

## **Substitute Employment**

The board authorizes the employment of a certificated substitute in the absence of a certificated staff member. In addition, the district may use a substitute in place of a regularly-contracted staff member when:

1. Enrollment uncertainties exist at the beginning of a school year; or
2. Resignations of regular staff do not allow sufficient time for the district to employ an immediate replacement.

On either of the latter occasions the district will employ a contracted staff person within a reasonable time.

The superintendent will be responsible for establishing procedures by which teachers request substitutes and by which substitute teachers are assigned, employed and compensated.

Substitute teachers who have served for 20 full consecutive working days in the same assignment will, from the 21st day of service on, be paid according to the regular salary schedule of certificated staff.

The board authorizes the employment of a spouse of an officer as a substitute teacher when the superintendent deems that there is a shortage of substitute teachers in the district.

Retired teachers or administrators may work up to (867) hours of employment.

If the superintendent reasonably anticipates that the list of qualified, willing substitutes will be exhausted, emergency substitute certification may be sought from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for persons not fully qualified for a teaching or substitute certificate. Substitutes holding emergency certification may only be assigned work when the list of fully-qualified substitutes is exhausted.

The board authorizes the employment of a classified substitute in the absence of a classified staff member when a program will be adversely affected by the regular staff member's absence and when a substitute can perform the duties in a reasonable manner. A classified substitute employee's eligibility to purchase retirement service credit will be determined according to RCW 41.35 and retirement system rules. Substitute classified employee means a classified employee who is employed by the district exclusively as a substitute for an absent employee. The superintendent is authorized to establish procedures relating to the use of substitute classified staff.

By October of each year, the District will report to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instructions: 1) The number of substitute teachers hired per school year; 2) the number of substitute teachers hired under the expedited certification process for out-of-state teachers; 3) the full daily compensation rate per substitute; and 4) the reason for hiring the substitute teacher.

Cross References:

Policy 1610, Conflicts of Interest  
Policy 5612, Temporary Administrators  
Policy 5001, Hiring of Retired School Employees

Legal References:

Chapter 28A.300, RCW Superintendent of Public Instruction  
RCW 28A.330.240, Employment Contracts  
RCW 28A.400.300, Hiring and discharging employees - Written leave policies - Seniority and leave benefits of employees transferring between school districts and other educational employers  
RCW 28A.405.900, Certain certificated employees exempt from chapter provisions  
RCW 28A.410.010, Certification - Duty of professional educator standards board - Rules – Record check - Lapsed certificates - Superintendent of Public Instruction as administrator  
RCW 41.32.570, Postretirement employment - Reduction or suspension of pension payments  
RCW 42.23.030(9), Interest in contracts prohibited - Exceptions  
RCW 41.35, Washington school employees' retirement system

Management Resources:

2016 July Issue  
2011 August Issue  
*Policy News*, June 2008, Substitute Employment  
*Policy News*, August 2001, Legislature Authorizes “Retire-Rehire”

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