

**ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY MANUAL**  
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## **General Personnel**

### **Professionalism**

It is the responsibility of every employee in the District to create and maintain a positive work environment that is respectful to all, professional, free from inappropriate workplace behavior and conducive to fostering a harmonious working culture.

It is also the responsibility of every employee to advance the vision, mission and goals of the District and encourage all employees and students to perform at their best. Every employee should strive to be a positive example for all of our students to respect and emulate.

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## **General Personnel**

### **Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment**

The School District shall provide equal employment opportunities to all persons regardless of their race; color; creed; religion; national origin; sex; sexual orientation; age; ancestry; marital status; arrest record; military status; order of protection status; unfavorable military discharge; citizenship status provided the individual is authorized to work in the United States; work authorization status; use of lawful products while not at work; being a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, gender violence, or any other crime of violence; genetic information; physical or mental handicap or disability, if otherwise able to perform the essential functions of the job with reasonable accommodation; pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions; credit history, unless a satisfactory credit history is an established bona fide occupational requirement of a particular position; conviction record, unless authorized by law; or other legally protected categories. No one will be penalized solely for his or her status as a registered qualifying patient or a registered designated caregiver for purposes of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, 410 ILCS 130/.

Persons who believe they have not received equal employment opportunities should report their claims to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator and/or a Complaint Manager for the Uniform Grievance Procedure. These individuals are listed below. No employee or applicant will be discriminated or retaliated against because he or she (1) requested, attempted to request, used, or attempted to use a reasonable accommodation as allowed by the Illinois Human Right Act, or (2) initiated a complaint, was a witness, supplied information, or otherwise participated in an investigation or proceeding involving an alleged violation of this policy or State or federal laws, rules or regulations, provided the employee or applicant did not make a knowingly false accusation nor provide knowingly false information.

#### **Administrative Implementation**

The Superintendent shall appoint a Nondiscrimination Coordinator for personnel who shall be responsible for coordinating the District's nondiscrimination efforts. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator may be the Superintendent or a Complaint Manager for the Uniform Grievance Procedure. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator also serves as the District's title IX Coordinator.

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, office addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Managers.

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The Superintendent shall also use reasonable measures to inform staff members and applicants that the District is an equal opportunity employer, such as, by posting required notices and including this policy in the appropriate handbooks.

**Minority Recruitment**

The District will attempt to recruit and hire minority employees. The implementation of this policy may include advertising openings in minority publications, participating in minority job fairs, and recruiting at colleges and universities with significant minority enrollments. This policy, however, does not require or permit the District to give preferential treatment or special rights based on a protected status without evidence of past discrimination.

LEGAL REF.: 8 U.S.C. §1324a et seq., Immigration Reform and Control Act.  
20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; 34 C.F.R. Part 106.  
29 U.S.C. §206(d), Equal Pay Act.  
29 U.S.C. §621 et seq., Age Discrimination in Employment Act.  
29 U.S.C. §701 et seq., Rehabilitation Act of 1973.  
38 U.S.C. §4301 et seq., Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (1994).  
42 U.S.C. §1981 et seq., Civil Rights Act of 1991.  
42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 29 C.F.R. Part 1601.  
42 U.S.C. §2000ff et seq., Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.  
42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq., Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.  
42 U.S.C. §2000e(k), Pregnancy Discrimination Act.  
42 U.S.C. §12111 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act, Title I.  
Ill. Constitution, Art. I, §§17, 18, and 19.  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.7, 5/10-20.7a, 5/10-21.1, 5/10-22.4, 5/10-23.5, 5/22-19, 5/24-4, 5/24-4.1, and 5/24-7.  
410 ILCS 130/40, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act.  
410 ILCS 513/25, Genetic Information Privacy Act.  
740 ILCS 174/, Ill. Whistleblower Act.  
775 ILCS 5/1-103, 5/2-101, 5/2-102, 5/2-103, 5/2-103.1, 5/2-104(D) and 5/6-101, Ill. Human Rights Act.  
775 ILCS 35/, Religious Freedom Restoration Act.  
820 ILCS 55/10, Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act.  
820 ILCS 70/, Employee Credit Privacy Act.

820 ILCS 75/, Job Opportunities for Qualified Applicants Act.  
820 ILCS 112/, Ill. Equal Pay Act of 2003.  
820 ILCS 180/30, Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act.  
820 ILCS 260/, Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:40 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease), 5:50 (Drug-and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 5:70 (Religious Holidays), 5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence), 5:270 (Employment, At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment), 5:300, (Schedules and Employment Year), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:180 (Preventing of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 8:70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities)

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Complaint Manager  
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## **General Personnel**

### **Workplace Harassment Prohibited**

The School District expects the workplace environment to be productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment. District employees shall not engage in harassment or abusive conduct on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, citizenship status, work authorization status, disability, pregnancy, marital status, order of protection status, military status, or unfavorable discharge from military service, nor shall they engage in harassment or abusive conduct on the basis of an individual's other protected status identified in Board policy 5:10, *Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment*. Harassment of students, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, is prohibited by Board policies 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*; 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*; 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*; 7:180 *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*; and 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*.

The District will take remedial and corrective action to address unlawful workplace harassment, including sexual harassment.

### **Sexual Harassment Prohibited**

The District shall provide a workplace environment free of verbal, physical, or other conduct or communications constituting harassment on the basis of sex as defined and otherwise prohibited by State and federal law. The District provides annual sexual harassment prevention training in accordance with State law.

District employees shall not make unwelcome sexual advances or request sexual favors or engage in any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature when: (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment; (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Sexual harassment prohibited by this policy includes, but is not limited to, verbal, physical, or other conduct. The terms intimidating, hostile, or offensive include, but are not limited to, conduct that has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Sexual harassment will be evaluated in light of all the circumstances.

### **Making a Report or Complaint**

Employees and nonemployees (persons who are not otherwise employees and are directly performing services for the District pursuant to a contract with the District, including contractors and consultants) are encouraged to promptly report information regarding violations of this policy. Individuals may choose to report to a person of the individual's same gender. Every effort should be made to file such a reports or complaints as soon as possible, while facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

Aggrieved individuals, if they feel comfortable doing so, should directly inform the person engaging in the harassing conduct or communication that such conduct or communication is offensive and must stop.

### Whom to Contact with a Report or Complaint

An employee should report claims of harassment, including making a confidential report, to any of the following: his/her immediate supervisor, the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

Employees may also report claims using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. If a claim is reported using Board policy 2:260, then the Complaint Manager shall process and review the claim according to that policy, in addition to any response required by this policy.

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, office addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Managers. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator also serves as the District's Title IX Coordinator.

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### Investigation Process

Any District employee who receive a report or complaint of harassment must promptly forward the report or complaint to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager. Any employee who fails to promptly forward a report or complaint may be disciplined, up to and including discharge.

Reports and complaints of harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the District's duty to investigate and maintain a workplace environment that is productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment.

For any report or complaint alleging sexual harassment that, if true, would implicate Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.), the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or designee shall consider whether action under policy 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*, should be initiated.



For any other alleged workplace harassment that does not require action under policy 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager or designee shall consider whether an investigation under policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, and/or 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Conduct, and Conflict of Interest*, should be initiated, regardless of whether a written report or complaint is filed.

#### Reports That Involve Alleged Incidents of Sexual Abuse of a Child by School Personnel

An *alleged incident of sexual abuse* is an incident of sexual abuse of a child, as defined in 720 ILCS 5/11-9.1A(b), that is alleged to have been perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, that occurred: on school grounds during a school activity; or outside of school grounds or not during a school activity.

Any complaint alleging an incident of sexual abuse shall be processed and reviewed according to policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*. In addition to reporting the suspected abuse, the complaint shall also be processed under policy 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*, or policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

#### Enforcement

A violation of this policy by an employee may result in discipline, up to and including discharge. A violation of this policy by a third party will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board in the context of the relationship of the third party to the District, e.g. vendor, parent, invitee, etc. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding harassment will likewise be subject to disciplinary action, which for an employee that may be up to and including discharge.

#### Retaliation Prohibited

An employee's employment, compensation, or work assignment shall not be adversely affected by complaining or providing information about harassment. Retaliation against employees for bringing complaints or providing information about harassment is prohibited (see Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*), and depending upon the law governing the complaint, whistleblower protection may be available under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/), the Whistleblower Act (740 ILCS 174/), and the Ill. Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/).

An employee should report allegations of retaliation to his/her immediate supervisor, the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

Employees who retaliate against others for reporting or complaining of violations of this policy or for participating in the reporting or complaint process will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

#### Recourse to State and Federal Fair Employment Practice Agencies

The District encourages all employees who have information regarding violations of this policy to report the information pursuant to this policy. The following government agencies are available to assist employees: The Ill. Dept. of Human Rights and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Superintendent shall also use reasonable measures to inform staff members, applicants, and nonemployees of this policy, which shall include posting on the District website and/or making this policy available on the District's administrative office, and including this policy in the appropriate handbooks.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 29 C.F.R. §1604.11.  
20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; 34 C.F.R. Part 106.  
5 ILCS 430/70-5(a), State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.  
775 ILCS 5/2-101(E) and (E-1), 5/2-102(A), (A-10), (D-5), 5/2-102(E-5), 5/2-109, 5/5-102, and 5/5-102.2, Ill. Human Rights Act.  
56 Ill. Admin.Code Parts 2500, 2510, 5210, and 5220.  
Burlington Industries v. Ellerth, 524 U.S. 742 (1998).  
Berry v. Delta Airlines, 260 F.3d 803 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001).  
Crawford v. Metro. Gov't of Nashville & Davidson Cty, 555 U.S. 271 (2009).  
Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, 524 U.S. 775 (1998).  
Franklin v. Gwinnett Co. Public Schools, 503 U.S. 60 (1992).  
Harris v. Forklift Systems, 510 U.S. 17 (1993).  
Jackson v. Birmingham Bd. of Educ., 544 U.S. 167 (2005).  
Meritor Savings Bank v. Vinson, 477 U.S. 57 (1986).  
Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Services, 523 U.S. 75 (1998).  
Porter v. Erie Foods International, Inc., 576 F.3d 629 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2009).  
Sangamon Cty Sheriff's Dept. v. Ill. Human Rights Com'n, 233 Ill.2d 125 (Ill. 2009).  
Vance v. Ball State University, 133 S. Ct. 2434 (2013).  
Williams v. Waste Mgmt. 361 F.3d 1021 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir.2004)

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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Complaint Manager  
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## **General Personnel**

### **Hiring Process and Criteria**

The District hires the most qualified personnel consistent with budget and staffing requirements and in compliance with Board of Education policy on equal employment opportunity and minority recruitment. The Superintendent is responsible for recruiting personnel and making hiring recommendations to the Board. If the Superintendent's recommendation is rejected, the Superintendent must submit another. No individual will be employed who has been convicted of a criminal offense listed in 105 ILCS 5/21B-80 (c).

All applicants must complete a District application in order to be considered for employment.

### **Job Descriptions**

The Board maintains the Superintendent's job description and directs, through policy, the Superintendent, in his or her charge of the District's administration.

The Superintendent shall develop and maintain a current comprehensive job description for each position or job category; however, a provision in a collective bargaining agreement or individual contract will control in the event of a conflict.

