systems: Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), the School Employees' Retirement System (SERS) or the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

The state, through the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) or other applicable agency, determines the number of hours a retiree may work per year while continuing to receive retirement benefits. Retired employees are responsible for tracking their hours worked to ensure they do not exceed the limits established by the state. The district is not responsible for changes to or cessation of retirement benefits paid by the state to a retired employee whose hours of work exceed the limitations established by the state. The district shall report the number of hours worked by retired employees to DRS.

Board policy regarding the recruitment, selection, and employment of staff shall apply. If a retiree subject to this policy is recommended for hire after July 22, 2007, the superintendent or designee shall provide the board with a report documenting the justifiable need for hiring the retiree. The district shall maintain records of the procedures followed in seeking qualified candidates that resulted in the hiring of the retiree.

There shall be no prearranged employment agreement or commitment to hire an employee after retirement. Mere inquiries about post-retirement employment do not constitute an agreement. Employees who are retired from a Washington state retirement plan must satisfy the DRS requirements for separation and retirement from service prior to accepting district employment.

The district shall provide the retired employee with the same terms and conditions of employment as other employees in comparable positions, to the extent allowed by law.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.400.300 41.32 41.40	Hiring and Discharging Employees Teachers' Retirement Washington public employees' retirement system
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