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CSBA Sample Board Policy

All Personnel

BP 4151(a)

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EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

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Note: Districts that include provisions related to employee compensation in their collective bargaining agreements should modify or delete the following **optional** policy accordingly.

In order to recruit and retain employees committed to the district's goals for student learning, the Governing Board recognizes the importance of offering a competitive compensation package which includes salaries and health and welfare benefits.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3400 - Management of Districts Assets/Accounts)

(cf. 4000 - Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)

Note: Education Code 45023 and 45162 require the Governing Board to adopt salary schedules for certificated and classified employees, respectively. For districts operating under a merit system, Education Code 45268 specifies that the personnel commission will recommend a salary schedule for classified employees to the Board for approval and that the Board may not amend the schedule without first giving the commission an opportunity to respond to the amendments.

The Board shall adopt separate salary schedules for certificated, classified, and supervisory and administrative personnel. These schedules shall comply with law and collective bargaining agreements and shall be printed and made available for review at the district office. (Education Code 45022, 45023, 45160, 45162, 45268)

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)

Each certificated employee, except an employee in an administrative or supervisory position, shall be classified on the salary schedule on the basis of uniform allowance for education level and years of experience, unless the Board and employee organization negotiate and mutually agree to a salary schedule based on different criteria. Certificated employees shall not be placed in different classifications on the schedule, nor paid different salaries, solely on the basis of the grade levels at which they teach. (Education Code 45028)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

Salary schedules for staff who are not a part of a bargaining unit shall be determined by the Board at the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 45038, certificated employees may be paid once every two weeks, twice a month, or once every four weeks. The Board may also choose to pay certificated employees, or one or more individual employees, in 10, 11, or 12 equal payments over the year. Education Code 45039 provides that, if the Board arranges to pay certificated employees in 12 equal payments for the year, it may pay each monthly installment at the end of each calendar month, whether or not the employees are engaged in teaching during the month. Education Code 45165 addresses salary payments for classified employees who are employed 9-11 months per year.

Education Code 45048 and 45165 provide specific timelines for issuing salary payments depending on the frequency of payments. If payments are not made in a timely manner, the district is required to pay the employee interest on the unpaid amount.

The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the payroll schedule determined by the Board.

The Board shall determine the frequency and schedule of salary payments, including whether payments for employees who work less than 12 months per year will be made over the course of the school year or in equal installments over the calendar year. (Education Code 45038, 45039, 45048, 45165)

Note: According to Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-20-17, during extraordinary circumstances such as a pandemic which interrupts district operations, employees paid with federal grant funds can continue to be paid out of federal grant funds as long as other similarly situated employees paid with nonfederal funds are continuing to get compensated. The following optional paragraph establishes such emergency contingencies so that the Board may continue to provide employee compensation during such times.

In extraordinary circumstances or emergency situations, the Board may determine to continue to compensate employees during periods of extended closure or disruption of normal district operations when permitted by law and consistent with collective bargaining agreements and memoranda of understanding.

Note: Pursuant to 29 CFR 516.4, districts are required to post a notice of the minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (29 USC 201-219) in a conspicuous place at all work sites. The poster that must be used by state and local governments is available on the web site of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.

The Superintendent or designee shall post a notice explaining the Fair Labor Standards Act's wage and hour provisions in a conspicuous place at each work site. (29 CFR 516.4)

Overtime Compensation

Note: Pursuant to the FLSA (29 CFR 553.20) and ~~Labor Code 510~~ **Education Code 45128**, employees who are not specifically exempted by law, **including classified employees in both merit and non-merit system districts**, must receive overtime pay **or compensatory time off** at a rate not less than one and one-half

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times their regular rate of pay for hours worked in excess of **eight hours in any one day and in excess of 40 hours per work calendar week. However, if the Board has established a work day of less than eight hours but at least seven hours, and a work week of less than 40 hours but at least 35 hours, all time worked in excess of the established work schedule must be deemed overtime.** Furthermore, Labor Code 510 entitles employees to an overtime pay rate after working eight hours in one day, unless an alternative work week schedule allowed by law is approved. Pursuant to Labor Code 510, if an employee works more than 12 hours per work day or more than eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work, the employee must be paid twice the regular salary.

