

## **5521P: Teacher Assistance Program**

In compliance with rules and regulations promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction, the district assures that:

- A. The mentor teacher shall be paid a mentor teacher stipend.
- B. The beginning and mentor teacher shall be paid to attend scheduled training sessions.
- C. The mentor teacher may be released from classroom teaching responsibilities in order to observe and assist the beginning or experienced teacher in the classroom.
- D. The mentor teacher and the beginning teacher shall be released from classroom teaching responsibilities in order to jointly or separately observe each other or observe colleagues in teaching situations.
- E. Mentor teachers shall not be involved in evaluations of their beginning or experienced teachers.
- F. The mentor teacher and the beginning teacher shall complete and forward to the superintendent of public instruction such evaluation reports of the teacher assistance program as requested by the superintendent of public instruction.

### Selection Of Mentor Teacher

- A. A general announcement regarding the mentor teacher program and the application process shall be distributed to all staff members.
  - B. A mentor teacher shall have been employed primarily as a teacher for one school year with the district and two additional years within any public or private school in any grade K-12. A mentor teacher shall:
    - 1. Demonstrate effective teaching skills.
    - 2. Have a good understanding and perspective of district and building policies, procedures and programs.
    - 3. Possess a high level of professional development/commitment.
    - 4. Demonstrate good communication and interpretation skills.
    - 5. Exhibit a high level of energy and enthusiasm and show evidence of a high level of creativity.
    - 6. Be highly regarded by students, staff and the community.
  - C. The superintendent or his designee shall select the mentor teachers with teacher union approval.
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