Boone County School District 2025-2026 Certified Salary Schedule Recommendation

This recommendation applies to the certified salary schedules and employees whose salaries are indexed to the certified salary schedule.

Step/Increment

It is agreed that all eligible certified employees shall receive a step increment for the 2025-2026 school year. For example, a teacher who qualifies for a step/increment and is Rank II Experience Step 14 for the 2024-2025 school year, and who remains a Rank II teacher for the 2025-2026 school year, shall be placed on Experience Step 15.

Salary Schedule

The salary schedule set forth in Appendix II shall have the following adjustments:

- (i) All rows and columns of the "Boone County School District Certified Salary Schedules 2024-2025" shall be increased by 3%. For each cell of the salary schedule, the current salary shall be multiplied by 1.03 and then rounded to the nearest integer.
- (ii) As a second and succeeding step, for the purposes of further increasing salaries for teachers with fewer years of experience, the salary schedule will secondly be adjusted by adding \$100 to Experience Step 29, followed by adding an additional \$100 to Experience Step 28 (i.e. \$100x 2), followed by increasing Experience Step 27 by \$100x3, followed by increasing Experience Step 26 by \$100 x 4. This pattern shall continue until the lower experience steps receive the following increases: Experience Step 4 shall have salary increased by \$100 x 26; Experience Step 3 shall have salary increased by \$100 x 27; Experience Step 2 shall have salary increased by \$100 x 28; Experience Step 1 shall have salary increased by \$100 x 29; and Experience Step 0 shall have salary increased by \$100 x 30, resulting in an additional salary increase for Experience Step 0 of \$3,000.

The enclosed "Boone County School District Certified Salary Schedules 2025-2026" and subsequently approved by the BCS School Board shall be the final and official salary as compared to the above descriptions.

Benefits

The Board shall maintain a retirement plan, the "BCS Savings Plan", qualified under Section 401(a) or 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The school district shall:

- (i) Match the employee's 403(b) plan for 1% of the employee's base contract amount. The employee must contribute at least 1% of the employee's base contract amount in order to qualify for the employer match;
- (ii) Provide the qualifying employee with an additional 401(a) or 403(b) payment in the amount of \$2,000 for qualifying employees who are on experience step 0 through experience step 4 of the Salary Schedule. Qualifying employees must participate in (i) by contributing at least 1% of the employee's base contract amount each year in order to be eligible for the additional 401(a) or 403(b) payment.

The school district's matching contribution shall be made to the employee's 401(a) or 403(b) account under the Plan. The school district may make the matching contribution at any point throughout the contractual year and may do so in one lump-sum payment or distributed over multiple payments. All contractual employees who begin their employment with BCS on or after July 1, 2025 shall have a 5-year vesting requirement in order to receive any matching funds provided by BCS as 401(a) or 403(b) payments. BCS employees who begin employment prior to July 1, 2025 shall have no vesting requirement.

Boone County School District 2025-2026 Classified "Hourly" Salary Schedule Recommendation

This recommendation applies to the classified "hourly" salary schedules for grades 1-42, which includes secretaries, bookkeepers, custodians, computer technicians, interpreters, food service workers, paraeducators, and bus drivers.

Step/Increment

It is agreed that all eligible hourly employees shall receive a step increment for the 2025-2026 school year. For example, an employee who qualifies for a step/increment and is G20 Experience Step 14 for the 2024-2025 school year, assuming all other qualifications are met, shall be placed on Experience Step 15.

Classified "Hourly" Salary Schedule

The classified "hourly" salary schedule shall have the following adjustments:

(i) All cells within rows and columns of the classified "hourly" salary schedules 2024-2025 shall be increased by 3% or \$1.00, whichever is greater.

Benefits

The Board shall maintain a retirement plan, the "BCS Savings Plan", qualified under Section 401(a) or 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The school district shall:

(i) Match the employee's 403(b) plan for 1% of the employee's base contracted salary amount. The employee must contribute at least 1% of the employee's base contract amount in order to qualify for the employer match;

The school district's matching contribution shall be made to the employee's 401(a) or 403(b) account under the Plan. The school district may make the matching contribution at any point throughout the contractual year and may do so in one lump-sum payment or distributed over multiple payments. All contractual employees who begin their employment with BCS on or after July 1, 2025 shall have a 5-year vesting requirement in order to receive any matching funds provided by BCS as 401(a) or 403(b) payments. BCS employees who begin employment prior to July 1, 2025 shall have no vesting requirement.

BOONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CERTIFIED SALARY SCHEDULES 2025-2026

	RANK I				
MASTERS DEGREE plus 30 hours					
EXPERIENCE STEP		2025-2026			
0	\$	58,217			
1	\$	59,243			
2	\$	60,269			
3	\$	61,307			
4	\$	62,367			
5	\$	63,426			
6	\$	64,485			
7	\$	65,544			
8	\$	66,604			
9	\$	67,663			
10	\$	68,721			
11	\$	69,781			
12	\$	70,840			
13	\$	71,900			
14	\$	72,958			
15	\$	74,017			
16	\$	75,077			
17	\$	76,136			
18	\$	77,195			
19	\$	78,254			
20	\$	79,314			
21	\$	80,373			
22	\$	81,431			
23	\$	82,491			
24	\$	83,550			
25	\$	84,610			
26	\$	85,669			
27	\$	86,727			
28	\$	87,033			
29	\$	87,339			
30	\$	87,645			

RANK II				
MASTERS DEGREE				
EXPERIENCE STEP	2025-2026			
0	\$	53,719		
1	\$	54,744		
2	\$	55,769		
3	\$	56,794		
4	\$	57,818		
5	\$	58,843		
6	\$	59,869		
7	\$	60,907		
8	\$	61,966		
9	\$	63,026		
10	\$	64,085		
11	\$	65,144		
12	\$	66,204		
13	\$	67,263		
14	\$	68,321		
15	\$	69,381		
16	\$	70,440		
17	\$	71,500		
18	\$	72,558		
19	\$	73,617		
20	\$	74,677		
21	\$	75,736		
22	\$	76,795		
23	\$	77,854		
24	\$	78,914		
25	\$	79,973		
26	\$	81,031		
27	\$	82,091		
28	\$	82,396		
29	\$	82,701		
30	\$	83,006		

RANK III				
BACHELORS DEGREE				
EXPERIENCE STEP	2025-2026			
0	\$	50,548		
1	\$	50,910		
2	\$	51,273		
3	\$	52,298		
4	\$	53,322		
5	\$	54,347		
6	\$	55,372		
7	\$	56,397		
8	\$	57,422		
9	\$	58,448		
10	\$	59,474		
11	\$	60,512		
12	\$	61,571		
13	\$	62,631		
14	\$	63,689		
15	\$	64,748		
16	\$	65,808		
17	\$	66,867		
18	\$	67,926		
19	\$	68,985		
20	\$	70,044		
21	\$	71,104		
22	\$	72,163		
23	\$	73,222		
24	\$	74,281		
25	\$	75,341		
26	\$	76,400		
27	\$	77,458		
28	\$	77,763		
29	\$	78,068		
30	\$	78,373		

RANK IV	\$	39,519	

^{*} Certified employees must work 140 days at .5 or above to recevie their annual step increase (KRS: 157.320)

^{**} Any certified employee with Rank 1 or Rank 2 certification, and holding an approved Doctorate degree, will receive an additional three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)

^{*** \$2,000} salary supplement for teachers in District specialized classrooms (Emotional and Behavior Disability, Moderate to Severe Disabilities, and Autism), as defined by the Director of Special Education.