

TEACHER SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

The Governing Board recognizes the link between teacher effectiveness and student learning and desires to provide structured, individualized support and guidance to teachers as necessary to enhance their performance and support teacher retention. The Superintendent or designee shall develop a program of intensive professional development and consultation to help interns and beginning teachers apply their academic preparation more effectively in the classroom and to assist other teachers who need additional development in subject matter knowledge, instructional methods, and/or classroom management.

(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate individualized teacher support and guidance activities developed pursuant to this policy with other district staff development programs and staff evaluation processes.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Teachers may volunteer to participate in a teacher support and guidance program or may be referred to such services based on their performance evaluation.

Support providers shall be experienced certificated personnel who are knowledgeable about teacher development and needed competencies and have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Support may include, but is not limited to, classroom observations, regular meetings with the support provider, and an individualized plan for professional development or coursework that takes into consideration the teacher's assignment and prior preparation and experience. The roles and responsibilities of support providers shall be clearly defined in writing and communicated to all participants.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the timely assignment of qualified support providers to participating teachers and for reassignment as needed. He/she shall also ensure that each support provider receives appropriate training to serve in a support capacity and is provided adequate time and resources to assist other teachers.

The district may provide a stipend to support providers in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement and district budget.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

The performance of a participating teacher shall be monitored by the support provider, Superintendent or designee, and/or a panel of teachers and administrators in order to determine whether the teacher has met program goals and to make recommendations for follow-up support or employment action, as appropriate.

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

(cf. 4117.6 - Decision Not to Rehire)

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate the district's teacher support and guidance programs and shall report to the Board regarding program effectiveness in meeting district goals for teacher quality and retention. Evaluation reports may include, but are not limited to, data on program enrollment and completion, subsequent retention rates of participating teachers, and interviews or surveys of program participants.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Beginning Teacher Induction Program

The Superintendent or designee shall inform beginning teachers who possess a preliminary credential about induction programs or other options that are available to help them fulfill the requirements of the clear multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist credential pursuant to Education Code 44259.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

The district's beginning teacher induction program shall meet program standards adopted by the CTC and shall support beginning teachers in meeting the competencies described in the California Standards for the Teaching Profession.

The beginning teacher's knowledge and classroom practice shall be regularly assessed using multiple measures and the results shall be used to monitor and revise individual induction plans. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a complete record of each participating teacher's progress toward completion of clear credential requirements.

When the teacher has successfully completed the induction program, the Board shall recommend to the CTC that he/she be awarded a clear teaching credential.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44259 *Credential requirements*

44259.5 *Standards for professional preparation programs*

44275.4 *Credential requirements, induction, out-of-state teachers*

44325-44328 *District interns*

44450-44468 *University interns*

44830.3 *Interns, professional development and guidance*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

80021 *Short-term staff permit*

80021.1 *Provisional internship permit*

80026.5 *Orientation, guidance, and assistance for emergency permit holders*

80033 *Intern teaching credential*

80055 *Intern credential*

80413 *Credential requirements*

80413.3 *Credential requirements; teachers with out-of-state credentials*

Management Resources:

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

SB 2042 Multiple Subject and Single Subject Preliminary Credential Program Standards, rev. February 2014

Intern Preservice, Support and Supervision Requirements: Preparation to Teach English Learners, Program Sponsor Alert 13-06, June 3, 2013

Education Specialist Teaching and Other Related Services Credential Program Standards, rev. May 2013

Multiple and Single Subject Induction Programs (program standards, preconditions, and language addressing the teaching of English learners), rev. January 2013

California Standards for the Teaching Profession, October 2009

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Federation of Teachers: <http://www.cft.org>

California Teachers Association: <http://www.cta.org>

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

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Selection of Support Providers

The Superintendent or designee shall design a written application for certificated personnel who want to be mentor teachers or support providers.

Any employee designated by the Superintendent or designee as a support provider shall, at a minimum, meet the following qualifications:

1. Possess a clear credential

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

2. Have at least three years of full-time teaching experience
3. Have demonstrated effective communication skills, subject matter knowledge, and mastery of a range of teaching strategies necessary to meet the needs of students

The Superintendent or designee may establish a districtwide or school site advisory committee to verify that candidates fulfill the qualifications established by the district, interview candidates, and recommend candidates to the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall make the final selection of support providers and shall assign support providers to participating teachers. To the extent possible, the assigned support provider shall be one who teaches at the same school, the same grade levels, and/or in the same subject matter as the teacher(s) to whom he/she is assigned. No support provider shall be assigned to more than five teachers during a school year.

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the support provider and may reassign or revoke his/her designation as a support provider.

Peer Review Panel

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a peer review program to provide struggling teachers with feedback and guidance. When a teacher volunteers to participate or is referred by the principal due to unsatisfactory performance, written performance goals shall be established which are aligned with student learning and teacher evaluation criteria. The teacher shall be assigned a consulting teacher who shall provide assistance and review through multiple observations of the teacher during periods of classroom instruction. In addition, the teacher shall participate in sufficient professional development activities to assist him/her to improve teaching skills and knowledge. The consulting teacher shall maintain a written record of the teacher's activities and performance and shall regularly communicate with the principal regarding the teacher's progress.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

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The Superintendent or designee shall establish a joint teacher-administrator peer review panel composed of a majority of teachers selected by other teachers, with the remainder consisting of administrators selected by the Superintendent or designee. The joint teacher-administrator peer review panel shall review reports prepared by the consulting teacher and shall make recommendations to the Superintendent or designee as to whether the participating teacher should be exited from the program due to satisfactory improvement, remain in the program because he/she would possibly benefit from additional support from the program, or be recommended for dismissal.

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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