

Gravenstein Union School District

Board Policy

CERTIFICATED Temporary/Substitute Personnel

BP 4121

Personnel

The Governing Board recognizes that substitute and temporary personnel perform an essential role in promoting student achievement and desires to employ highly qualified, appropriately credentialed employees to fill such positions.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

Hiring

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend candidates for substitute or temporary positions for Board approval, and shall ensure that all substitute and temporary employees are assigned in accordance with law and the authorizations specified in their credential.

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

Substitute personnel may be employed on an on-call, day-to-day basis.

In addition, after September 1 of any school year, the Board may employ substitute personnel for the remainder of the school year for positions for which no regular employee is available. The district shall first demonstrate to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing the inability to acquire the services of a qualified regular employee. (Education Code 44917)

(cf. 4117.14/4317.14 - Postretirement Employment)

***Note: Education Code 44956 and 44957 require that districts give employees who are laid off pursuant to Education Code 44955 priority for substitute service during the period of preferred right to reemployment. The period of preferred right to reemployment is 39 months for laid-off permanent employees and 24 months for probationary employees; see BP 4117.3 - Personnel Reduction. ***

***Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44956, if a laid-off permanent employee serves as a substitute in any position requiring certification for any 21 days or more within a period of 60 school days, he/she is entitled to compensation not less than the amount the employee would receive if he/she were being reappointed and retroactive to the first day of the substitute service. Education Code 44957 does not contain similar provisions for probationary employees; such employees are paid according to the salary schedule for substitute employees adopted by the Governing Board, regardless of the number of days worked as a substitute. ***

Permanent or probationary certificated employees who were laid off pursuant to Education Code 44955 and who have a preferred right of reappointment shall be given priority for substitute service in the order of their original employment. (Education Code 44956, 44957)

(cf. 4117.3 - Personnel Reduction)

Classification

***Note: A certificated employee's classification as a substitute, temporary, probationary, or permanent employee governs the statutory job protections to which he/she is entitled and the procedures that apply if he/she is not reelected; see section below entitled "Release from Employment/Dismissal." Districts are encouraged to consult legal counsel when questions arise regarding such classification. ***

At the time of initial employment and each July thereafter, the Board shall classify substitute and temporary employees as such. (Education Code 44915, 44916)

The Board may classify as substitute personnel a teacher hired to fill the position of a regularly employed person who is absent from service. (Education Code 44917)

***Note: The following two paragraphs describe circumstances under which the Education Code expressly defines a position as temporary. In both *Bakersfield Elementary Teachers Association v. Bakersfield City School District* and *California Teachers Association v. Vallejo City Unified School District*, the courts determined that it was inappropriate to classify certificated employees as temporary on the basis of the provisional status of their credential (i.e., those serving under an intern credential, provisional internship permit, short-term staff permit, emergency teaching permit, or credential waiver). According to the courts, districts may classify as temporary employees only those persons who are specified to be temporary employees in the Education Code. All other certificated employees who cannot be properly classified as substitute or permanent employees must be classified as probationary employees. ***

***Note: One circumstance under which a teacher may be classified as a temporary employee is when the district needs an additional teacher for a period of one semester to one year because of teacher absence due to leaves or long-term illness, as authorized in Education Code 44920. As provided below, Education Code 44920 requires the Board to determine the number of temporary employees that may be hired under these circumstances. In *McIntyre v. Sonoma Valley Unified School District*, the court clarified that a district's ability to classify an employee as temporary pursuant to Education Code 44920 is not dependent upon a one-to-one match of temporary employees to employees on leave. Rather, all that is required is that the number of temporary teachers not exceed the total number of employees on leave at any one time. ***

To address the need for additional certificated employees when regular district employees are absent due to leaves or long-term illness, the Board may classify a teacher who is employed for at least one semester and up to one complete school year as a temporary employee. Any person whose service begins in the second semester and before March 15 may be classified as a temporary employee even if employed for less than a semester. The Board shall determine the number of persons who shall be so employed, which shall not exceed the identified need based on the absence of regular employees. (Education Code 44920)

The Board also shall classify as temporary employees those certificated persons, other than substitute employees, who are employed to:

1. Serve from day to day during the first three months of any school term to teach temporary classes which shall not exist after that time, or perform any other duties which do not last longer than the first three months of any school term (Education Code 44919)

2. Teach in special day and evening classes for adults or in schools of migratory population for not more than four months of any school term (Education Code 44919)

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

3. Serve in a limited assignment supervising student athletic activities provided such assignments have first been made available to teachers presently employed in the district (Education Code 44919)

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

4. Serve in a position for a period not to exceed 20 working days in order to prevent the stoppage of district business during an emergency when persons are not immediately available for probationary classification (Education Code 44919)

***Note: Item #5 below applies only to high school and unified districts. ***

For purposes of classifying employees pursuant to item #1 or #2 above, the school year shall not be divided into more than two school terms. (Education Code 44919)