### **Investigations**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a fingerprint-based criminal history records check and a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Violent Offender Against Youth Database is performed on each applicant as required by State law. When the applicant is a successful superintendent candidate who has been offered employment by the Board, the Board President shall ensure that these checks are completed. The Superintendent or designee, or if the applicant is a successful superintendent candidate, then the Board President shall notify an applicant if the applicant is identified in either database. The School Code requires the Board President to keep a conviction record confidential and share it only with the Superintendent, Regional Superintendent, State Superintendent, State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, any other person necessary to the hiring decision, the Ill. Dept. of State Police and/or Statewide Sex Offender Database for purposes of clarifying the information, and/or the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois when required by law. The Board reserves its right to authorize additional background inquiries beyond a fingerprint-based criminal history records check when it deems it appropriate to do so, in accordance with applicable laws.

Each newly hired employee must complete a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form as required by federal law.

The District retains the right to discharge any employee whose criminal background investigation reveals a conviction for committing or attempting to commit any of the offenses outlined in 105 ILCS 5/21B-80 or who falsifies, or omits facts from, his or her employment application or other employment documents. If an indicated finding of abuse or neglect of a child has been issued by the Ill. Department of Children and Family Services or by a child welfare agency of another jurisdiction for any applicant for student teaching, applicant for employment, or any District employee, then the Board must consider that person's status as a condition of employment.

The Superintendent shall ensure that the District does not engage in any investigation or inquiry prohibited by law and complies with each of the following:

1. The District uses an applicant's credit history or report from a consumer reporting agency only when a satisfactory credit history is an established bona fide occupational requirement of a particular position.
2. The District does not screen applicants based on their current or prior wages or salary histories, including benefits or other compensation, by requiring that the wage or salary history satisfy minimum or maximum criteria.
3. The District does not request or require a wage or salary history as a condition of being considered for employment, being interviewed, continuing to be considered for an offer of employment, an offer of employment, or an offer of compensation.
4. The District does not request or require an applicant to disclose wage or salary history as a condition of employment.
5. The District does not ask an applicant or applicant's current or previous employers about wage or salary history, including benefits or other compensation.
6. The District does not ask an applicant or applicant's previous employers about claim(s) made or benefit(s) received under the Workers' Compensation Act.
7. The District does not request of an applicant or employee access in any manner to his or her personal online account, such as social networking website, including a request for passwords to such accounts.
8. The District provides equal employment opportunities to all persons. See policy 5:10, *Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment*.

#### Physical Examinations

Each new employee must furnish evidence of physical fitness to perform assigned duties and freedom from communicable disease. The physical fitness examination must be performed by a physician licensed in Illinois, or any other state, to practice medicine and surgery in any of its branches, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse, or a licensed physician assistant who has been delegated the authority by his or her supervising physician to perform health examinations. The employee must have the physical examination performed no more than 90 days before submitting evidence of it to the District.

Any employee may be required to have an additional examination by a physician who is licensed in Illinois to practice medicine and surgery in all its branches, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse, or a licensed physician assistant who has been delegated the authority by his or her supervising physician to perform health examinations, if the examination is job-related and consistent with business necessity. The Board will pay the expenses of any such examination.

#### Orientation Program

The District's staff will provide an orientation program for new employees to acquaint them with the District's policies and procedures, the school's rules and regulations, and the responsibilities of their position. Before beginning employment, each employee must sign the *Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status* form as provided in *Policy 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. §12112, Americans with Disabilities Act; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630.  
 15 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Fair Credit Reporting Act.  
 8 U.S.C. §1324a et seq., Immigration Reform Control Act.  
 105 ILCS 5/10-16.7, 5/10-20.7, 5/10-21.4, 5/10-21.9, 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34b,  
 5/22-6.5, and 5/24-5.  
 20 ILCS 2630/3.3, Criminal Identification Act.

820 ILCS 55/, Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act.  
820 ILCS 70/, Employee Credit Privacy Act  
Duldulao v. St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital, 136 Ill. App. 3d 763 (1st Dist. 1985)  
*aff'd in part and remanded* 115 Ill 2d 482(Ill., 1987).  
Kaiser v. Dixon, 127 Ill. App. 3d 251 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. 1984)  
Molitor v. Chicago Title & Trust Co., 325 Ill App. 124 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 1945)

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 4:174 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications), 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:40 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:125 (Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct), 5:220 (Substitute Teachers), 5:280 Duties and Qualifications)

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## **General Personnel**

### **Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act**

#### **Job Classifications**

The Superintendent will ensure that all job positions are identified as either “exempt” or “non-exempt” according to State law and the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and that employees are informed whether they are “exempt” or “non-exempt.” “Exempt” and “non-exempt” employee categories may include certificated and non-certificated job positions. All non-exempt employees, whether paid on a salary or hourly basis, are covered by minimum wage and overtime provisions.

#### **Workweek and Compensation**

**Please refer to the following current agreements:**

**“Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Teachers' Council Local 571.”**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Local No. 73, Service Employees' International Union."**

**For employees not covered by these agreements:**

The workweek for District employees will be 12:00 a.m. Sunday until 11:59 p.m. Saturday. Non-exempt hourly employees will be compensated for all hours worked in a workweek including overtime. “Overtime” is time worked in excess of 40 hours in a single workweek.

#### **Overtime**

A non-exempt hourly employee shall not work overtime without his or her supervisor’s express approval. All supervisors of non-exempt hourly employees shall: (1) monitor overtime use on a weekly basis and report such use to the business office, (2) seek the Superintendent or designee’s written pre-approval for any long term or repeated use of overtime that can be reasonably anticipated, (3) ensure that overtime provisions of this policy and the FLSA are followed, and (4) ensure that employees are compensated for any overtime worked. Accurate and complete time sheets of actual hours worked during the workweek shall be signed by each employee and submitted to the business office. The business office will review work records of employees on a regular basis, make an assessment of overtime use, and provide the assessment to the Superintendent. In lieu of overtime compensation, non-exempt hourly employees may receive compensatory time-off, according to Board policy 5:310, *Compensatory Time-Off*.

#### **Suspension Without Pay**

No exempt employee shall have his or her salary docked, such as by an unpaid suspension, if the deduction would cause a loss of the exempt status. Licensed employees may be suspended without pay in accordance with Board policy 5:240, *Professional Personnel - Suspension*. Non-licensed employees may be suspended without pay in accordance with Board policy 5:290, *Educational Support Personnel - Employment Termination and Suspensions*.

Administrative Implementation

The Superintendent shall implement this policy to ensure FLSA compliance.

LEGAL REF.: 820 ILCS 105/4a.  
Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §201 et seq., 29 C.F.R. Parts 516, 541, 548,  
553, 778, and 785.

CROSS REF.: 5:240 (Suspension), 5:290 (Employment Termination and Suspensions), 5:310  
(Compensatory Time-Off)

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## **General Personnel**

### **Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement procedures for managing known or suspected cases of a communicable and chronic infectious disease involving District employees that are consistent with State and federal law, Illinois Department of Public Health rules, and Board of Education policies.

An employee with a communicable or chronic infectious disease will be permitted to retain his or her position whenever, after reasonable accommodations and without undue hardship, there is no substantial risk of transmission of the disease to others, provided an employee is able to continue to perform the position's essential functions. An employee with a communicable and chronic infectious disease remains subject to the Board's employment policies including sick and/or other leave, physical examinations, temporary and permanent disability, and termination.

LEGAL REF.: Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.; 29 C.F.R. §1630.1 et seq., amended by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA), Publ L. 110-325.

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §791; 34 C.F.R. §104.1 et seq.

Department of Public Health Act. 20 ILCS 2305/6.

105 ILCS 5/24-5.

Personnel Record Review Act. 820 ILCS 40.

Control of Communicable Diseases, 77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 690.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity)

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## **General Personnel**

### **Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco and Cannabis Prohibition**

All District workplaces are drug- and alcohol-free workplaces. All employees are prohibited from engaging in any of the following activities while on District premises or while performing work or being on call for the District:

1. Unlawful manufacture, dispensing, distribution, possession, or use of an illegal or controlled substance.
2. Distribution, consumption, use, possession, or being impaired by or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage; being present on District premises or while performing work for the District when alcohol consumption is detectable; regardless of when and/or where the use occurred..
3. Distribution, consumption, possession, use, or being impaired by or under the influence of cannabis; being present on District premises or while performing work for the District when impaired by or under the influence of cannabis, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred, unless distribution, possession, and/or use is by a school nurse or school administrator pursuant to *Ashley's Law*, 105 ILCS 5/22-33. The District considers employees impaired by or under the influence of cannabis when there is a good faith belief that an employee manifests specific articulable symptoms while working that decrease or lessen the employee's performance of the duties or tasks of the employee's job position.

For purposes of this policy a controlled substance means a substance that is:

1. Not legally obtainable,
2. Being used in a manner different than prescribed,
3. Legally obtainable, but has not been legally obtained, or
4. Referenced in federal or State controlled substance acts.

For purposes of this policy, *District premises* means workplace as defined in the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA) in addition to District and school buildings, grounds, and parking areas; vehicles used for school purposes; and any location used for a School Board meeting, school athletic event, or other school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities. *School grounds* means the real property comprising any school, any conveyance used to transport students to school or a school-related activity, and any public way within 1,000 feet of any school ground, designated school bus stops where students are waiting for the school bus, and school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities. "Vehicles used for school purposes" means school buses or other school vehicles.

As a condition of employment, each employee shall:

1. Abide by the terms of this Board policy respecting a drug- and alcohol-free workplace; and
2. Notify his or her supervisor of his or her conviction under any criminal drug statute for a violation occurring on the District premises or while performing work for the District, no later than five calendar days after such a conviction.

Unless otherwise prohibited by this policy, prescription and over-the-counter medications are not prohibited when taken in standard dosages and/or according to prescriptions from the employee's licensed health care provider, provided that an employee's work performance is not impaired.

To make employees aware of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, the Superintendent or designee shall perform each of the following:

1. Provide each employee with a copy of this policy.
2. Post notice of this policy in a place where other information for employees is posted.
3. Make available materials from local, State, and national anti-drug and alcohol-abuse organizations.
4. Enlist the aid of community and State agencies with drug and alcohol informational and rehabilitation programs to provide information to District employees.
5. Establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employee about:
  - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
  - b. Available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, re-entry, and any employee assistance programs, and
  - c. The penalties that the District may impose upon employees for violations of this policy.

#### E-Cigarette, Tobacco and Cannabis Prohibition

All employees are covered by the conduct prohibitions contained in policy 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*. The prohibition in the use of e-cigarettes, tobacco, and cannabis products applies both (1) when an employee is on school property, and (2) while an employee is performing work for the District at a school event regardless of the event's location.

*Tobacco* has the meaning provided in section 105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b.

*Cannabis* has the meaning provided in the CRTA, 410 ILCS 705/1-10.

*E-Cigarette* is short for electronic cigarette and includes, but is not limited to, any electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS), electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, vape pen, or similar product or device, and any components or parts that can be used to build the product or device.

#### District Action Upon Violation of Policy

An employee who violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including termination. In addition or alternatively, the Board of Education may require an employee to successfully complete an appropriate drug- or alcohol-abuse, rehabilitation program.

The Board shall take disciplinary action with respect to an employee convicted of a drug offense in the workplace within 30 days after receiving notice of the conviction.

Should District employees be engaged in the performance of work under a federal contract or grant, or under a State contract or grant of \$5,000 or more, the Superintendent shall notify the appropriate State or federal agency from which the District receives contract or grant monies of the employee's conviction within 10 days after receiving notice of the conviction.

