

Kentucky Guardians

HIRING (CONTINUED)

2. A psychological suitability screening to determine the person's suitability to perform Guardian duties; and
 3. A polygraph examination to determine the person's suitability to perform Guardian duties;
- h) Has passed the following courses provided by the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT):
1. Active Shooter Response;
 2. Enhanced Handgun Performance; and
 3. Patrol Rifle;
- i) Has passed the marksmanship qualification requirement for a retired peace officer as specified in KRS 237.140;
- j) Has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States within the five (5) years immediately preceding an initial contract to be a Guardian as evidenced by a Department of Defense form DD 214, or is a retired Kentucky state trooper, retired special or sworn law enforcement officer, or former federal law enforcement officer. Each agency that employed a retired Kentucky state trooper, retired special law enforcement officer, or sworn law enforcement officer shall provide to the retired individual proof of prior employment in a prompt and efficient manner, without charge to the individual; and
- k) Has met any other requirements imposed by Board, which may include but are not limited to a preemployment written examination

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Each Guardian shall be required to complete annual firearm proficiency testing and shall meet the standard in the same manner as set forth in KRS 237.140(4)(a) to (c).

Each Guardian shall be required to complete the course requirements for School Resource Officer (SRO) Training I (SRO I).

The Board may require the completion of any additional courses and training as determined to be necessary by the Board.

Any cost associated with training shall be the responsibility of the Guardian unless otherwise agreed to by the Board. The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council shall not charge more to Guardians for tests, assessments, or training completed than what is customarily charged to any other type of applicant tested, assessed, or trained by the council.

EMPLOYMENT

The Board employing a Guardian shall collaborate with the local police department, local sheriff, area post of the Department of Kentucky State Police, and the State School Security Marshal in order to adopt District policy regarding:

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EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED)

- a) The job description of the Guardian, including but not limited to the scope of duties, responsibilities, and direct supervisor of the Guardian;
- b) The uniform to be worn by Guardians that would best suit the needs of the schools while also allowing outside agencies to easily identify Guardians;
- c) The procedures, processes, and chain of command to be used during an emergency in which law enforcement agencies are called to the school; and
- d) The type of firearm and ammunition to be used by the Guardian, if any.

IMMUNITY

The Board shall be immune from civil or criminal liability in all claims arising out of any action of a Guardian.

Guardians shall possess all the immunities and defenses now available or hereafter made available under state law to sheriffs, constables granted peace officer powers, and police officers in any suit brought against them in consequence of acts done in the course of their employment.

Nothing requires the Board to hire or provide Guardians. Participation by the Board in the use of a Guardian is voluntary and subject to the availability of District funds. Any board that opts to participate shall do so at its own expense.

REFERENCES:

1KRS 158.4431
KRS 160.380
KRS 237.110; KRS 237.140
KRS Chapter 510
KRS 527.070

RELATED POLICIES:

02.31; 05.48

LEGAL: HB 6 (2024 BUDGET BILL) REQUIRES SCHOOLS TO DISPLAY CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE LATEST SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE AND INCLUDE A LINK TO THE DETAILED RESULTS.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF UPDATING THE WEBSITE

ADMINISTRATION

02.442

Comprehensive School Improvement Plan

RESPONSIBILITY

Each school council, or Principal, in a school without a council, shall develop, review, and revise annually a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) in writing, for Board review and comment by January 1 of each school year.

In an SBDM school, the school council shall organize a planning process, consistent with District's established planning process. The structure of the CSIP shall include completion of a narrative summary of the current state of the school between August 1 and October 1 of each school year and completion of the needs assessment between October 1 and November 1 of each school year. A process for development of the CSIP is to be completed between November 1 and January 1 of each school year, and other components required by state statutes or regulations. Unless otherwise noted, all additional components of the CSIP may be complete by May 1 of each school year.

In a school without a council, the Principal shall appoint a School Planning Committee comprised, at a minimum, of four (4) teachers, four (4) parents, and a community representative. The high school(s) shall include a student on the committee. The community representative shall not be a teacher, spouse of a teacher, or a parent of child(ren) attending the District schools.