***Note: Education Code 44909 authorizes districts to employ certificated employees in programs and projects conducted under contract with public or private agencies or through categorically funded projects which are not required by federal or state statutes, and provides that such persons may be employed for periods less than a full school year. Pursuant to Education Code 44909, such persons may be terminated at the expiration of the contract or specially funded project without regard to termination procedures required for probationary or permanent employees. In *Stockton Teachers Association v. Stockton Unified School District*, the court of appeals clarified that "the expiration of the contract" refers to the contract between the district and the agency providing categorical funds, not a contract between the district and employee. Thus, the district may not hire a person for more or less than the term of the contract or project and treat such a person as a temporary employee. Districts should consult legal counsel as necessary regarding the classification or termination of employees hired pursuant to Education Code 44909. Also, it is recommended that districts use a separate employment agreement tailored to these employees. ***

Any employee hired to provide services in a categorically funded program or project may be employed for a period less than a full school year. He/she may be classified as a temporary employee if the period of employment will end at the expiration of that program or project. (Education Code 44909)

Salary and Benefits

The Board shall adopt and make public a salary schedule setting the daily or pay period rate(s) for substitute employees for all categories or classes of certificated employees of the district. (Education Code 44977, 45030)

***Note: Pursuant to Government Code 3540.1, exclusive representatives of employees for purposes of negotiations may include representation of all public school employees other than management and confidential employees, as defined. Thus, substitute and temporary personnel may have the right to be represented. In cases where substitute and temporary employees are not represented, the Board may determine whether to include such employees in the district's health and welfare plan and other benefits. Although Options 1 and 2 below address temporary employees only, a district may modify either option as necessary to reflect its treatment of substitute employees. The district should consult legal counsel if it has any questions about the provision of benefits to substitute and temporary employees. ***

OPTION 1: Temporary employees who are filling a position for another employee who is on leave, shall participate in the health and welfare plans or other fringe benefits of the district.

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)

Paid Sick Leave

***Note: Effective July 1, 2015, Labor Code 245-249 (the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act), as added by AB 1522 (Ch. 317, Statutes of 2014), require districts to grant a minimum of one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked to their employees who work for 30 days within a year of their employment, including temporary and substitute employees. In implementing Labor Code 246, the district must either (1) allow temporary and substitute employees to carry over accrued paid sick leave to the following year up to a maximum of 48 hours or six work days, in which case the district must track the amount of sick leave earned by each employee, or (2) grant 24 hours of paid sick leave to each such employee at the beginning of each year, in which case no sick leave carries over to the following year. Districts should select the option below which corresponds to their approach under Labor Code 246. ***

***Note: Additional requirements of Labor Code 245-249 include, but are not limited to, display of a poster containing specified information at every workplace, provision of each employee's sick leave balance on his/her wage statements, and maintenance of leave usage documentation for three years. The provisions of Labor Code 245-249 are very broad and only district employees covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement may be exempted from them, if the collective bargaining agreement expressly provides paid sick leave in an amount equal to or exceeding the amount of leave required pursuant to Labor Code 246, includes final and binding arbitration of disputes regarding the application of the paid sick days provisions, and provides premium wage rates for all overtime hours worked and a regular hourly rate of pay of not less than 30 percent more than the state minimum wage rate. Since many districts may not satisfy all the conditions for this exemption, the following optional section has been drafted to include the requirements of Labor Code 245-249. Any district whose collective bargaining agreement meets all the conditions for exemption may modify this section accordingly. For sick leave for

full-time and part-time certificated employees and additional requirements of Labor Code 245-249, see AR 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave. For sick leave for classified employees, see AR 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave. ***

OPTION 2: Any temporary or substitute employee who works for 30 or more days within a year of his/her employment shall be credited with 24 hours of paid sick leave for that year. Unused sick leave shall not carry over to the following year of employment. (Labor Code 246)

***Note: The following paragraph applies to both options and reflects the intent of the legislature in enacting the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act, including to enable California workers to address their own and their family's health needs and to provide them with economic security when they need to take time off work for reasons of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The following paragraph may be revised to include additional reasons for which temporary or substitute employees may use sick leave, pursuant to district policy or practice. ***

A temporary or substitute employee may use accrued sick leave for absences due to: (Labor Code 246.5)

1. The diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventive care for, the employee or his/her family member as defined in Labor Code 245.5
2. Need of the employee to obtain or seek any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee, or his/her child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking

(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)

(cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)

No employee shall be denied the right to use accrued sick days and the district shall not in any manner discriminate or retaliate against any employee for using or attempting to use sick leave, filing a complaint with the Labor Commissioner, or alleging district violation of Labor Code 245-249. The Superintendent or designee shall display a poster containing required information, provide notice to eligible employees of their sick leave rights, keep of records of employees' use of sick leave for three years, and comply with other requirements specified in Labor Code 245-249 and in AR 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave.