#### Disclaimer

The Board reserves the right to interpret, revise or discontinue any provision of this policy pursuant to the **Suspension of Policies** subhead in policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. §12114, Americans With Disabilities Act.  
21 U.S.C. §812; 21 C.F.R. §1308.11-1308.15, Controlled Substances Act,  
41 U.S.C. §8101 et seq., Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988,  
20 U.S.C. §7101 et seq., Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities  
30 ILCS 580/, Drug-Free Workplace Act.  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b.  
410 ILCS 82/, Smoke Free Illinois Act.  
410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.  
410 ILCS 705/1-1 et seq., Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.  
720 ILCS 675, Prevention of Tobacco Use by Persons under 21 Years of Age and Sale  
and Distribution of Tobacco Products Act.  
820 ILCS 55/, Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act.  
21 C.F.R. Parts 1100, 1140, and 1143.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §22.20.

CROSS REF: 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:120 (Employee  
Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 8:30 (Visitors  
to and Conduct on School Property)

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## **General Personnel**

### **Expenses**

The Board regulates the reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses by resolution. Money shall not be reimbursed, or purchase orders issued for: (1) the expenses of any person except the employee, (2) anyone's personal expenses, or (3) entertainment expenses. Entertainment includes, but is not limited to, shows, amusements, theaters, circuses, sporting events, or any other place of public or private entertainment or amusement, unless the entertainment is ancillary to the purpose of the program or event. The District is not responsible for losses due to an employee's own negligence, losses due to normal wear, or losses due to theft, unless the theft was a result of the District's negligence. Employees must submit the appropriate itemized, signed, standardized form(s) to support any requests for, reimbursements, or purchase orders that show the following:

1. The amount of the estimated or actual expense, with attached receipts for actual incurred expenses.
2. The name and title of the employee who is requesting the reimbursement. Receipts from group functions must include the names, offices, and job titles of all participants.
3. The date(s) of the official business on which the reimbursement, or purchase order will be or was expended.
4. The nature of the official business conducted when the reimbursement, or purchase order will be or was expended.

### **Reimbursements and Purchase Orders**

Expense reimbursements and purchase orders may be issued by the Superintendent or designee to employees, along with other expenses necessary for the performance of their duties, provided the expenses fall below the maximum allowed in the Board's expense regulations.

Expense reimbursements and purchase order approvals are not guaranteed and, when possible, employees should seek pre-approval of expenses by providing an estimation of expenses on the District's standardized estimated expense approval form for employees, except in situations when the expense is diminutive. When pre-approval is not sought, employees must seek reimbursement on the District's standardized expense reimbursement form for employees. Expense reimbursements and purchase orders shall be presented to the Board in its regular bill process.

### **Use of Credit and Procurement Cards**

Credit and procurement card usage is governed by policy 4:55, *Use of Credit and Procurement Cards*.

### **Exceeding the Maximum Allowable Expense Amount(s)**

All requests for reimbursements, and purchase orders exceeding the maximum allowed in the Board's expense regulations may only be approved when:

1. The Board's resolution to regulate expenses allows for such approval;
2. An emergency or other extraordinary circumstance exists; and
3. The request is approved by a roll call vote at an open Board meeting.

### **Registration**

When possible, registration fees will be paid by the District in advance.

### Allowed Expenses

Subject to this policy and Board resolution, School District employees may be reimbursed for registration fees and travel, meal, and lodging expenses related to (i) attendance at conferences and meetings that benefit the School District and (ii) the performance of duties or provision of services rendered to the organizations and associations with which the School District is affiliated or maintains membership, in accordance with the District Travel Guidelines.

### Impermissible Expenses

The School District shall not reimburse for the following expenses: any non-reimbursable travel expenses in accordance with the District Travel Guidelines.

### Additional Requirements for Travel Expenses Charged to Federal and State Grants

All grant-related travel expenses must be pre-approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Expenses for travel, including expenses for transportation, lodging, meals, and related items incurred by employees and charged to a federal grant or State grant governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (30 ILCS 708/) must also meet the following requirements:

1. The participation of the employee is necessary to the award, and the costs are specifically related to the award.
2. Expenses must be permissible under the terms and conditions of the award.
3. Expenses must be reasonable and consistent with this policy.
4. The Board does not reimburse actual expenses or pay a per diem allowance unless the employee is on official travel status for more than 12 hours. However, employees remain eligible for mileage reimbursement (minus regular commuting mileage/costs) and other transportation expenses if on travel status less than 12 hours.
5. Expenses may be charged based on an actual cost basis or on a per diem basis in lieu of actual cost, incurred, however, only one method may be applied per trip.
6. Commercial airfare costs in excess of the least expensive coach or economy class are prohibited except when such accommodations would: (1) require circuitous routing; (2) require travel during unreasonable hours; (3) excessively prolong travel; (4) result in additional costs that would offset transportation savings; or (5) offer accommodations not reasonably adequate for the traveler's medical needs. Qualifying circumstances must be explained on the expense form, and Board approval of the additional expense is required.
7. Per diem rates and actual reimbursement amounts for mileage, meals, and lodging may not exceed the rates established by the Governor's Travel Control Board or federal travel regulations, whichever is less. These limits do not apply when: (1) an employee stays in the lowest-priced room available at or near a hotel where a conference or seminar is located or in accommodations arranged by the conference/seminar organization, or (2) lodging at or below the established rate is unavailable. In those cases, the employee will be reimbursed for actual lodging expenses with prior approval, but in no case will the reimbursement exceed 300% of the applicable maximum per diem rate. If a conference fee includes a meal, the meal or per diem allowance will be reduced by the actual value of the meal or the applicable meal allowance, whichever is less.
8. Employees must use the least expensive compact car available when using a rental car for travel, unless an exception is approved. The Board does not reimburse employees for collision damage waiver or theft insurance.
9. The Board will reimburse travel expenses not chargeable to an award from other District funds consistent with this policy.

LEGAL REF.: 2 C.F.R. 200.474.  
30 ILCS 708/130. Grant Accountability and Transparency Act  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.32.  
50 ILCS 150/Local Government Travel Expense Control Act  
820 ILCS 115/9.5 Ill. Wage Payment and Collection Act.

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## **General Personnel**

### **Religious Holidays**

**Please refer to the following current agreement:**

**Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Teachers' Council Local 571."**

**For employees not covered by this agreement:**

An employee's request for time off to observe a religious holiday up to a limit of 3 days shall be granted if the employee gives at least 5 days prior notice.

LEGAL REF.: Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 775 ILCS 35/15.  
Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/2-101 and 5/2-102.

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## **General Personnel**

### **Jury Duty**

**Please refer to the following current agreements:**

**“Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Teachers’ Council Local 571.”**

**“Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council.”**

**“Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Local No. 73, Service Employees’ International Union.”**

**For employees not covered by these agreements:**

The District will pay full salary during the time an employee is absent due to court duty or, pursuant to a subpoena, serves as a witness or has a deposition taken in any school-related matter pending in court.

The District will deduct any fees that an employee receives for such duties, less mileage and meal expenses, from the employee’s compensation, or make arrangements for the employee to endorse the fee check to the District.

An employee should give at least 5 days’ prior notice of pending court duty to the District.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS5/10-20.7.

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011



## **General Personnel**

### **Abused and Neglected Child Reporting**

Any District employee who suspects or receives knowledge that a student may be an abused or neglected child or, for a student aged 18 through 22, an abused or neglected individual with a disability, shall (1) immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on its Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873 (within Illinois); 1-217-524-2606 (outside of Illinois); or 1-800-358-5117 (TTY), and (2) follow directions given by DCFS concerning filing a written report within 48 hours with the nearest DCFS field office. Any District employee who believes a student is in immediate danger of harm, shall first call 911. The employee shall also promptly notify the Superintendent or Building Principal that a report has been made. The Superintendent or Building Principal shall immediately coordinate any necessary notifications to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) with DCFS, the applicable school resource officer (SRO), and/or local law enforcement. *Negligent failure to report* occurs when a District employee personally observes an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect and reasonably believes, in his or her professional or official capacity, that the instance constitutes an act of child abuse or neglect under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA) and he or she, without willful intent, fails to immediately report or cause a report to be made of the suspected abuse or neglect to DCFS.

Any District employee who discovers child pornography on electronic and information technology equipment shall immediately report it to local law enforcement, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678), or online at [www.report.cybertip.org](http://www.report.cybertip.org) or [www.missingkids.org](http://www.missingkids.org). The Superintendent or Building Principal shall also be promptly notified of the discovery and that a report has been made.

Any District employee who observes any act of hazing that does bodily harm to a student must report that act to the Building Principal, Superintendent, or designee who will investigate and take appropriate action. If the hazing results in death or great bodily harm, the employee must first make the report to law enforcement and then to the Superintendent or Building Principal. Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act directed to or required of a student for the purpose of being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any group, organization, club, or athletic team whose members are or include other students.

### **Abused and Neglected Child Report Act (ANCRA), School Codes, and Erin's Law Training**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development opportunities for District employees in the detection, reporting, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

All District employees shall:

1. Before beginning employment, sign the *Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status* form provided by (DCFS). The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the signed forms are retained.
2. Complete mandated reporter training as required by law within three months of initial employment and at least every three years after that date.
3. Complete an annual evidence-informed training related to child sexual abuse, grooming behaviors, and boundary violations as required by law and policy 5:100, *Staff Development Program*.

### Alleged Incidents of Sexual Abuse; Investigations

An *alleged incident of sexual abuse* is an incident of sexual abuse of a child, as defined in 720 ILCS 5/11-9.1A, that is alleged to have been perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, that occurred: on school grounds during a school activity; or outside of school grounds or not during a school activity.

If a District employee reports an alleged incident of sexual abuse to DCFS and DCFS accepts the report for investigation, DCFS will refer the matter to the local Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). The Superintendent or designee will implement procedures to coordinate with the CAC.

DCFS and/or the appropriate law enforcement agency will inform the District when its investigation is complete or has been suspended, as well as the outcome of its investigation. The existence of a DCFS and/or law enforcement investigation will not preclude the District from conducting its own parallel investigation into the alleged incident of sexual abuse in accordance with policy 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*.

### Special Superintendent Responsibilities

The Superintendent shall execute the requirements in Board policy 5:150, *Personnel Records*, whenever another school district requests a reference concerning an applicant who is or was a District employee and was the subject of a report made by a District employee to DCFS.

When the Superintendent ~~he or she~~ has reasonable cause to believe that a license holder committed an intentional act of abuse or neglect with the result of making a child an abused child or a neglected child under ANCRA, and that act resulted in the license holder's dismissal or resignation from the District, he or she shall notify the State Superintendent and the Regional Superintendent in writing, providing the Ill. Educator Identification Number as well as a brief description of the misconduct alleged. The Superintendent must make the report within 30 days of the dismissal or resignation and mail a copy of the notification to the license holder.

### Special School Board Member Responsibilities

Each individual Board member must, if an allegation is raised to the member during an open or closed Board meeting that a student is an abused child as defined in ANCRA, direct or cause the Board to direct the Superintendent or other equivalent school administrator to comply with ANCRA's requirements concerning the reporting of child abuse.

If the Board determines that any District employee, other than an employee licensed under 105 ILCS 5/21B, has willfully or negligently failed to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by ANCRA, the Board may dismiss that employee immediately.

When the Board learns that a licensed teacher was convicted of any felony, it must promptly report it to the State agencies listed in policy 2:20, *powers and Duties of the School Board: Indemnification*.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7926, Elementary and Secondary Education Act.  
105 ILCS 5/10-21.9, 5/10-23.13, and 5/21B-85.  
20 ILCS 1305/1-1 et seq., Department of Human Services Act.  
325 ILCS 5/, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.  
720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1, Criminal Code of 2012.