The primary purposes of the CSIP shall be:

- To improve student achievement on state and federal mandated testing/accountability instruments; and
- To eliminate achievement gaps among groups of students.

FORM

Unless the school planning committee requests and is granted a waiver by the Board, the school committee shall use any improvement plan format that has been established and approved by the Board. The CSIP structure shall include the components set out in 703 KAR 5:225, Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), and the elements required by KRS 158.649.

In addition, the school council, or school planning committee appointed by the Principal if there is no school council, shall review annually the school's disaggregated student data and revise the school's School Improvement Plan, as required by applicable statute and regulation, to address any achievement gaps between various groups of students.

The plan shall also address the reduction of physical and mental health barriers to learning, student equity, District safety and student discipline assessments, and District goals established by the Board.

The school plan shall serve as a resource for school/council decision making and shall be posted to the school's web site.

PUBLIC REVIEW

The Principal shall convene a public meeting at the school to present and discuss the plan prior to submitting it to the Superintendent and Board.

SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

Each school shall post its school report card on its website as required by ESSA. School report cards shall be widely accessible to the public, in an understandable and uniform format, and when possible, written in a language that parents can understand.

Comprehensive School Improvement Plan

SCHOOL REPORT CARDS (CONTINUED)

As outlined in KRS 160.463, a copy of the report card is to be publicized by one of the following methods:

- a. In the newspaper of the largest general circulation in the county;
- b. Electronically on a website of the District; or
- c. By printed copy at a prearranged site at the main branch of the public library within the District.

If b or c above is selected, the Superintendent shall be directed to publish notification in the newspaper with the largest circulation in the county. The notification shall include the electronic address of the website or the address of the library where the report card can be viewed by the public.

Each school shall send to parents a school report card containing information about school performance as outlined in KRS 158.6453 and 703 KAR 5:140, and information on electronic access to a summary of the results for the district shall be published in the newspaper with the largest circulation in the county.

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

The School shall prominently display, in not less than 16-point type, on the School's internet landing page, the School's percentage of students scoring the following:

- **Proficient and Distinguished in Reading; and**
- **Proficient and Distinguished in Mathematics.**

The information above will also be displayed at the top of each page of the School's website in a banner format.

The School shall display on the internet landing page a web link to the detailed results of the School's performance on the most recent Summative Assessment.

BOARD REVIEW

The school's plan for eliminating gaps among various groups of students shall be presented to the Board for its review and comment. The Board may share its comments, in writing, with the council.

In keeping with Board Policy 02.44, each School Council or School Planning Committee shall annually report to the Board regarding the progress toward achieving the goals and desired outcomes and meeting the needs identified in the improvement plan, including those for student groups for whom data indicate an achievement gap exists.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.645; KRS 158.6451; KRS 158.6453; KRS 158.649
KRS 160.290; KRS 160.345; KRS 160.463
703 KAR 5:140; 703 KAR 5:225; 703 KAR 5:280; **2024 Budget Bill**
P. L. 114-95 (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)

ADMINISTRATION

02.442
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Comprehensive School Improvement Plan

RELATED POLICIES:

01.111; 02.432; 02.44

LEGAL: HB 278 AMENDS KRS 160.380 TO INCLUDE PROHIBITIONS ON THE SUPERINTENDENT HIRING ANY PERSON THAT HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE THAT WOULD CLASSIFY A PERSON AS A VIOLENT OFFENDER, BEEN CONVICTED OF A SEX CRIME (INCLUDING CERTAIN MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES) OR IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

LEGAL: EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS NOT ACTED UPON ARE TO BE RETAINED FOR TWO YEARS PER THE KDLA RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

LEGAL: THE LINK TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY CA/N CHECKS HAS CHANGED.

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 the actions, shall notify the Board of same. Such notification shall be recorded in the Board minutes.

When a vacancy occurs, the Superintendent shall submit the job posting to the statewide job posting system fifteen (15) days before the position is to be filled.