Release from Employment/Dismissal

The Board may dismiss a substitute employee at any time at its discretion. (Education Code 44953)

***Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44954, if a district decides not to reelect for the following year a temporary employee who has served at least 75 percent of the days in the school year, the district must so

notify that employee by the end of the school year. In *Neily v. Manhattan Beach Unified School District*, the court held that Education Code 37200, which defines a school year as ending June 30, is applicable for determining the deadline for this notification, not the last day that students and teachers are in their classrooms. ***

The Board may release a temporary employee at its discretion if the employee has served less than 75 percent of the number of days the regular schools of the district are maintained during one school year. After serving 75 percent of the number of days that district schools are maintained during one school year, a temporary employee may be released as long as he/she is notified, before the last day of June, of the district's decision not to reelect him/her for the following school year. (Education Code 37200, 44954)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

Reemployment as a Probationary Employee

***Note: Education Code 44917, 44918, and 44920 provide that a substitute or temporary employee who performs the duties of a certificated employee for a complete school year, or for at least 75 percent of the days in the school year, shall be given credit for a complete year as a probationary employee if he/she is then employed as a probationary employee the following school year, as provided below. However, in *McIntyre v. Sonoma Valley Unified School District*, the court clarified that a district is not required to grant probationary status to an employee based solely on the fact that he/she served as a temporary employee for more than one year if the employee is released and reemployed as a temporary employee for the following year to fill the position of a regularly employed person absent from service. ***

***Note: Reemployment provisions contained in Education Code 44918 do not apply to districts with average daily attendance of over 400,000; such districts should modify the following section accordingly. ***

Unless released from employment pursuant to Education Code 44954, any person employed for one complete school year as a temporary employee shall, if reemployed for the following school year in a vacant position requiring certification qualifications, be classified as a probationary employee. With the exception of on-call, day-to-day substitutes, if a temporary or substitute employee performs the duties normally required of certificated employees for at least 75 percent of the number of days the regular schools of the district were maintained in that school year and is then employed as a probationary employee for the following school year, his/her previous employment as a temporary or substitute employee shall be credited as one year's employment as a probationary employee for purposes of acquiring permanent status. (Education Code 44917, 44918, 44920)

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

Vacant position means a position in which the employee is qualified to serve and which is not filled by a permanent or probationary employee. It shall not include a position which would be filled by a permanent or probationary employee except for the fact that such employee is on leave. (Education Code 44920, 44921)

A temporary employee hired pursuant to item #1 or #2 in the section "Classification" above shall be classified as a probationary employee if the duties continue beyond the time limits of the assignment. (Education Code 44919)

With the exception of on-call, day-to-day substitutes, any temporary or substitute employee who was released pursuant to Education Code 44954 but who has nevertheless served in a certificated position in the district for at least 75 percent of each of two consecutive school years shall receive first priority if the district fills a vacant position for the subsequent school year at the grade level at which the employee served during either year. In the case of a departmentalized program, the employee shall have taught the subject matter in which the vacant position occurs. (Education Code 44918)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 22455.5 Provision of retirement plan information to potential members
- 22515 Irrevocable election to join retirement plan
- 37200 School calendar
- 44252.5 State basic skills assessment required for certificated personnel
- 44300 Emergency teaching or specialist permits
- 44830 Employment of certificated persons; requirements of proficiency in basic skills
- 44839.5 Employment of retirant
- 44845 Date of employment
- 44846 Criteria for reemployment preferences
- 44909 Employees providing services through categorically funded programs
- 44914 Substitute and probationary employment computation for classification as permanent employee
- 44915 Classification of probationary employees
- 44916 Time of classification; statement of employment status
- 44917 Classification of substitute employees
- 44918 Substitute or temporary employee deemed probationary employee; reemployment rights
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- 44953 Dismissal of substitute employees
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- 44955 Layoff of permanent and probationary employees
- 44956 Rights of laid-off permanent employees to substitute positions
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- 44977 Salary schedule for substitute employees
- 45030 Substitutes

45041 Computation of salary
45042 Alternative method of computation for less than one school year
45043 Compensation for employment beginning in the second semester
56060-56063 Substitute teachers in special education

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3540.1 Educational Employment Relations Act, definitions

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220 Sections inapplicable to public employees
230 Jury duty; legal actions by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims, right to time off
230.1 Employers with 25 or more employees; domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims, right to time off
233 Illness of child, parent, spouse or domestic partner
234 Absence control policy
245-249 Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5502 Filing of notice of physical examination for employment of retired person
5503 Physical examination for employment of retired persons
5590 Temporary athletic team coach
80025-80025.5 Emergency substitute teaching permits

COURT DECISIONS

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Stockton Teachers Association CTA/NEA v. Stockton Unified School District (2012) 204 Cal.App.4th 446
Neily v. Manhattan Beach Unified School District, (2011) 192 Cal.App.4th 187
California Teachers Association v. Vallejo City Unified School District, (2007) 149 Cal.App.4th 135
Bakersfield Elementary Teachers Assn. v. Bakersfield City School District, (2006) 145 Cal.App.4th 1260, 1277
Kavanaugh v. West Sonoma Union High School District, (2003) 29 Cal.4th 911

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

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