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification), 3:40  
(Superintendent), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other than the Superintendent),  
3:60 (Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal), 4:165 (Awareness  
and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors), 5:20  
(Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:100  
(Staff Development Program), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of  
Interest), 5:150 (Personnel Records), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of  
Employment and Dismissal), 5:290 (Employment Termination and Suspensions),  
6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:250 (Community Resource  
Persons and Volunteers), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:150  
(Agency and Police Interviews)

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## **General Personnel**

### **Staff Development Program**

**Please refer to the following current agreement: "Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**For employees not covered by this agreement:**

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a staff development program. The goal of such program shall be to update and improve the skills and knowledge of staff members in order to achieve and maintain a high level of job performance and satisfaction. Additionally, the development program for licensed staff members shall be designed to effectuate the District and School Improvement Plans so that student learning objectives meet or exceed goals established by the District and State.

The staff development program shall include the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA), School Code, and awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse and grooming behaviors (Erin's Law) training as follows (see policies 4:165, *Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors*, and 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Response*):

1. Staff development for local school site personnel who work with students in grades kindergarten through 8, in the detection, reporting, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.
2. Within three months of employment, each staff member must complete mandated reporter training from a provider or agency with expertise in recognizing and reporting child abuse. Mandated reporter training must be completed again at least every three years.
3. By January 31, 2023, and every year after, all school personnel must complete evidence informed training on preventing, reporting, and responding to child sexual abuse, grooming behaviors, and boundary violations.

The staff development program shall provide, at a minimum, at least once every two years, the in-service training of licensed school personnel and administrators on current best practices regarding the identification and treatment of attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, the application of non-aversive behavioral interventions in the school environment, and the use of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication for school-age children.

The staff development program shall provide, at a minimum, once every two years, the in-service training of all District staff on educator ethics, teacher-student conduct, and school employee-student conduct.

The Superintendent shall develop protocols for administering youth suicide awareness and prevention education to staff consistent with Board policy 7:290, *Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention*.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972;  
 34 C.F.R. Part 106.  
 42 U.S.C. §1758b, Pub. L. 111-296, Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010;  
 7 C.F.R. Parts 210 and 235.  
 105 ILCS 5/2-3.62, 5/10-20.17a, 5/10-20.61, 5/10-22.6(c-5), 5/10-22.39, 5/10-23.12, 5/10-23.13, 5/22-80(h), and 5/24-5.  
 105 ILCS 25/1.15, Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act.  
 105 ILCS 150/25, Seizure Smart School Act.  
 105 ILCS 110/3, Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act.  
 325 ILCS 5/4, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.  
 745 ILCS 49/, Good Samaritan Act.  
 775 ILCS 5/2-109, Ill. Human Rights Act.  
 23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 22.20, 226.800, and Part 525.  
 77 Ill.Admin.Code §527.800.

CROSS REF.: 2:265 (Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure), 3:40 (Superintendent), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 4:160 (Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds), 4:165 (Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:50 (School Wellness), 6:160 (English Learners), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 7:285 (Food Allergy Management Program), 7:290 (Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention), 7:305 (Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries)

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## **General Personnel**

### **Recognition for Service**

An employee recognition program shall be maintained for members of the staff who are professionally honored or who have made significant contributions to students or programs under their supervision. The District recognition shall also honor staff upon retirement or attainment of designated service levels in the District.

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## **General Personnel**

### **Employee Ethics, Conduct and Conflict of Interest**

#### **Professional and Appropriate Conduct**

All District employees are expected to maintain high standards in their school relationships, to demonstrate integrity and honesty, to be considerate and cooperative, and to maintain professional and appropriate relationships with students, parents, staff members, and others. In addition, the *Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators*, adopted by the Illinois State Board of Education is incorporated by reference into this policy. Any employee who sexually harasses a student, willfully or negligently fails to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (325 ILCS 5/1) or otherwise violates an employee conduct standard will be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

#### **Statement of Economic Interests**

The following employees must file a "Statement of Economic Interests" as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act:

1. Superintendent;
2. Building Principal;
3. Head of any department;
4. Any employee who, as the District's agent, is responsible for negotiating one or more contracts, including collective bargaining agreement(s), in the amount of \$1,000 or greater;
5. Hearing officer;
6. Any employee having supervisory authority for 20 or more employees; and
7. Any employee in a position that requires an administrative or a chief school business official endorsement.

#### **Ethics and Gift Ban**

Board of Education policy 2:105, *Illinois Ethics and Gift Ban Act*, applies to all District employees. Students shall not be used in any manner for promoting a political candidate or issue.

#### **Prohibited Interests – Conflict of Interest; and Limitation of Authority**

In accordance with Section 22-5 of the School Code, "no school officer or teacher shall be interested in the sale, proceeds or profits of any book, apparatus, or furniture used or to be used in any school with which such officer or teacher may be connected" except when the employee is the author or developer of instructional materials listed with the Illinois State Board of Education and adopted for use by the Board of Education. An employee having an interest in instructional materials must file an annual statement with the Board Secretary.

District 205 employees are not to solicit, request or accept tutoring or professional services for compensation for any student enrolled in the district in which the employee has a direct professional responsibility as part of their assignment with the district. Tutoring for compensation must occur off school grounds. Advertising or soliciting students for tutoring shall not occur through district or school media.

For the purpose of acquiring profit or personal gain, no employee shall act as an agent of the District nor shall an employee act as an agent of any business in any transaction with the District. This includes participation in the selection, award or administration of a contract supported by a federal award or State award governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) (30 ILCS 708/) when the employee has a real or apparent conflict of interest. A conflict of interest arises when

an employee or any of the following individuals has a financial or other interest in the entity selected for the contract:

1. Any person that has a close personal relationship with an employee that may compromise or impair the employee's fairness and impartiality, including a member of the employee's immediate family or household;
2. An employee's business partner; or
3. An entity that employs or is about to employ the employee or one of the individuals listed in one or two above.

Employees shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to agreements or contracts. Situations in which the interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value must comply with State law and Board policy 2:105, *Ethics and Gift Ban*.

#### Outside Employment

Employees shall not engage in any other employment or in any private business during regular working hours or at such other times as are necessary to fulfill appropriate assigned duties.

LEGAL REF.: U.S. Constitution, First Amendment.  
2 C.F.R. §200.318(c)(1).  
5 ILCS 420/4A-101, Ill. Governmental Ethics Act.  
5 ILCS 430/, State Officials and Employee Ethics Act.  
30 ILCS 708/, Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.  
50 ILCS 135/, Local Governmental Employees Political Rights Act.  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.39 and 5/22-5.  
325 ILCS 5/, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.  
775 ILCS 5/5A-102, Ill. Human Rights Act.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 22, Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators.  
Pickering v. Board of Township H.S. Dist. 205, 391 U.S. 563 (1968).  
Garcetti v. Ceballos, 547 U.S. 410 (2006).

CROSS REF.: 2:105 (Ethics and Gift Ban), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:125 (Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct)

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## **General Personnel**

### **Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct**

#### **Definitions**

**Includes** - Means “includes without limitation” or “includes, but is not limited to.”

**Social media** - Media for social interaction, using highly accessible communication techniques through the use of web-based and mobile technologies to turn communication into interactive dialogue. This includes, but is not limited to, services such as *Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, and YouTube*.

**Personal technology** - Any device that is not owned or leased by the District or otherwise authorized for District use and: (1) transmits sounds, images, text, messages, videos, or electronic information, (2) electronically records, plays, or stores information, or (3) accesses the Internet, or private communication or information networks. This includes laptop computers (e.g., laptops, ultrabooks, and chromebooks), tablets (e.g., iPads®, Kindle®, Microsoft Surface®, and other Android® platform or Windows® devices), smartphones (e.g., iPhone®, BlackBerry®, Android® platform phones, and Windows Phone®), and other devices (e.g., iPod®).

#### **Usage and Conduct**

All District employees who use personal technology and/or social media shall:

1. Adhere to the high standards for Professional and Appropriate Conduct required by policy 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*, at all times, regardless of the ever-changing social media and personal technology platforms available. This includes District employees posting images or private information about themselves or others in a manner readily accessible to students and other employees that is inappropriate as defined by policy 5:20, *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*; 5:100, *Staff Development Program*; 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*; 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*; 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*; and the Ill. Code of Educator Ethics, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §22.20.
2. Choose a District-provided or supported method whenever possible to communicate with students and their parents/guardians.
3. Not interfere with or disrupt the educational or working environment, or the delivery of education or educational support services.
4. Inform their immediate supervisor if a student initiates inappropriate contact with them via any form of personal technology or social media.
5. Report instances of suspected abuse or neglect discovered through the use of social media or personal technology pursuant to a school employee's obligations under policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Child Reporting*.
6. Not disclose student record information, including student work, photographs of students, names of students, or any other personally identifiable information about students, in compliance with policy 5:130, *Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information*. For District employees, proper approval may include implied consent under the circumstances.
7. Refrain from using the District's logos without permission and follow Board policy 5:170, *Copyright*, and all District copyright compliance procedures.
8. Use personal technology and social media for personal purposes only during non-work times or hours. Any duty-free use must occur during times and places that the use will not interfere with job duties or otherwise be disruptive to the school environment or its operation.
9. Assume all risks associated with the use of personal technology and social media at school or school-sponsored activities, including students' viewing of inappropriate Internet materials through the District employee's personal technology or social media. The Board expressly disclaims any responsibility for imposing content filters, blocking lists, or monitoring of its employees' personal technology and social media.

10. Be subject to remedial and any other appropriate disciplinary action for violations of this policy ranging from prohibiting the employee from possessing or using any personal technology or social media at school to dismissal and/or indemnification of the District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any violation of this policy.

The Superintendent shall:

1. Inform District employees about this policy during the in-service on educator ethics, teacher-student conduct, and school employee-student conduct required by Board policy 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*.
2. Direct Building Principals to annually:
  - a. Provide their building staff with a copy of this policy.
  - b. Inform their building staff about the importance of maintaining high standards in their school relationships.
  - c. Remind their building staff that those who violate this policy will be subject to remedial and any other appropriate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.
3. Build awareness of this policy with students, parents, and the community.
4. Ensure that neither for the District, nor anyone on its behalf, commits an act prohibited by the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act, 820 ILCS 55/10: i.e., the *Facebook Password Law*.
5. Periodically review this policy and any procedures with District employee representatives and electronic network system administrator(s) and present proposed changes to the Board.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/21B-75 and 5/21B-80.

~~Ill. Human Rights Act~~, 775 ILCS 5/5A-102. Ill. Human Rights Act

820 ILCS 55/10, Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §22.20. Code of Ethics for Ill. Educators

Garcetti v. Ceballos, 547 U.S. 410 (2006).

Pickering v. High School Dist. 205, 391 U.S. 563 (1968).

Mayer v. Monroe County Community School Corp., 474 F.3d 477 (7th Cir. 2007).

CROSS REF.: 4:165 (Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:130 (Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information), 5:150 (Personnel Records), 5:170 (Copyright), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:340 (Student Records)

ADOPTED: January 24, 2012

REVISED: April 24, 2012 (Legal Reference Only), October 22, 2019; April 12, 2022

## **General Personnel**

### **Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information**

District employees are responsible for maintaining: (1) the integrity and security of all internal information, and (2) the privacy of confidential records, including but not limited to: student school records, personnel records, and the minutes of, and material disclosed in, a closed School Board meeting. Internal information is any information, oral or recorded in electronic or paper format, maintained by the District or used by the District or its employees. The Superintendent or designee shall manage procedures for safeguarding the integrity, security, and, as appropriate, confidentiality of internal information.