When a vacancy needs to be filled in less than fifteen (15) days to prevent disruption of necessary instructional or support services of the school District, the Superintendent may seek a waiver of the fifteen (15) day advance notice requirement from the Chief State School Officer. If the waiver is approved, the appointment shall not be made until the person selected by the Superintendent has been approved by the Chief State School Officer.

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 next preceding the beginning of the 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. Qualifications established by Bullitt County Board of Education are listed as General Selection Factors in Procedure 03.11 AP.1.

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

All teachers shall meet applicable certification or licensure requirements as defined by state and federal regulation.³

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 form provided by the employer to an applicant for a certified position shall conspicuously state the following:

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING (CONTINUED)

"FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND A LETTER, PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, FROM THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES STATING THE APPLICANT HAS NO ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FOUND THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES."

~~Initial e~~Employment shall be contingent on receipt of records documenting that the individual ~~has does~~ not ~~have been convicted of an offense that would classify a person as a violent offender under KRS 439.3401, a conviction for a felony~~ sex crime ~~defined by KRS 17.500 or a misdemeanor offense under KRS Chapter 510, or is required to register as a sex offender, as a violent offender as defined in KRS 17.165~~ or other conviction determined by the Superintendent to bear a reasonable relationship to the ability of the individual to perform the job. Employment shall also be contingent on receipt of a letter from the Cabinet provided by the individual documenting that the individual does not have an administrative finding of child abuse or neglect in records maintained by the Cabinet.

"Administrative finding of child abuse or neglect" means a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect issued by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that is:

1. Not appealed through an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B;
2. Upheld at an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B and not appealed to a Circuit Court; or
3. Upheld by a Circuit Court in an appeal of the results of an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.¹

Alcohol and drug convictions and pending charges, within five (5) years of application, shall disqualify applicants.

Probationary employment shall terminate on receipt of a criminal history background check documenting a conviction for a felony sex crime or as a violent offender.

The program and user instructions are on the Kentucky Online Gateway (KOG): <https://kog.chfs.ky.gov/home/>.

Link to DPP-156 Central Registry Check and more information on the required CA/N check: <http://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter30/33/Pages/3013RequestfromthePublicforCANChecksandCentralRegistryChecks.aspx>

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

REPORT TO SUPERINTENDENT

An employee shall report to the Superintendent if the employee has been found by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to have abused or neglected a child, and if the employee has waived the right to appeal such a substantiated finding or the finding has been upheld upon appeal.

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JOB REGISTER

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall maintain in the Central Office an online job register listing all current job openings in the District. The register shall describe the duties and qualifications for each opening, and District employment policies shall be attached to the register. The job register shall be open to public inspection during Central Office business hours.

VACANCIES POSTED

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, a listing of all District job openings shall be posted online for public viewing. Postings of vacancies may be made with other agencies, as appropriate.

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 and each applicant so notified upon initial application. Applications for candidates not employed shall be retained for two (2)~~three (3)~~ years and shall remain active for one (1) year.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Superintendent shall not employ a relative of a member of the Board.

A relative 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.¹

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

CONTRACT

Except for noncontracted substitute teachers, all certified personnel shall enter into annual 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.

Hiring

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.

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)

45 C.F.R. § 1302.90

KRS Chapter 13B

KRS 17.160; KRS 17.165; KRS 17.500 to KRS 17.580

KRS 156.106; KRS 160.345; KRS 160.390

KRS 161.042; KRS 161.611; KRS 161.750

KRS 335B.020; KRS 405.435

KRS 439.3401

KRS Chapter 510

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

OAG 18-017; 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:

01.11; 02.4244; 03.132

LEGAL: 702 KAR 3:330 REQUIRES THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DISTRICT PROVIDE CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE LIABILITY INSURANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN \$1 MILLION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE EMPLOYEE FROM LIABILITY ARISING IN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF PURSUING THE DUTIES OF HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF PROVIDING LIABILITY INSURANCE

PERSONNEL

03.124

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL-

Insurance

INSURANCE

The Board shall provide unemployment insurance;¹ workers' compensation;² and liability insurance for all certified personnel. In accordance with 702 KAR 3:330, the District shall provide Certified Employee Liability Insurance in an amount not less than one (1) million dollars for the protection of the employee from liability arising in the course and scope of pursuing the duties of his or her employment.³ In addition the Board shall provide term life insurance to fulltime employees.

