

YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS = KSBA RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE

GREEN HIGHLIGHTS = LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY JCPS AND GENERAL COUNSEL

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.11

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Hiring

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All appointments, promotions, and transfers of certified personnel for positions authorized by the Board shall be made by the Superintendent who, at the first meeting following such actions, shall notify the Board of same. Such notification shall be recorded in the Board minutes.

The Superintendent shall determine, pursuant to state law, when vacancies exist and shall post such staff vacancies as necessary to recruit applicants for positions.

When a vacancy occurs, the Superintendent shall notify the Commissioner of Education thirty (30) days before the position is to be filled.

When a vacancy needs to be filled in less than thirty (30) days to prevent disruption of necessary instructional or support services of the school District, the Superintendent may seek a waiver of the thirty (30)-day advance notice requirement from the Commissioner of Education. If the waiver is approved, the appointment shall not be made until the person selected by the Superintendent has been approved by the Commissioner of Education.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Personnel actions shall not be effective until the employee receives written notice of such action from the Superintendent. Certified employees may be appointed by the Superintendent for any school year at any time after February 1 preceding the beginning of the next school year.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Superintendent shall employ only individuals who are certified for the positions they will hold and who possess qualifications established by law, regulation and Board policy, except in the case where no individual applies who is properly certified and/or who meets established qualifications set by Board policy. In all cases, the most qualified candidate shall be hired.

Hiring of certified personnel who have previously retired under TRS shall be in compliance with applicable legal requirements.²

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Hiring

~~Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, a~~All teachers shall meet applicable certification or licensure requirements as defined by state and federal regulation.³

PRE-EMPLOYMENT INQUIRIES

Pre-employment inquiries may include, but are not limited to, requests for licensure/certification, conviction and criminal history records, references, job attendance data, traffic/accident records, and physical examinations, where applicable. Information obtained from pre-employment inquiries concerning an applicant's conviction and criminal history record, toxicology screens, results of job-related competency/skills assessments and other pre-employment inquiry information shall be confidential to the extent permitted by law, but shall be considered in determining employment status.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING

Applicants, employees, and student teachers assigned within the District shall undergo records checks and testing as required by applicable statutes and regulations.¹

Each application or renewal form provided to applicants for a certified position shall conspicuously state the following: "FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT".¹

Beginning July 1, 2018, individual applicants, **employees, and student teachers** shall provide a letter from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services stating that there are no findings of substantiated child abuse or neglect on record. In addition, each application or renewal form provided to applicants for a certified position shall conspicuously state the following:

"FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND HAVE A LETTER, PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, FROM THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES STATING THE EMPLOYEE IS CLEAR TO HIRE BASED ON NO FINDINGS OF SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FOUND THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT."

Employment shall be contingent on receipt of records documenting that the individual does not have a conviction for a sexual offense, a drug offense, a violent offense as defined in KRS 17.165, any felony offense or other conviction determined by the Superintendent to bear a reasonable relationship to the ability of the individual to perform the job. Employment shall terminate on receipt of a criminal history background check documenting a conviction for an offense listed above. Employees shall immediately notify their supervisor if they are arrested for or charged with one of the offenses listed above. The supervisor shall immediately notify employee relations.

Additionally, beginning July 1, 2018, employment shall also be contingent on receipt of a letter from the Cabinet provided by the individual documenting that the individual does not have a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect in records maintained by the Cabinet.

HIRING

Criminal records checks on persons employed in Head Start programs shall be conducted in conformity with 45 C.F.R. § 1302.90.

VACANCIES POSTED

A job register listing vacancies to be filled shall be posted on the District's website.

Vacancies may also be posted and advertised outside the District. All central office administrative positions and all principal positions shall be advertised nationally.

When a vacancy for a teaching position occurs in the District, the Superintendent shall conduct a search to locate minority candidates to be considered for the position.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, each application shall be reviewed. Applications for candidates not employed shall be retained for three (3) years.

References are required on applicants for all positions and will be carefully reviewed as part of the employment decision.

RELATIONSHIPS

All applications shall require a response concerning the relationship as defined in KRS 160.180 and KRS 160.380 of each applicant to the Superintendent, any principal of the District, any other District employees, or a Board member. The hiring of relatives of the Superintendent, Board members and principals of the District is subject to the restrictions provided in KRS 160.180 and KRS 160.380.

The Superintendent shall not employ a relative of a Board member as defined in either KRS 160.180 or KRS 160.380 unless the relative was initially employed by the District prior to the tenure of the Board member and the member was seated on the Board prior to July 13, 1990.

A relative of the Superintendent or any principal of the District shall not be employed except as provided by KRS 160.380.

A relative of the Superintendent or any principal of the District who is otherwise ineligible for employment may be employed as a substitute for a certified or classified employee if the relative is not:

1. A regular full-time or part-time employee of the District;
2. Accruing continuing contract status or any other right to continuous employment;
3. Receiving fringe benefits other than those provided other substitutes; or
4. Receiving preference in employment or assignment over other substitutes.