LEGAL REF.:	Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g. Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information; General Rules, 45 C.F.R. §164.502. Ill. Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/ Local Records Act, 50 ILCS 205/ 105 ILCS 10/ Personnel Record Review Act, 820 ILCS 40/
CROSS REF.:	2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 2:250 (Access to District Public Records), 5:150 (Personnel Records), 7:340 (Student Records)
ADOPTED:	February 22, 2011
REVISED:	July 17, 2012 (Legal Reference Only)

## **General Personnel**

### **Solicitations By or From Staff**

District employees shall not solicit donations or sales, nor shall they be solicited for donations or sales, on school grounds without prior approval from the Building Principal.

CROSS REF.: 8:90 (Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs)

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011

## **General Personnel**

### **Personnel Records**

**Please refer to the following current agreements:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Teachers' Council Local 571."**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**For employees not covered by these agreements:**

#### **Maintenance and Access to Records**

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the maintenance of personnel records in accordance with State and federal law and Board of Education policy. Records, as determined by the Superintendent, are retained for all employment applicants, employees, and former employees given the need for the District to document employment-related decisions, evaluate program and staff effectiveness, and comply with government recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Personnel records shall be maintained in the District's administrative office, under the Superintendent's direct supervision.

Access to personnel records is available as follows:

1. An employee will be given access to his or her personnel records according to State law and guidelines developed by the Superintendent.
2. An employee's supervisor or other management employee who has an employment or business-related reason to inspect the record is authorized to have access.
3. Anyone having the respective employee's written consent may have access.
4. Access will be granted to anyone authorized by State or federal law to have access.
5. All other requests for access to personnel information are governed by Board policy 2:250, *Access to District Public Records*.

#### **Prospective Employer Inquiries Concerning a Current or Former Employee's Job Performance**

The Superintendent or designee shall manage a process for responding to inquiries by a prospective employer concerning a current or former employee's job performance. The Superintendent shall:

1. Execute the requirements in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act whenever another school district asks for a reference concerning an applicant who is or was a District employee and was the subject of a report made by a District employee to Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS); and
2. Comply with the federal law prohibiting the District from assisting an employee, contractor, or agent that District knows, or has probable cause to believe, has engaged in sexual misconduct ~~with~~ regarding a student or minor in violation of the law, with obtaining a new job. The Superintendent or designee may follow routine procedures regarding the transmission of administrative or personnel files for that employee without violating this policy.

When requested for information about an employee by an entity other than a prospective employer, the District will only confirm position and employment dates unless the employee has submitted a written request to the Superintendent or designee.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7926.  
325 ILCS 5/4, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.  
745 ILCS 46/10, Employment Record Disclosure Act.  
820 ILCS 40/, Personal Record Review Act.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.660.

CROSS REF.: 2:250 (Access to District's Public Records), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 7:340 (Student Records)

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011

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## **General Personnel**

### **Copyright**

#### **Works Made for Hire**

The Superintendent shall manage the development of instructional materials and computer programs by employees during the scope of their employment in accordance with State and federal laws and Board of Education policies. Whenever an employee is assigned to develop instructional materials and/or computer programs, or otherwise performs such work within the scope of his or her employment, it is assured the District shall be the owner of the copyright.

#### **Copyright Compliance**

While staff members may use appropriate supplementary materials, it is each staff member's responsibility to abide by the District's copyright compliance procedures and to obey the copyright laws. The District is not responsible for any violations of the copyright laws by its staff or students. A staff member should contact the Superintendent or designee whenever the staff member is uncertain about whether using or copying material complies with the District's procedures or is permissible under the law, or wants assistance on when and how to obtain proper authorization. No staff member shall, without first obtaining the permission of the Superintendent or designee, install or download any program on a District-owned computer. At no time shall it be necessary for a District staff member to violate copyright laws in order to properly perform his or her duties.

LEGAL REF.: Federal Copyright Law of 1976, 17 U.S.C. §101 et seq.  
105 ILCS 5/10-23.10.

CROSS REF.: 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks)

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011

## **General Personnel**

### **Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity**

A temporary illness or temporary incapacity is an illness or other health condition that renders an employee physically or mentally unable to perform assigned duties and that is not permanent as provided below. During such a period, the employee will use accumulated sick leave benefits.

Except as otherwise provided in a collective bargaining agreement, when the employee is absent due to an injury incurred in the course of employment, the employee will be permitted to use one-third (1/3) of available sick leave for a maximum period of thirty (30) work days. Such days will be charged against the employee's available and accumulated sick leave on the basis of one-third (1/3) of a sick leave day for such day of absence.

The Board of Education's intent is that in no case will the employee who is temporarily disabled receive more than 100 percent of gross wages or salary. Those insurance plans privately purchased by the employee and to which the District does not contribute, are not applicable to this policy.

If illness, incapacity, or any other condition causes an employee to be absent in one school year, *after* exhaustion of all available leave, for more than 90 consecutive work days such absence may be considered a permanent disability and the Board may begin dismissal proceedings subject to State and federal law, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Superintendent may recommend this paragraph's use when circumstances strongly suggest that the employee returned to work intermittently in order to avoid this paragraph's application. This paragraph shall not be considered a limitation on the Board's authority to take any action concerning an employee this is authorized by State and federal law.

Any employee may be required to have an examination(s), at the District expense, by a physician who is licensed in Illinois to practice medicine and surgery in all its branches, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse, or a licensed physician assistant if the examination is job-related and consistent with business necessity.

LEGAL REF.: Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12102.  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.4, 5/24-12 and 5/24-13.  
Elder v. School Dist. No. 127 1/2, 60 Ill.App.2d 56 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 1965).  
School District No. 151 v. ISBE, 154 Ill.App.3d 375 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 1987).

CROSS REF: 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:40 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease), 5:185 (Family and Medical Leave), 5:250 (Leaves and Absence), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves)

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## **General Personnel**

### **Family and Medical Leave**

**For those covered in the following current agreements:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Teachers' Council Local 571."**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Local No. 73, Service Employees' International Union."**

**Except to the extent mentioned in the agreements above the following applies:**

#### **Leave Description**

An eligible employee may use unpaid family and medical leave (FMLA leave), guaranteed by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. The U.S. Department of Labor's rules (federal rules) implementing FMLA, as they may be amended from time to time, control FMLA leave.

An eligible employee may take FMLA leave for up to a combined total of 12 weeks in a 12 month period using the roll back method.

During a single 12-month period, an eligible employee's FMLA leave entitlement may be extended to a total of 26 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a covered service member (defined in the federal rules) with a serious injury or illness. A roll-back method will be utilized when an employee requests a leave which applies to the Family Medical Leave Act. This method requires that the employer goes back one year from the start date of the leave to determine how much time remains under FMLA.

While FMLA leave is normally unpaid, the District will substitute an employee's accrued compensatory time-off and/or paid leave for unpaid FMLA leave, provided such leave is available for use in accordance with Board policies and rules. In addition, all policies and rules regarding the use of paid leave apply when paid leave is substituted for unpaid FMLA leave. Any substitution of paid leave for unpaid FMLA leave will count against the employee's FMLA leave entitlement. Use of FMLA leave shall not preclude the use of other applicable unpaid leave that will extend the employee's leave beyond 12 weeks, provided that the use of FMLA leave shall not serve to extend such other unpaid leave. Any full workweek period during which the employee would not have been required to work, including summer break, winter break and spring break, is not counted against the employee's FMLA leave entitlement.

FMLA leave is available in one or more of the following instances:

1. The birth and first-year care of a son or daughter.
2. The adoption or foster placement of a son or daughter, including absences from work that are necessary for the adoption or foster care to proceed and expiring at the end of the 12-month period beginning on the placement date.
3. The serious health condition of an employee's spouse, child, or parent.
4. The employee's own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his or her job.

5. The existence of a qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, child, or parent is a military member on covered active duty or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty as provided in federal rules.
6. To care for the employee's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin who is a covered service member with a serious injury or illness, as provided by federal rules.

If spouses are employed by the District, they may together take only 12-weeks for FMLA leaves when the reason for the leave is 1 or 2, above, or to care for a parent with a serious health condition, or a combined total of 26 weeks for item 6 above.

An employee may be permitted to work on an intermittent or reduced-leave schedule in accordance with federal rules.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for FMLA leave, an employee must be employed at a worksite where at least 50 employees are employed within 75 miles. In addition, one of the following provisions must describe the employee:

1. The employee has been employed by the District for at least 12 months and has been employed for at least 1,000 hours of service during the 12-month period immediately before the beginning of the leave. The 12 months an employee must have been employed by the District need not be consecutive. However, the District will not consider any period of previous employment that occurred more than seven years before the date of the most recent hiring, except when the service break is due to fulfillment of a covered service obligation under the employee's Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), 38 U.S.C. 4301, et seq. or when a written agreement exists concerning the District's intention to rehire the employee.
2. The employee is a full-time classroom teacher.

#### Requesting Leave

If the need for the FMLA leave is foreseeable, an employee must provide the Superintendent or designee with at least 30 days' advance notice before the leave is to begin. If 30 days' advance notice is not practicable, the notice must be given as soon as practicable. The employee shall make a reasonable effort to schedule a planned medical treatment so as not to disrupt the District's operations, subject to the approval of the health care provider administering the treatment. The employee shall provide at least verbal notice sufficient to make the Superintendent or designee aware that he or she needs FMLA leave, and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Failure to give the required notice for a foreseeable leave may result in a delay in granting the requested leave until at least 30 days after the date the employee provides notice.

#### Certification

Within 15 calendar days after the Superintendent or designee makes a request for certification for a FMLA leave, an employee must provide one of the following:

1. When the leave is to care for the employee's covered family member with a serious health condition, the employee must provide a complete and sufficient certificate signed by the family member's health care provider.
2. When the leave is due to the employee's own serious health condition, the employee must provide a complete and sufficient certificate signed by the employee's health care provider.
3. When the leave is to care for a covered service member with a serious illness or injury, the employee must provide a complete and sufficient certificate signed by an authorized health care provider for the covered service member.

4. When the leave is because of a qualified exigency, the employee must provide (a) a copy of the covered military member's active duty orders or other documentation issued by the military indicating that the military member is on active duty or call to active duty status and the dates of the covered military member's active duty service, and (b) a statement or description, signed by the employee, of appropriate facts regarding the qualifying exigency for which FMLA leave is requested.

The District may require an employee to obtain a second and third opinion at its expense when it has reason to doubt the validity of a medical certification.

The District may require recertification at reasonable intervals, but not more often than once every 30 days. Regardless of the length of time since the last request, the District may request recertification when the, (1) employee requests a leave extension, (2) circumstances described by the original certification change significantly, or (3) District receives information that casts doubt upon the continuing validity of the original certification. Recertification is at the employee's expense and must be provided to the District within 15 calendar days after the request. The District may request recertification every six months in connection with any absence by an employee needing an intermittent or reduced schedule leave for conditions with a duration in excess of six months.

Failure to furnish a complete and sufficient certification on forms provided by the District may result in a denial of the leave request.