The State shall provide group health and life insurance to employees who are eligible as determined by Kentucky Administrative Regulation.⁴

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Employees who qualify for workers' compensation benefits following an assault and injury, while performing assigned duties, should refer to policy 03.123.

Employees who qualify for Workers' Compensation may be offered the opportunity to participate in an Early Return to Work Program. Transition employment need not be in the same job classification or location, but must comply with the treating physician's restrictions and amendments until the participating employee achieves maximum medical recovery.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 341.050

²KRS 342.630

³702 KAR 3:330

⁴702 KAR 1:035

KRS 161.158; OAG 83151

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

Kentucky Constitution (Section 3); KRS 161.155; KRS 342.730(6)

RELATED POLICIES:

01.11; 03.1211; 03.123; 03.12322; 03.1241; 03.14

LEGAL: HB 5 AMENDS KRS 158.155 TO REQUIRE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO REPORT CERTAIN
ENUMERATED CRIMES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.
NOTE: IF YOUR POLICY CONTAINS DRUG TESTING LANGUAGE IT SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY YOUR
BOARD ATTORNEY.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.13251

- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -

Drug-Free/Alcohol-Free Schools

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND OTHER PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

District employees shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, be under the influence of, purchase, possess, use, or attempt to purchase or obtain, sell or transfer any of the following in the workplace or in the performance of duties:

1. Alcoholic beverages;
2. Controlled substances, prohibited drugs and substances, and drug paraphernalia; and
3. Substances that look like a controlled substance. In instances involving look-alike substances, there must be evidence of the employee's intent to pass off the item as a controlled substance.

In addition, employees shall not possess prescription drugs for the purpose of sale or distribution.

DEFINITIONS

Controlled substance shall mean any substance or immediate precursor listed in Chapter 218A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or any other substance added by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Human Services under regulations pursuant to KRS 218A.020.

Prohibited drugs include, but are not limited to, any substance that an individual may not sell, possess, use, distribute or purchase under Federal or Kentucky law.

Prohibited substances include:

1. All prescription drugs obtained without authorization, and
2. All prohibited substances however taken or used, including but not limited to, inhaling, ingesting, and/or injecting. These include, but are not limited to, prescribed and over-the-counter drugs, prohibited volatile substances as defined in KRS 217.900 or synthetic compounds/substances that are used or intended for use for an abusive and/or intoxicating purpose.

AUTHORIZED DRUGS

Employees who personally use or who are designated to administer to a student a drug authorized by and administered in accordance with a prescription from a health professional shall not be considered in violation of this policy.

Drug-Free/Alcohol-Free Schools**WORKPLACE DEFINED**

Workplace shall mean the site for the performance of work done for the District including any place where work on a District program, project or activity is performed, including, but not limited to, a school building or other school premises and any school-owned vehicle or any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities. "Workplace" shall also include school-sponsored or school-approved activities, events or functions which are held off school property and in which students are under District jurisdiction including, but not limited to, field trips and athletic events.

REASONABLE SUSPICION TESTING

When, in the opinion of the Superintendent/designee, there is reasonable suspicion that an employee is under the influence of or has recently consumed alcohol or controlled substances or when the employee poses a threat to himself, students or other employees, the Superintendent may require the employee to undergo a drug or alcohol examination and report by a testing facility of the Superintendent's choosing. The Board shall bear the cost of this examination.