No employee may use his/her employment status to influence the employment in the District of a relative which is defined for the purposes of this paragraph of this policy as the employee's father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, or brother-in-law.

Hiring

RELATIONSHIPS (CONTINUED)

No employee shall be assigned to a school, office, work group or other unit if the assignment would cause a relative of such employee to be a supervisor of such employee. For purposes of this paragraph of this policy, a relative is defined as the employee's father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, or brother-in-law; and a supervisor is defined as a person who has authority to oversee and direct work assignments, assign tasks, schedule hours of work, evaluate work performance, or recommend the hiring, discipline or termination of an employee. This paragraph of this policy shall apply even if the status of relative results from a marriage after an initial assignment, or if the supervision authority results from a promotion, reorganization or other administrative action after an initial assignment. It is the responsibility of the employees having the relationship to notify the Human Resources Department as soon as an assignment or employment status covered by this paragraph of this policy exists or may exist. Any failure to give such notice shall result in disciplinary action. The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this paragraph of this policy for all personnel assignments and shall make a final determination as to the appropriate action to implement this paragraph of this policy.

Exception to the above is substitute personnel.

CONTRACT

Except for substitute teachers, all certified personnel shall enter into written contracts with the District.

JOB DESCRIPTION

All employees shall receive a copy of their job description and responsibilities.

INTENT

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, employees may be requested to indicate their availability for employment for the next school year.

REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

Each year all full-time and part-time certified employees shall be notified in writing by the last day of the school year whether they have reasonable assurance of continued employment for the following school year.

Certified employees assigned extra duties such as coaching shall be notified in writing by the last day of that assigned duty if they have reasonable assurance of continued employment in that or a similar capacity for the following school year.

EMPLOYEES SEEKING A JOB CHANGE

Other than the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files, District employees are prohibited from assisting a school employee, contractor, or agent in obtaining a new job if the individual knows, or has probable cause to believe, that such school employee, contractor, or agent engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law and such school employee, contractor, or agent does not meet the exceptions outlined in 20 U.S.C. 7926.

Hiring**JOB SHARING**

District employees may be permitted to participate in a job sharing program in accordance with procedures established by the Superintendent. However, initial probationary, temporary, seasonal and substitute employees and student workers are not eligible for the job sharing program.

EXCHANGE OF TEACHERS

The Superintendent may approve the exchange of teachers with other countries, states, and programs outside the District. All arrangements for such exchanges shall adhere to state laws and regulations.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.380

²KRS 161.605; 702 KAR 1:150

³P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)

20 U.S.C. 7926; 42 U.S.C. § 9843a(g)

34 C.F.R. 200.55-200.56; 45 C.F.R. § 1302.90

KRS 17.160; KRS 17.165

KRS 156.106; KRS 160.345; KRS 160.390

KRS 161.042; KRS 161.611; KRS 161.750

KRS 335B.020; KRS 405.435

16 KAR 9:080; 702 KAR 3:320; 704 KAR 7:130

OAG 73-333; OAG 91-10; OAG 91-149; OAG 91-206

OAG 92-1; OAG 92-59; OAG 92-78; OAG 92-131; OAG 97-6

Records Retention Schedule, Public School District

RELATED POLICIES:

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02.4244

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

LEGAL: HB 195 AMENDS MULTIPLE KRS TO CHANGE THE GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA (GED) TO HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA.

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PERSONNEL

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- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -

Hiring

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The Superintendent shall determine, pursuant to state law, when vacancies exist and shall post such staff vacancies as necessary to recruit applicants for positions.

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Hiring

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING

Applicants and employees shall undergo records checks and testing as required by applicable statutes and regulations.¹ & ²

Each application or renewal form provided applicants for a classified position shall conspicuously state the following: "FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT. UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, A NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK MAY BE REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT".¹

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Hiring

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

No person shall be initially hired unless s/he holds at least a high school diploma or high school certificate of completion or ~~GED certificate~~ High School Equivalency Diploma or unless s/he shows progress, as defined by Administrative Regulations of the State Board for Adult, and Technical Education, toward obtaining a certificate of High School Equivalency Diploma. Employees shall hold the qualifications for the position as established by the Commissioner of Education.³

All paraprofessionals shall satisfy educational requirements specified by federal law.⁴

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2. Accruing continuing contract status or any other right to continuous employment;
3. Receiving fringe benefits other than those provided other substitutes; or
4. Receiving preference in employment or assignment over other substitutes.¹

No employee may use his/her employment status to influence the employment in the Jefferson County School District of a relative which is defined for the purposes of this paragraph of this policy as the employee's father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, or brother-in-law.

Hiring

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EMERGENCY HIRING

The Superintendent shall implement procedures for emergency hiring of staff to prevent disruption of necessary instructional or support services.

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The District shall enter into written contracts with all full-time and part-time classified staff.

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Kentucky Local District Classification Plan; 13 KAR 3:030; 702 KAR 3:320

Records Retention Schedule, Public School District

RELATED POLICIES:

01.11; 02.4244; 03.232; 03.27; 03.5; 06.221