#### Continuation of Health Benefits

During FMLA leave, employees are entitled to continuation of health benefits that would have been provided if they were working. Any share of health plan premiums being paid by the employee before taking the leave, must continue to be paid by the employee during the FMLA leave. A District's obligation to maintain health insurance coverage ceases if an employee's premium payment is more than 30 days late and the District notifies the employee at least 15 days before coverage will cease.

#### Changed Circumstances and Intent to Return

An employee must provide the Superintendent or designee reasonable notice of changed circumstances (i.e., within two business days if the changed circumstances are foreseeable) that will alter the duration of the FMLA leave. The Superintendent or designee, taking into consideration all of the relevant facts and circumstances related to an individual's leave situation, may ask an employee who has been on FMLA leave for eight consecutive weeks whether he or she intends to return to work.

#### Return to Work

If returning from FMLA leave occasioned by the employee's own serious health condition, the employee is required to obtain and present certification from the employee's health care provider that he or she is able to resume work.

An employee returning from FMLA leave will be given an equivalent position to his or her position before the leave, subject to: (1) permissible limitations the District may impose as provided in the FMLA or implementing regulations, and (2) the District's reassignment policies and practices.

Classroom teachers may be required to wait to return to work until the next semester in certain situations as provided by the FMLA regulations.

### Implementation

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that: (1) all required notices and responses to leave requests are provided to employees in accordance with the FMLA; and (2) this policy is implemented in accordance with the FMLA. In the event of a conflict between the policy and the FMLA or its regulations, the latter shall control. The terms used in this policy shall be defined as in the FMLA regulations.

LEGAL REF.: 29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq., 29 C.F.R. Part 825, Family and Medical Leave Act .  
105 ILCS 5/24-6.4.

CROSS REF.: 5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence),  
5:310 (Compensatory Time-Off), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves)

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April 12, 2022

## **Professional Personnel**

### **Teacher Qualifications**

A teacher, as the term is used in this policy, refers to a District employee who is required to be licensed under State law. The following qualifications apply:

1. Each teacher must:
  - a. Have a valid Illinois Professional Educator License issued by the State Superintendent of Education with the required endorsements as provided in the School Code.
  - b. Provide the District Office with a complete transcript of credits earned in institutions of higher education and.
  - c. On or before the date specified in an applicable collective bargaining agreement, provide the District Office with evidence of any credits earned since the date the last transcript was filed.
  - d. Notify the Superintendent of any change in the teacher's transcript.
2. All teachers working in a program supported with federal funds under Title I, Part A must meet applicable State certification and licensure requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Monitor compliance with State and federal law requirements that teachers be appropriately licensed;
2. Through incentives for voluntary transfers, professional development, recruiting programs, or other effective strategies, ensure that minority students and students from low-income families are not taught at higher rates than other students by unqualified, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers; and
3. Ensure parents/guardians of students in schools receiving Title I funds are notified of their right to request their students' classroom teachers' professional qualifications.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §6312(e)(1)(A)  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.15, 5/21-11.4, 5/21B-15, 5/21B-20, 5/21B-25, and 5/24-23.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.610 et seq., §1.705 et seq., and Part 25.

CROSS REF.: 6:170 (Title I Programs)

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May 27, 2014  
February 28, 2017

## **Professional Personnel**

### **Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal**

The Board of Education delegates authority and responsibility to the Superintendent to manage the terms and conditions for the employment of professional personnel. The Superintendent shall act reasonably and comply with State and federal law as well as any applicable individual employment contract or collective bargaining agreement in effect. The Superintendent is responsible for making dismissal recommendations to the Board consistent with the Board's goal of having a highly qualified, high performing staff.

**Please refer to the following current agreement:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Teachers' Council Local 571."**

### **School Year**

Teachers shall work according to the school calendar adopted by the Board, which shall have a minimum of 176 student attendance days and a minimum of 180 teacher work days, including teacher institute days. Teachers are not required to work on legal school holidays unless the District has followed applicable State law that allows it to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent/teacher conferences, or staff development on the third Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln); the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and November 11 (Veterans Day).

### **School Day**

Teachers are required to work the school day adopted by the Board. Teachers employed for at least four hours per day shall receive a duty-free lunch equivalent to the student lunch period, or 30 minutes, whichever is longer. The District accommodates employees who are nursing mothers according to provisions in State and federal law.

### **Salary**

Teachers shall be paid according to the salaries fixed by the Board, but in no case less than the minimum salary provided by the School Code. Teachers shall be paid at least monthly on a 10- or 12-month basis.

### **Assignments and Transfers**

The Superintendent is authorized to make teaching, study hall, extra class duty, and extracurricular assignments. In order of priority, assignments shall be made based on the District's needs and best interests, employee qualifications, and employee desires.

### **Dismissal**

The District will follow State law when dismissing a teacher.

### **Evaluation**

The District's teacher evaluation system will be conducted under the plan developed pursuant to State law. On an annual basis, the Superintendent will provide the Board with a written report which outlines the results of the District's teacher evaluation system.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/10-19.05, 5/10-20.65, 5/14-1.09a, 5/22.4, 5/24-16.5, 5/24-2,  
5/24-8, 5/24-9, 5/24-11, 5/24-12, 5/24-21, 5/24A-1 through 24A-20.  
820 ILCS 260, Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code Parts 50 (Evaluation of Certified Employees) and 51 (Dismissal  
of Tenured Teachers).  
Cleveland Bd of Educ v. Loudermill, 470 U.S.532 (1985).

CROSS REF.: 5:290 (Employment Termination and Suspensions), 6:20 (School Year Calendar  
and Day)

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REVISED: August 16, 2011; January 24, 2012; March 25, 2014 (Legal Reference Only);  
April 12, 2022

## **Professional Personnel**

### **Resignation**

Tenured teachers may resign at any time with consent of the Board of Education or by written notice sent to the Board Secretary at least 30 days before the intended date of resignation. However, no teacher may resign during the school term in order to accept another teaching position without the consent of the Board.

Also, please refer to the following current agreement:

**“Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Teachers' Council Local 571.”**

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/24-14.  
Park Forest Heights School Dist. v. State Teacher Certification Bd., 363 Ill. App.  
3d 433 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 2006)

ADOPTED: April 12, 2022



## **Professional Personnel**

### **Substitute Teachers**

The Superintendent may employ substitute teachers as necessary to replace teachers who are temporarily absent.

A substitute teacher must hold either a valid teaching or substitute license or short-term substitute license and may teach in the place of a licensed teacher who is under contract with the Board. There is no limit on the number of days that a substitute teacher may teach in the District during the school year except as follows:

1. A substitute teacher holding a substitute license may teach for any one licensed teacher under contract with the District only for a period not to exceed 90 paid school days in any one school term.
2. A teacher holding a Professional Educator License or Educator License with Stipulations may teach for any one licensed teacher under contract with the District only for a period not to exceed 120 paid school days.
3. A short-term substitute teacher holding a short-term substitute teaching license may teach for any one licensed teacher under contract with the District only for a period not to exceed five consecutive school days.

The Ill Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) limits a substitute teacher who is a TRS annuitant to substitute teaching for a period not to exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year, but not more than 100 paid days in the same classroom. Beginning July 1, 2023, a substitute teacher who is a TRS annuitant may substitute teach for a period not to exceed 100 paid days or 500 paid hours in any school year, unless the subject area is one where the Regional Superintendent has certified that a personnel shortage exists.

The Board of Education establishes a daily rate of pay for substitute teachers. Substitute teachers receive only monetary compensation for time worked and no other benefits.

### **Short-Term Substitute Teachers**

A short-term substitute teacher must hold a valid short-term substitute teaching license and have completed the District's short-term substitute teacher training program. Short-term substitutes may teach no more than five consecutive school days for each licensed teacher who is under contract with the Board.

### **Emergency Situations**

A substitute teacher may teach when no licensed teacher is under contract with the Board if the District has an emergency situation as defined in State law. During an emergency situation, a substitute teacher is limited to 30 calendar days of employment per each vacant position. The Superintendent shall notify the appropriate Regional Office of Education within five business days after the employment of a substitute teacher in an emergency situation.

**Please refer to the following current agreement:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Teachers' Council Local 571."**

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.68, 5/21B-20(2), 5/21B-20(3), and 5/21B-20(4).  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.790 (Substitute Teacher) and §25.520 (Substitute Teaching License).

CROSS REF.: 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria)

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February 23, 2021; April 12, 2022

## **Professional Personnel**

### **Maintaining Student Discipline**

Maintaining an orderly learning environment is an essential part of each teacher's instructional responsibilities. A teacher's ability to foster appropriate student behavior is an important factor in the teacher's educational effectiveness. The Superintendent shall ensure that all teachers, other certificated employees, and persons providing a student's related service(s): (1) maintain discipline in the schools as required in The School Code, and (2) follow the Board of Education policies and administrative procedures on student conduct, behavior, and discipline.

When a student's behavior is unacceptable, the teacher should first discuss the matter with the student, if appropriate. If the unacceptable behavior continues, the teacher should consult with the Building Principal and/or discuss the problem with the parent(s)/guardian(s). A teacher may remove any student from the learning setting whose behavior interferes with the lessons or participation of fellow students. A student's removal must be in accordance with Board policy and administrative procedures.

Teachers shall not use disciplinary methods that may be damaging to students, such as ridicule, sarcasm, or excessive temper displays. Corporal punishment (including slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of a student in physically painful positions, and intentional infliction of bodily harm) may not be used. Teachers may use reasonable force as needed to keep students, school personnel, and others safe, or for self-defense or defense of property.

Also, please refer to the following current agreement:

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Teachers' Council Local 571."**

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/24-24.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.280.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 7:190 (Student Discipline), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities)

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## **Professional Personnel**

### **Suspension**

The Board, Superintendent or designee is authorized to suspend an employee with pay as a disciplinary measure, during an investigation into allegations of misconduct, or whenever the employee's continued presence is detrimental to the best interests of the School District.

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to suspend an employee without pay as a disciplinary measure for serious misconduct for up to ten (10) working days. Serious misconduct includes, but is not limited to, incompetence, cruelty, negligence, immorality or other conduct which adversely impacts the best interests of the School District. Examples of other conduct include, but are not limited to, insubordination, being at work impaired to any degree by any intoxicant or drug, theft, inappropriate relationships with students, inappropriate physical contact with students or other staff members, failure to comply with Board Policy or Administrative Procedures or violation of any law which relates to the employee's duties.

Before being suspended, the employee will be notified of the possibility of the suspension as a disciplinary measure and the reasons for the possible suspension and given an opportunity for a meeting with the Superintendent or designee to respond to the possible suspension and the reasons therefore. The employee may be assisted at the meeting by a representative. In emergency situations, an employee may be suspended first, followed as soon as reasonably possible by notice and the opportunity for a hearing as provided above. The Superintendent shall notify the Board of the suspension of an employee.

Any decision by the Superintendent or designee to suspend an employee without pay may be appealed to the Board of Education. The request for the appeal must be in writing and delivered to the Superintendent's office at 162 South York Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126, during regular office hours, within three (3) business days after receipt of written notice of the suspension without pay. The Board shall hold a hearing at which the employee may be assisted by a representative. The decision of the Board shall be final.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, or on its own initiative, the Board may suspend an employee without pay for up to thirty (30) working days, inclusive of any days of unpaid suspension imposed by the Superintendent or designee, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing as provided above. Nothing in this policy limits the authority of the Board to extend a suspension first imposed by the Superintendent or designee.