Employees who refuse to comply with testing requirements shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Refusal to submit to an alcohol or controlled substance test means that the individual demonstrated noncompliance, including but not limited to the following actions:

- Failed to appear for any test within a reasonable period of time as determined by the employer;
- Failed to remain at the testing site until the testing process was completed;
- Failed to provide a sample specimen for any required test;
- Failed to provide a sample in an amount sufficient for testing without an adequate medical reason for the failure;
- Failed to undergo a medical examination as directed by the Superintendent/designee as part of the verification process for the previous listed reason;
- Failed or declined to submit to a second test that the employer or collector has directed the employee to take;
- Failed to cooperate with any of the testing process; and/or
- Adulterated or substituted a test result as reported by the testing facility.

SUSPENSION/TERMINATION/NON-RENEWAL

Any employee who violates the terms of this policy may be suspended, non-renewed or terminated. In addition, violations may result in notification of appropriate legal officials.

Drug-Free/Alcohol-Free Schools

ALTERNATIVE

As an alternative, the Superintendent may choose that an employee who violates the terms of the District's drug-free/alcohol-free workplace policies shall satisfactorily participate in a Board-approved drug/alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program. If the employee fails to satisfactorily participate in such a program, the employee may be suspended, non-renewed or terminated.

REPORTING

Any school employee who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a person has violated KRS 158.155 shall immediately report any use, possession, or sale of a controlled substance, or who receives information from a student or other person of conduct which is required to be reported, shall immediately cause a report to be made to the District's law enforcement agency and either the local law enforcement agency or the Kentucky State Police.

NOTIFICATION BY EMPLOYEE

Any employee convicted of a workplace violation of criminal drug statutes shall, within five (5) working days, provide notification of the conviction to the Superintendent.

POST-DISCIPLINE DRUG TESTING

Following determination by an administrative or judicial proceeding that s/he engaged in misconduct involving the illegal use of controlled substances, a teacher who has been reprimanded or disciplined for misconduct involving illegal use of controlled substances shall submit to random or periodic drug testing in accordance with applicable Kentucky Administrative Regulation for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months from the date of such reprimand or disciplinary action.

PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Superintendent shall establish a comprehensive and on-going drug-free/alcohol-free prevention program for all employees which shall include notice of the following:

1. The dangers of drug/alcohol/substance abuse in the schools;
2. The District's policies and related procedures on drug-free/alcohol-free schools;
3. The requirement for mandatory compliance with the District's established standards of conduct, including those that prohibit use of alcohol, drugs and other controlled and prohibited substances;
4. Information about available drug/alcohol counseling programs and available rehabilitation/employee assistance programs; and
5. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for violations of this policy.

Deleted: Employees of the District shall promptly make a report to the local police department, sheriff, or Kentucky State Police, by telephone or otherwise, if they know or have reasonable cause to believe that conduct has occurred which constitutes the use, possession, or sale of controlled substances on the school premises or within one thousand (1,000) feet of school premises, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored or sanctioned event.

PERSONNEL

03.13251
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Drug-Free/Alcohol-Free Schools

REFERENCES:

| KRS 158.155; KRS 160.290; KRS 160.380
| KRS 161.120; KRS 161.175; KRS 161.790
| KRS 217.900; KRS 218A.1430; KRS 218A.1447; KRS 218B.045
| 16 KAR 1:030; 701 KAR 5:130; 34 C.F.R Part 85

RELATED POLICIES:

| 03.1325; 08.1345; 09.2211; 09.2241

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

Hiring

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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

EFFECTIVE DATE

Personnel actions shall not be effective until the employee receives written notice of such action from the Superintendent.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Superintendent shall employ only individuals who possess qualifications established by law, regulation, and Board policy except in the case where no individual applies who meets established qualifications.

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 High School Equivalency Diploma. Licenses or credentials issued by a government entity that require specialized skill or training may substitute for this requirement. 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

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING AND PROBATIONARY EMPLOYMENT

Applicants and employees shall undergo records checks and testing as required by applicable statutes and regulations.^{1&2} Bus drivers and applicants requiring a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) must undergo additional background and substance use checks per Board Policy 06.221.

Each application form provided by the employer to an applicant for a classified position shall conspicuously state the following:

"FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND A LETTER, PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, FROM THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES STATING THE APPLICANT HAS NO ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FOUND THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES."