On September 24, 2019, the U.S. Department of Labor issued a final rule (29 CFR 541.600) raising the federal salary threshold for this exemption. However, the threshold is higher in California and thus state law prevails. Pursuant to Labor Code 515, executive, administrative, or professional employees are exempt from the overtime rules if their monthly salary is at least twice the state minimum wage for full-time employment. Furthermore, the salary threshold is not affected by any local minimum wage that is higher than the state minimum wage.

Pursuant to Education Code 45130, districts are not required to pay overtime for any classified positions established by the Board, or by the personnel commission in a merit system district, as supervisory, administrative, or executive. In approving positions for exclusion from the overtime provisions, the Board or personnel commission must certify in writing that the duties, flexibility of hours, salary, benefit structure, and authority of the positions are of such a nature that they should be set apart from those positions which are subject to the overtime provisions. See BP/AR 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel. However, Education Code 45130 requires that, if a classified employee in an exempt position is required to work on a holiday designated in law or by the Board, the employee must be paid the regular pay for that day plus compensation or compensatory time off at a rate not less than the employee's normal rate of pay.

Overtime pay requirements are also not applicable to school administrators or teachers in elementary or secondary schools under specific exemptions in 29 USC 213 and 29 CFR 541.303. Pursuant to 29 CFR 541.303 and 541.600, teachers do not need to meet the salary level requirement to be exempt from overtime rules. 29 CFR 541.204 provides that, to be exempt from overtime rules, administrators must either meet the salary level requirement or be compensated on a salary basis that is at least equal to the entrance salary for teachers in the administrator's school.

District employees shall be paid an overtime rate of not less than one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of eight hours in one day or 40 hours in one work week, or twice their regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of 12 hours in one day or eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work. However, **teachers, school administrators, and other employees shall be exempt from overtime rules if they are employed as teachers or school administrators or if they qualify as being employed in an in positions established by the Board as executive, administrative, or professional shall be exempt from overtime rules** capacity and are paid a monthly salary that is at least twice the state minimum wage for full-time employment. (Labor Code 510, 515; **Education Code 45128, 45130**; 29 USC 213; 29 CFR 541.0-541.710, 553.27, 553.32)

(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)

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Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that allow employees to take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation as authorized by 29 USC 207 and 29 CFR 553.20-553.25. Time off in lieu of overtime compensation is allowed only if provided for in a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement and must be provided at the rate of at least one and one-half hours for each hour of overtime work.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 553.21, an employee must be allowed to use earned compensatory time within a "reasonable period" after making the request. 29 CFR 553.25 provides that a "reasonable period" is determined on a case-by-case basis by considering customary work practices such as the normal work schedule, anticipated peak workloads based on past experience, emergency requirements for staff and services, and the availability of qualified substitute staff. **Education Code 45129 provides that the compensatory time off must be used within 12 calendar months.**

When authorized in a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement between the district and employees, an employee may take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation, provided the employee has not accrued compensatory time in excess of the limits specified in 29 USC 207. An employee who has requested the use of compensatory time shall be allowed to use such time within **a reasonable period 12 calendar months** after making the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt district operations. (**Education Code 45129**; 29 USC 207; 29 CFR 553.20-553.25)

For each nonexempt employee, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain records on the employee's wages, hours, and other information specified in 29 CFR 516.5-516.6.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

45022-45061.5 Salaries, especially:

45023 Availability of salary schedule

45028 Salary schedule for certificated employees

45127-45133.5 Classified employees; work week; overtime provisions

45160-45169 Salaries for classified employees

45268 Salary schedule for classified service in merit system districts

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3540-3549 Meeting and negotiating, especially:

3543.2 Scope of representation

3543.7 Duty to meet and negotiate in good faith

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

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LABOR CODE

226 Employee access to payroll records

232 Disclosure of wages

510 Overtime compensation; length of work day and week; alternative schedules

515 Overtime exemption for administrative, executive, and professional employees

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11040 Wages and hours; definitions of administrative, executive, and professional employees

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

409A Deferred compensation plans

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

201-219 Fair Labor Standards Act, especially:

203 Definitions

207 Overtime

213 Exemptions from minimum wage and overtime requirements

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26

1.409A-1 Definitions and covered plans

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

516.4 Notice of minimum wage and overtime provisions

516.5-516.6 Records

541.0-541.710 Exemptions for executive, administrative, and professional employees

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U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division: <https://www.dol.gov/whd>

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