This policy does not limit the authority of the Superintendent or designee to temporarily reassign any employee with pay pending investigation of any potential disciplinary matter, or of the Board to suspend any employee, with or without pay, as part of a statutory dismissal process.

If an employee is suspended with pay, either voluntarily or involuntarily, pending the outcome of a criminal investigation or prosecution, and the employee is later dismissed as a result of the disposition of the criminal proceeding, the employee may be required to repay to the District all compensation and the value of all benefits received by him or her during the suspension. The

Superintendent will notify the employee of this requirement, if applicable, when the employee is suspended.

Employees Under Investigation by Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Upon receipt of a DCFS recommendation that the District remove an employee from his or her position when he or she is the subject of a pending DCFS investigation that relates to his or her employment with the District, the Board or Superintendent or designee, in consultation with the Board Attorney, will determine whether to:

1. Let the employee remain in his or her position pending the outcome of the investigation;  
or
2. Remove the employee as recommended by DCFS, proceeding with;
  - a. A suspension with pay, or
  - b. A suspension without pay.

LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 430 /5-60(b).  
105 ILCS 5/24-12.  
325 ILCS 5/7, 4(c-10)  
Cleveland Board of Education v. Loudermill, 105 S.Ct. 1487 (1985).  
Barszcz v. Community College District No. 504, 400 F.Supp. 675 (N.D. Ill., 1975).  
Massie v. East St. Louis School District No.189, 561 N.E.2d 246 (Ill.App.5, 1990).

CROSS REF.: 5:240-AP (Suspensions), 5:290 (Educational Support Personnel - Employment Termination and Suspensions)

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February 27, 2018

## **Professional Personnel**

### **Leaves of Absence**

Sick and Bereavement Leave, Personal Leave, Leave of Absence Without Pay, Parental Leave

**Please refer to the following current agreement:**

**Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Teachers' Council Local 571."**

Each of the provisions in this policy applies to all professional personnel to the extent that it does not conflict with an applicable collective bargaining agreement or individual employment contract or benefit plan; in the event of a conflict, such provision is severable and the applicable bargaining agreement or individual agreement will control.

For purposes of adoption, placement for adoption, or acceptance of a child in need of foster care, paid sick leave may be used for reasons related to the formal adoption or the formal foster care process prior to taking custody of the child or accepting the child in need of foster care, **and upon taking custody of the child** or accepting the child in need of foster care. Such leave is limited to 30 days, unless a longer leave is provided in an applicable collective bargaining agreement, and need not be used consecutively once the formal adoption or foster care process is underway. The Board or Superintendent may require that the employee provide evidence that the formal adoption or foster care process is underway.

### **Child Bereavement Leave**

State law allows a maximum of 10 unpaid work days for eligible employees (Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 20 U.S.C. §2601 et seq.) to take child bereavement leave. The purpose, requirements, scheduling, and all other terms of the leave are governed by the Child Bereavement Leave Act. Child bereavement leave allows for (1) attendance by the bereaved staff member at the funeral or alternative to a funeral of his or her child, (2) making arrangements necessitated by the death of the staff member's child, or (3) grieving the death of the staff member's child, without any adverse employment action.

The leave must be completed within 60 days after the date on which the employee received notice of the death of his or her child. However, in the event of the death of more than one child in a 12 month period, an employee is entitled to up to a total of six weeks of bereavement leave during the 12 month period, subject to certain restrictions under State and federal law. Other existing forms of leave may be substituted for the leave provided in the Child Bereavement Leave Act. This policy does not create any right for an employee to take child bereavement leave that is inconsistent with the Child Bereavement Leave Act.

### **Leave to Serve as an Election Judge**

Any staff member who was appointed to serve as an election judge under State law may, after giving at least 20-days' written notice to the District, be absent without pay for the purpose of serving as an election judge. The staff member is not required to use any form of paid leave to serve as an election judge. No more than 10% of the District's employees may be absent to serve as election judges on the same Election Day.

### **Leaves for Service in the Military**

Leaves for service in the U.S. Armed Services or any of its reserve components and the National Guard, as well as re-employment rights, will be granted in accordance with State and federal law. A professional staff member hired to replace one in military service does not acquire tenure.

### General Assembly

Leaves for service in the General Assembly, as well as re-employment rights, will be granted in accordance with State and federal law. A professional staff member hired to replace one in the General Assembly does not acquire tenure.

### School Visitation Leave

An eligible professional staff member is entitled to 8 hours during any school year, no more than 4 hours of which may be taken on any given day, to attend school conferences, behavioral meetings, or academic meetings related to the teacher's child, if the conference or meeting cannot be scheduled during non-work hours. Professional staff members must first use all accrued vacation leave, personal leave, compensatory leave, and any other leave that may be granted to the professional staff member, except sick, and disability leave.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures implementing this policy consistent with the School Visitation Rights Act.

### Leaves for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, Gender Violence, Other Crime of Violence

An unpaid leave from work is available to any staff member who: (1) is a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, gender violence, or any other crime of violence or (2) has a family or household member who is a victim of such violence whose interests are not adverse to the employee as it relates to the domestic violence, ~~or~~ sexual violence, gender violence, or any other crime of violence. The unpaid leave allows the employee to seek medical help, legal assistance, counseling, safety planning, and other assistance without suffering adverse employment action.

The Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, governs the purpose, requirements, scheduling, and continuity of benefits, and all other terms of the leave. Accordingly, if the District employs at least 50 employees, an employee is entitled to a total of 12 work weeks of leave during any 12-month period. Neither the law nor this policy creates a right for an employee to take unpaid leave that exceeds the unpaid leave time allowed under, or is in addition to the unpaid leave time permitted by, the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. §2601 *et seq.*).

### Leaves to Serve as an Officer or Trustee of a Specific Organization

Upon **written** request, the Board will grant: (1) an unpaid leave of absence to an elected officer of a State or national teacher organization that represents teachers in collective bargaining negotiations, (2) twenty days of paid leave of absence per year to a trustee of the Teachers' Retirement System in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/24-6.3, and (3) a paid leave of absence for the local association president of a State teacher association that is an exclusive bargaining agent in the District, or his or her designee, to attend meetings, workshops, or seminars as described in 105 ILCS 5/24-6.2.

LEGAL REF.: 10 ILCS 5/13-2.5

105 ILCS 5/24-6, 5/24-6.1, 5/24-6.2, 5/24-6.3, 5/24-13, and 5/24-13.1.

330 ILCS 61/, Service Member Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

820 ILCS 147/School Visitation Rights Act.

820 ILCS 154/, Child Bereavement Leave Act.

820 ILCS 180/, Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act.

CROSS REF.: 5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity), 5:185 (Family and Medical Leave), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves)

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011

REVISED: March 24, 2015; February 28, 2017; April 12, 2022

## **Professional Personnel**

### **Student Teachers**

The Superintendent is authorized to accept students from university-approved teacher-training programs to do student teaching in the District. No individual who has been convicted of a criminal offense that would subject him or her to license suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 5/21B-80 of the School Code or who has been found to be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of a minor under 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is permitted to student teach.

Before permitting an individual to student teach, begin a required internship, or participate in any field or clinical experience in the District, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that:

1. The District performed a 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(g) Check as described below; and
2. The individual furnished evidence of physical fitness to perform assigned duties and freedom from communicable disease pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/25

A 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(g) Check shall include:

1. Fingerprint-based checks through (a) the Illinois State Police (ISP) for criminal history records information (CHRI) pursuant to the Uniform Conviction Information Act (20 ILCS 2635/1), and (b) the FBI national crime information databases pursuant to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (P.L. 109-248);
2. A check of the Illinois Sex Offender Registry (see the Sex Offender Community Notification Law (730 ILCS 152/101 et seq.); and
3. A check of the Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry (Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law (730 ILCS 154/75-105).

The School Code requires each individual student teaching or beginning a required internship to provide the District with written authorization for, and pay the cost of, his or her 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(g) check (including any applicable vendor's fees). Upon receipt of this authorization and payment, the Superintendent or designee will submit the student teacher's name, sex, race, date of birth, social security number, fingerprint images, and other identifiers, as prescribed by the Department of State Police, to the Department of State Police. The Superintendent or designee will provide each student teacher with a copy of his or her report.

### **Assignment**

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for coordinating placements of all student teachers within the District. Student teachers should be assigned to supervising teachers whose qualifications are acceptable to the District and the students' respective colleges or universities.

LEGAL REF.: Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, P.L. 109-248  
Uniform Conviction Information Act, 20 ILCS 2635/1.  
105 ILCS 5/10-21.9, 5/10-22.34, and 5/24-5.

CROSS REF.: 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications), 5:190 (Teacher Qualifications)

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REVISED: September 24, 2013; October 28, 2014; February 28, 2017; April 12, 2022



## **Educational Support Personnel**

### **Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment**

#### **Employment At-Will**

Unless otherwise specifically provided, District employment is at-will, meaning that employment may be terminated by the District or employee at any time for any reason, other than a reason prohibited by law, or no reason at all. Nothing in Board of Education policy is intended or should be construed as altering the employment at-will relationship.

Exceptions to employment at-will may include employees who are employed annually, have an employment contract, or are otherwise granted a legitimate interest in continued employment. The Superintendent is authorized to make exceptions to employing nonlicensed employees at-will but shall maintain a record of positions or employees who are not at-will.

#### **Compensation**

**Please refer to the following current agreements:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Local No. 73, Service Employees' International Union."**

**For employees not covered by these agreements:**

The Board will determine salary and wages for educational support personnel. Increments are dependent on evidence of continuing satisfactory performance. An employee covered by the overtime provisions in State or federal law, shall not work overtime without the prior authorization from the employee's immediate supervisor.

#### **Assignment**

**Please refer to the following current agreement:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**For employees not covered by this agreement:**

The Superintendent is authorized to make assignments and transfers of educational support personnel.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34 and 5/10-23.5.

CROSS REF.: 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment) 5:35 (Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act), 5:290 (Employment Termination and Suspensions), 5:310 (Compensatory Time-Off)

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011

REVISED: November 24, 2015; February 23, 2021

## **Educational Support Personnel**

### **Duties and Qualifications**

All support staff: (1) must meet qualifications specified in job descriptions, (2) must be able to perform the essential tasks listed and/or assigned, and (3) are subject to Board of Education policies.

#### **Paraprofessionals**

Paraprofessionals provide supervised instructional support. Service as a paraprofessional requires an educator license with stipulations endorsed for a paraprofessional educator unless a specific exemption is authorized by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

Individuals with only non-instructional duties (e.g., providing technical support for computers, providing personal care services, or performing clerical duties) are not paraprofessionals and the requirements in this section do not apply. In addition, individuals completing their clinical experiences and/or student teaching do not need to comply with this section, provided their service otherwise complies with ISBE rules.

#### **Noncertificated and Unlicensed Personnel Working with Students Performing Non-Instructional Duties**

Noncertificated and unlicensed personnel performing non-instructional duties may be used:

1. For supervising study halls, long distance teaching reception areas used incident to instructional programs transmitted by electronic media, e.g., computers, video, and audio, detention and discipline areas, and school-sponsored extracurricular activities;
2. As supervisors, chaperones, or sponsors for non-academic school activities; or
3. For non-teaching duties not requiring instructional judgment or student evaluation.

Nothing in this policy prevents a noncertificated person from serving as a guest lecturer or resource person under a certificated teacher's direction and with the administration's approval.