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING AND PROBATIONARY EMPLOYMENT (CONT.)

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Hiring

RELATIONSHIPS

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4. Receiving preference in employment or assignment over other substitutes.¹

A relative of the Superintendent shall not be employed except as provided by KRS 160.380.¹

CONTRACT

All regular full-time and part-time classified personnel shall enter into annual written contracts with the District.

EMERGENCY HIRING

During emergency situations, job openings may be filled without listing in the job register or posting in District buildings.

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.

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

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.380

²702 KAR 5:080

³KRS 161.011

⁴P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)

20 U.S.C. § 7926; 42 U.S.C. § 9843a(g)

34 C.F.R. § 200.58; 45 C.F.R. § 1302.90

49 C.F.R. § 382.701; 49 C.F.R. § 382.703

KRS Chapter 13B

KRS 17.160; KRS 17.165; KRS 17.500 to KRS 17.580

KRS 156.070; KRS 160.345; KRS 160.390

KRS 335B.020; KRS 405.435

KRS 439.3401

KRS Chapter 510

OAG 18-017; OAG 9110; OAG 91149; OAG 91206

OAG 921; OAG 9259; OAG 9278; OAG 92131; OAG 97-6

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

LEGAL: HB 5 AMENDS KRS 158.155 TO REQUIRE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO REPORT CERTAIN ENUMERATED CRIMES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

NOTE: IF YOUR POLICY CONTAINS DRUG TESTING LANGUAGE IT SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY YOUR BOARD ATTORNEY.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

PERSONNEL

03.23251

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

DrugFree/AlcoholFree Schools

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND OTHER PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

District employees shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, be under the influence of, purchase, possess, use or attempt to purchase or obtain, sell or transfer any of the following in the workplace or in the performance of duties:

1. Alcoholic beverages;
2. Controlled substances, prohibited drugs and substances, and drug paraphernalia; and
3. Substances that "look like" a controlled substance. In instances involving lookalike substances, there must be evidence of the employee's intent to pass off the item as a controlled substance.

In addition, employees shall not possess prescription drugs for the purpose of sale or distribution.

DEFINITIONS

Controlled substance shall mean any substance or immediate precursor listed in Chapter 218A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or any other substance added by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Human Services under regulations pursuant to KRS 218A.020.

Prohibited drugs include, but are not limited to, any substance that an individual may not sell, possess, use, distribute or purchase under Federal or Kentucky law.

Prohibited substances include:

1. All prescription drugs obtained without authorization, and
2. All prohibited substances however taken or used, including but not limited to, inhaling, ingesting, and/or injecting. These include, but are not limited to, prescribed and over-the-counter drugs, prohibited volatile substances as defined in KRS 217.900 or synthetic compounds/substances that are used or intended for use for an abusive and/or intoxicating purpose.

AUTHORIZED DRUGS

Employees who personally use or who are designated to administer to a student a drug authorized by and administered in accordance with a prescription from a health professional shall not be considered in violation of this policy.

DrugFree/AlcoholFree Schools

WORKPLACE DEFINED

Workplace shall mean the site for the performance of work done for the District including any place where work on a District program, project or activity is performed, including, but not limited to, a school building or other school premises and any schoolowned vehicle or any other schoolapproved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities. "Workplace" shall also include schoolsponsored or schoolapproved activities, events or functions which are held off school property and in which students are under District jurisdiction including, but not limited to, field trips and athletic events.

REASONABLE SUSPICION TESTING

When, in the opinion of the Superintendent/designee, there is reasonable suspicion that an employee is under the influence of or has recently consumed alcohol or controlled substances or when the employee poses a threat to himself, students or other employees, the Superintendent may require the employee to undergo a drug or alcohol examination and report by a testing facility of the Superintendent's choosing. The Board shall bear the cost of this examination.

