

**CERTIFICATION**

The Governing Board recognizes that the district's ability to provide a high-quality educational program is dependent upon the employment of certificated staff who are adequately prepared and have demonstrated proficiency in basic skills and in the subject matter to be taught. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that persons employed to fill positions requiring certification qualifications possess the appropriate credential, permit, or other certification document from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and fulfill any additional state, federal, or district requirements for the position.

*(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)*

*(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)*

*(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Language Learners)*

*(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)*

*(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)*

*(cf. 4113 - Assignment)*

*(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)*

*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*

*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

*(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)*

The Superintendent or designee shall provide assistance and support to teachers holding preliminary credentials to enable them to meet the qualifications required for the clear credential.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4131.1 - Teacher Support and Guidance)*

**Priorities for Hiring Based on Unavailability of Credentialed Teacher**

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher for each assignment. Whenever a teacher with a clear or preliminary credential is not available, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit an individual for the assignment in the following order: (Education Code 44225.7)

1. A candidate who enrolls in an approved intern program in the region of the district and possesses an intern credential
2. A candidate who is scheduled to complete preliminary credential requirements within six months and who holds a provisional internship permit (PIP) or short-term staff permit issued by the CTC

The Board shall approve, as an action item at a public Board meeting, a notice of its intent to employ a PIP applicant for a specific position. (5 CCR 80021.1)

3. An individual who holds an emergency permit or for whom a credential waiver has been granted by the CTC

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Prior to requesting that the CTC issue an emergency permit pursuant to item #3 above or a limited assignment permit which allows a fully credentialed teacher to teach outside of his/her area of certification while working toward an added or supplementary authorization, the Board shall annually approve a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. The Declaration of Need shall be approved by the Board as an action item at a regularly scheduled public Board meeting, with the entire Declaration of Need being included in the Board agenda. (Education Code 44225, 44225.7; 5 CCR 80023.2, 80026, 80027, 80027.1)

The Declaration of Need shall certify that there is an insufficient number of certificated persons who meet the district's specified employment criteria for the position(s) and that the district has made reasonable efforts to recruit individuals who meet the qualifications specified in items #1-2 above. The Declaration of Need shall also indicate the number and type of emergency permits that the district estimates it will need during the valid period of the Declaration of Need, based on the previous year's actual needs and projections of enrollment. Whenever the actual number of permits needed exceeds the estimate by 10 percent, the Board shall revise and resubmit the Declaration of Need. (5 CCR 80026)

Whenever it is necessary to employ noncredentialed teachers to fill a position requiring certification qualifications, the Superintendent or designee shall provide support and guidance in accordance with law to ensure the quality of the instructional program.

It is the intent of the District to facilitate the assignment of teachers in accordance with Education Code Sections 44258.3 and 44258.7(c) (d) which allows the assignment of teachers outside their credential authorization under the circumstances outlined below:

1. The teacher is employed on a full-time basis and has special skills and preparation in the assigned area
2. The assignment is made with the employee's consent

The approval of the assignment shall be given by a committee comprised of an equal number of teachers and administrators. The approval of assignment shall be for a maximum of one year, but may be extended by action of the committee. All initial assignments and extensions shall be approved prior to the beginning of the semester in which the assignment is to take place.

**National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification**

The Board encourages district teachers to voluntarily complete the requirements for the advanced certification awarded by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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The Superintendent or designee shall inform all teachers about the program and how to acquire the necessary application and information materials. In accordance with the collective bargaining agreement and the district budget, the Superintendent or designee may provide release time, fee support, a stipend upon completion, or other support to teachers participating in the program.

*(cf 4161.3 - Professional Leaves)*

**Parental Notifications**

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of each student attending a school receiving Title I funds that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher including, but not limited to, whether the teacher: (20 USC 6312)

1. Has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction
2. Is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived
3. Is teaching in the field of discipline of his/her certification

*(cf 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians in a timely manner whenever their child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area to which the teacher has been assigned. (20 USC 6312)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

8360-8370 *Qualifications of child care personnel*

32340-32341 *Unlawful issuance of a credential*

35186 *Complaints regarding teacher vacancy or misassignment*

44066 *Limitations on certification requirements*

44200-44399.1 *Teacher credentialing, especially:*

44250-44277 *Credential types; minimum requirements*

44300-44302 *Emergency permit*

44325-44328 *District interns*

44330-44355 *Certificates and credentials*

44420-44440 *Revocation and suspension of credentials*

44450-44468 *University intern program*

44830-44929 *Employment of certificated persons; requirement of proficiency in basic skills*

56060-56063 *Substitute teachers in special education*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*

80001-80674.6 *Commission on Teacher Credentialing*

*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20*

6312 *Title I local educational agency plans; notifications regarding teacher qualifications*

*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34*

200.61 *Parent notification regarding teacher qualifications*

*COURT DECISIONS*

*Association of Mexican-American Educators et al. v. State of California and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, (1993) 836 F.Supp. 1534*

*Management Resources:*

*COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS*

*CL-667 Basic Skills Requirement*

*CL-856 Provisional Internship Permit*

*CL 858 Short-Term Staff Permit*

*13-01 Hiring Hierarchy in Education Code 44225.7, Coded Correspondence, January 30, 2013*

*Subject Matter Authorization Guideline Book, 2012*

*Supplementary Authorization Guideline Book, 2012*

*California Standards for the Teaching Profession 2009*

*The Administrator's Assignment Manual rev. September 2007*

*WEB SITES*

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

*Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.c1c.ca.gov>*

*Commission on Teacher Credentialing, Credential Information Guide (for employers' use only):*

*<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/cig>*

*National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: <http://www.nbpts.org>*

*U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>*