#### **Coaches and Athletic Trainers**

Athletic coaches and trainers shall have the qualifications required by any association in which the School District maintains a membership. The coach for an extracurricular athletic activity sponsored or sanctioned by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) at or above the ninth grade level must have completed the IHSA's educational program and competency testing on preventing abuse of performance-enhancing substances. Regardless of whether the athletic activity is governed by an association, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each athletic coach: (1) is knowledgeable regarding coaching principles, (2) has first aid training, and (3) is a trained Automated External Defibrillator user according to rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Anyone performing athletic training services shall be licensed under the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act, be an athletic trainer aide performing care activities under the on-site supervision of a licensed athletic trainer, or otherwise be qualified to perform athletic trainer activities under State law.

### Bus Drivers

All school bus drivers must have a valid school bus driver permit. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the Illinois Secretary of State, within 30 days of being informed by a school bus driver, that the bus driver permit holder has been called to active duty. New bus drivers and bus drivers who are returning from a lapse in their employment are subject to the requirements contained in Board policy 5:30, *Hiring Process and Criteria* and Board policy 5:285, *Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers*.

LEGAL REF.: 34 C.F.R. §§200.58 and 200.59.  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b and 25/2.  
625 ILCS 5/6-104 and 5/6-106.1.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.630 and 25.510.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:170 (Safety), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:35 (Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act), 5:285 (Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers)

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011

REVISED: October 28, 2014

## **Educational Support Personnel**

### **Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers**

The District shall adhere to federal law and regulations requiring a drug and alcohol testing program for school bus and commercial vehicle drivers.

This program shall comply with the requirements of federal law. The Superintendent or designee shall adopt and enact regulations consistent with the federal regulations, defining the circumstances and procedures for the testing.

This policy shall not be implemented, and no administrative procedures will be needed, until it is reasonably foreseeable that the District will hire staff for a position(s) requiring a commercial driver's license.

LEGAL REF.: 49 U.S.C. §31301 et seq., Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing (Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991).  
49 C.F.R. Parts 40 (Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs), 382 (Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing), and 395 (Hours of Service of Drivers).

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications)

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011

REVISED: August 16, 2011

## **Educational Support Personnel**

### **Employment Termination and Suspensions**

#### **Resignation and Retirement**

**Please refer to the following current agreements:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Local No. 73, Service Employees' International Union."**

**For employees not covered by these agreements:**

An employee is requested to provide 2 weeks notice of a resignation. A resignation notice cannot be revoked once given. An employee planning to retire should notify his or her supervisor at least 2 months before the retirement date.

#### **Non-RIF Dismissal**

The District may terminate an at-will employee at any time for any or no reason, but not for a reason prohibited by State or federal law.

Employees who are employed annually or have a contract, or who otherwise have a legitimate expectation of continued employment, may be dismissed: (1) at the end of the school year or at the end of their respective contract after being provided appropriate notice and after compliance with any applicable contractual provisions, or (2) during the school year or term of the contract provided appropriate due process procedures are provided.

The Superintendent is responsible for making dismissal recommendations to the Board of Education consistent with the Board's goal of having a highly qualified, high performing staff. This includes recommending a non-licensed employee for immediate dismissal for willful or negligent failure to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by 325 ILCS 5/.

#### **Reduction in Force and Recall**

**Please refer to the following current agreements:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Local No. 73, Service Employees' International Union."**

**For employees not covered by these agreements:**

The Board may, as necessary or prudent, decide to decrease the number of educational support personnel or to discontinue some particular type of educational support service and, as a result of that action, dismiss or reduce the hours of one or more educational support employees. When making decisions concerning reduction in force and recall, the Board will follow Sections 10-22.34c (outsourcing non-instructional services) and 10-23.5 (procedures) of the School Code, to the extent they are applicable and not superseded by legislation or an applicable collective bargaining agreement.

#### **Final Paycheck**

A terminating employee's final paycheck will be adjusted for any unused, earned vacation credit. Employees are paid for all earned vacation. Terminating employees will receive their final pay on the

next regular payday following the date of termination, except that an employee dismissed due to a reduction in force shall receive his or her final paycheck on or before the next regular pay date following the last day of employment.

### Suspension

The Board, Superintendent or designee is authorized to suspend an employee with pay as a disciplinary measure, during an investigation into allegations of misconduct, or whenever the employee's continued presence is detrimental to the best interests of the School District.

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to suspend an employee without pay as a disciplinary measure for serious misconduct for up to ten (10) working days. Serious misconduct includes, but is not limited to, incompetence, cruelty, negligence, immorality or other conduct which adversely impacts the best interests of the School District. Examples of other conduct include, but are not limited to, being at work under the influence to any degree of any intoxicant or drug, theft, inappropriate relationships with students, inappropriate physical contact with students or other staff members, or other similar infractions.

Before being suspended without pay, the employee will be notified of the possibility of the suspension as a disciplinary measure and the reasons for the possible suspension and given an opportunity for a meeting with the Superintendent or designee to respond to the possible suspension and the reasons therefore. In emergency situations, an employee may be suspended first, followed as soon as reasonably possible by notice and the opportunity for a hearing as provided above. On the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee or on its own initiative, the Board may suspend an employee without pay for up to thirty (30) working days, inclusive of any days of unpaid suspension imposed by the Superintendent or designee. Nothing in this policy shall limit the authority of the Board to suspend an employee in connection with any dismissal proceeding nor to extend a suspension first imposed by the Superintendent or designee.

Upon receipt of a recommendation from the Ill. Dept. Children and Family Services (DCFS) that the District remove an employee from his or her position when he or she is the subject of a pending DCFS investigation that relates to his or her employment with the District, the Board or Superintendent or designee, in consultation with the Board Attorney, will determine whether to:

1. Let the employee remain in his or her position pending the outcome of the investigation;
2. Remove the employee as recommended, proceeding with:
  - a. A suspension with pay; or
  - b. A suspension without pay

Any decision by the Superintendent or designee to suspend an employee without pay may be appealed to the Board of Education. The request for the appeal must be in writing and delivered to the Superintendent's office at 162 South York Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126, during regular office hours, within three (3) working days after receipt of written notice of the suspension without pay. The Board shall hold a hearing and the appeal may be represented by counsel or other representative. The decision of the Board shall be final.

LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 430 et seq.  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.34c and 5/10-23.5.  
325 ILCS 5/7, 4(c-10).  
820 ILCS 105/4a.

CROSS REF.: 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:240 Suspension), 5:270  
(Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment)

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## **Educational Support Personnel**

### **Schedules and Employment Year**

The Superintendent shall supervise a process for setting work schedules and an employment year for educational support employees in accordance with State and federal law, Board of Education policy, and applicable agreements and shall:

1. Assign each employee one supervisor who will establish a work schedule, including breaks, as required by building or District needs, work load, and the efficient management of human resources;
2. Allow for the ability to respond to changing circumstances by altering work schedules as needed; and
3. Consider the well-being of the employee. The Superintendent's approval is required to establish a flexible work schedule or job-sharing.

### **Rest Periods**

**Please refer to the following current agreement:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Local No. 73, Service Employees' International Union."**

**For employees not covered by this agreement:**

An employee who works at least 7.5 continuous hours shall receive a 30-minute duty-free meal break that begins within the first 5 hours of the employee's workday.

LEGAL REF.: Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §207 et seq.  
820 ILCS 105-Minimum Wage Law  
820 ILCS 260-Nursing Mothers in Workplace Act.  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.14a, 5/10-22.34, and 5/10-23.5.

CROSS REF.: 5:35 (Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act)

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011

REVISED: August 16, 2011

## **Educational Support Personnel**

### **Compensatory Time-Off**

This policy governs the use of compensatory time-off by employees who: (1) are covered by the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §201 et seq., and (2) are not represented by an exclusive bargaining representative.

Employees may be given 1-1/2 hours of compensatory time-off in lieu of cash payment for each hour of overtime worked. Other than as provided below, at no time may an employee's accumulated compensatory time-off exceed 240 hours, which represents compensation for 160 hours of overtime. An employee whose work regularly includes public safety, emergency response, or seasonal activities may accumulate a maximum of 480 hours of compensatory time, which represents compensation for 320 hours of overtime. If an employee accrues the maximum number of compensatory time-off hours, the employee: (1) is paid for any additional overtime hours worked, at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular hourly rate of pay, and (2) does not accumulate compensatory time-off until the employee uses an equal amount of accrued time-off.

An employee who has accrued compensatory time-off shall be permitted to use such time in at least half-day components provided such requests do not unduly disrupt the District's operations. The employee's supervisor must approve a request to use compensatory time-off.

Upon termination of employment, an employee will be paid for unused compensatory time at the higher of:

1. The average regular rate received by such employee during the last three years of employment; or
2. The final regular rate received by such employee.

Compensatory time-off is time during which the employee is not working and is, therefore, not counted as "hours worked" for purposes of overtime compensation.

### **Overtime**

**Please refer to the following current agreements:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Local No. 73, Service Employees' International Union."**

LEGAL REF.: Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §201 et seq.; 29 C.F.R. Part 553.

CROSS REF.: 5:35 (Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act), 5:270 (Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment)

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011



## **Educational Support Personnel**

### **Evaluation**

**Please refer to the following current agreements:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Local No. 73, Service Employees' International Union."**

**For employees not covered by these agreements:**

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for designing and implementing a program for evaluating the job performance of each educational support staff member according to standards contained in Board of Education policies as well as in compliance with State law and any applicable collective bargaining agreement. The standards for the evaluation program shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Each employee shall be evaluated annually, preferably before the annual salary review.
2. The direct supervisor shall provide input.
3. The employee's work quality, promptness, attendance, reliability, conduct, judgment, and cooperation shall be considered.
4. The employee shall receive a copy of the annual evaluation.
5. All evaluations shall comply with State and federal law and any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

CROSS REF.: 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:150  
(Personnel Records)

ADOPTED: February 22, 2011

## **Educational Support Personnel**

### **Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves**

Each of the provisions in this policy applies to all educational support personnel to the extent that it does not conflict with an applicable collective bargaining agreement or individual employment contract or benefit plan; in the event of a conflict, such provision is severable and the applicable bargaining agreement or individual agreement will control.

Sick and Bereavement Leave, Vacation, Holidays, Personal Leave, General Leave, Union Leave, Extended Illness Leave, Transfers

**Please refer the following current agreements:**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Elmhurst Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Council."**

**"Agreement between Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 and Local No. 73, Service Employees' International Union."**

Leave to Serve as a Trustee of the Ill Municipal Retirement Fund

Upon request, the Board will grant 20 days of paid leave of absence per year to a trustee of the Ill Municipal Retirement Fund in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/24-6.3.

### **Other Leaves**

Educational support personnel receive the following leaves on the same terms and conditions granted professional personnel in Board policy 5:250, *Leaves of Absence*:

1. Leaves for Service in the Military.
2. School Visitation Leave.
3. Leaves for Victims of Domestic Violence, ~~or~~ Sexual Violence, Gender Violence, or Other Crime of V.
4. Child Bereavement Leave.
5. Leave to serve as an election judge.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.7b, 5/24-2, and 5/24-6.  
 330 ILCS 61/, Service Member Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.  
 820 ILCS 147, School Visitation Rights Act  
 820 ILCS 154/, Child Bereavement Leave Act.  
 820 ILCS 180/, Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act.  
 School Dist 151 v. ISBE, 154 Ill.App.3d 375 1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 1987); Elder v. School Dist.  
 No. 127 1/2, 60 Ill.App.2d 56 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 1965)

CROSS REF.: 5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity), 5:185 (Family and Medical Leave), 5:250 (Professional Personnel - Leaves of Absence)

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