Employees who refuse to comply with testing requirements shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Refusal to submit to an alcohol or controlled substance test means that the individual demonstrated noncompliance, including but not limited to the following actions:

- Failed to appear for any test within a reasonable period of time as determined by the employer;
- Failed to remain at the testing site until the testing process was completed;
- Failed to provide a sample specimen for any required test;
- Failed to provide a sample in an amount sufficient for testing without an adequate medical reason for the failure;
- Failed to undergo a medical examination as directed by the Superintendent/designee as part of the verification process for the previous listed reason;
- Failed or declined to submit to a second test that the employer or collector has directed the employee to take;
- Failed to cooperate with any of the testing process; and/or
- Adulterated or substituted a test result as reported by the testing facility.

SUSPENSION/TERMINATION/NONRENEWAL

Any employee who violates the terms of this policy may be suspended, nonrenewed or terminated. In addition, violations may result in notification of appropriate legal officials.

DrugFree/AlcoholFree Schools

ALTERNATIVE

As an alternative, the Superintendent may choose that an employee who violates the terms of the District's drugfree/alcoholfree workplace policies shall satisfactorily participate in a Boardapproved drug/alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program. If the employee fails to satisfactorily participate in such a program, the employee may be suspended, nonrenewed or terminated.

REPORTING

~~Any school employee who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a person has violated KRS 158.155 shall immediately report any use, possession, or sale of a controlled substance, or who receives information from a student or other person of conduct which is required to be reported, shall immediately cause a report to be made to the District's law enforcement agency and either the local law enforcement agency or the Kentucky State Police. Employees of the District shall promptly make a report to the local police department, sheriff, or Kentucky State Police, by telephone or otherwise, if they know or have reasonable cause to believe that conduct has occurred which constitutes the use, possession, or sale of controlled substances on the school premises or within one thousand (1,000) feet of school premises, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored or sanctioned event.~~

NOTIFICATION BY EMPLOYEE

Any employee convicted of a workplace violation of criminal drug statutes shall, within five (5) working days, provide notification of the conviction to the Superintendent.

PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Superintendent shall establish a comprehensive and on-going drugfree/alcoholfree prevention program for all employees which shall include notice of the following:

1. The dangers of drug/alcohol/substance abuse in the schools;
2. The District's policies and related procedures on drugfree/alcoholfree schools;
3. The requirement for mandatory compliance with the District's established standards of conduct, including those that prohibit use of alcohol, drugs and other controlled and prohibited substances;
4. Information about available drug/alcohol counseling programs and available rehabilitation/employee assistance programs; and
5. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for violations of this policy.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.155; KRS 160.290; KRS 217.900
KRS 218A.1430; KRS 218A.1447; KRS 218B.045
34 C.F.R. Part 85

RELATED POLICIES:

03.2325; 08.1345; 09.2211; 09.2241

LEGAL: HB 727 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 162 TO ALLOW DISTRICTS TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND OBTAIN BANK LOANS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING OR ACQUIRING ANY SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF ISSUING BONDS AND REVENUE FROM BOND SALES
FISCAL MANAGEMENT

04.5

Revenue Bonds

SALE

A District may issue a bond, including general obligation bonds, sold directly to banks, private investors, and financial institutions for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing or acquiring any school buildings and appurtenances for school purposes.

The sale of any school revenue or school-voted bond issues is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education.

ISSUANCE

School revenue or schoolvoted bonds will be issued in accordance with 702 KAR 3:020 and KRS Chapter 162.

FISCAL AGENTS

The Board shall select the fiscal agent for the proposed bond issue. The fiscal agent shall employ appropriate bond counsel subject to the approval of the Board.

REFERENCES:

702 KAR 3:020

KRS Chapter 62

KRS 162.080; KRS 162.085; KRS 162.090; ~~KRS 162.100~~

KRS 162.100; KRS 162.170; KRS 162.180; KRS 162.185

KRS 162.190; KRS 162.200; KRS 162.280

KRS 162.290; KRS 162.300; KRS 162.360

KRS 162.385; KRS 162.520; KRS 162.580

KRS 162.600; KRS 162.620; KRS 162.990