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:

A. Enrollment uncertainties exist at the beginning of a school year; or
B. 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 shall, 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 a board member 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 eight hundred sixty-seven (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.

Classified Substitute Employment

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.

Cross References:  Board Policy 1610 Conflicts of Interest
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Legal References:  
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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  

**Chapter 41.35 RCW**  
Washington school employees'  
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Interest in contracts prohibited —  
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