PERSONNEL

General Personnel - Staff Development Program

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a staff development program. The goal of such program shall be to update and improve the skills and knowledge of staff members in order to achieve and maintain a high level of job performance and satisfaction. Additionally, the development program for certificated staff members shall be designed to effectuate the District and School Improvement Plan so that student learning objectives meet or exceed goals established by the District and State.

The District will provide staff development opportunities through:

1. planned in-service programs, courses, seminars, and workshops offered within the District;
2. visits to other classrooms and schools, and attendance at conferences, workshops, and other meetings;
3. leaves of absence for advanced training and internships.

With the Superintendent's approval, staff members may be released with full pay to attend conventions, professional meetings and workshops, visit exemplary programs, and participate in other professional growth activities. At the time of approval, the Superintendent will indicate which expenses, if any, will be reimbursed by the District.

With the Superintendent's approval, staff members may be released with full pay to serve as speakers, consultants, or resource persons outside the District. The staff member accepting such assignments may not accept any fee or honorarium other than a reasonable fee for preparation done outside of the working day. The employee or the institution receiving the services is responsible for travel, lodging, and meal expenses and for substitute costs if any are incurred.

The staff development program shall provide, at a minimum, at least once every 2 years, the in-service training of certificated school personnel and administrators on current best practices regarding the identification and treatment of attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, the application of non-aversive behavioral interventions in the school environment, and the use of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication for school-age children.

The staff development program shall provide, at a minimum, once every 2 years, the in-service training of all District staff on educator ethics, teacher-student conduct, and school employee-student conduct.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.39, 5/10-23.12, 5/24-5, and 110/3.
745 ILCS 49/ (Good Samaritan Act)

CROSS REF.: 3:40 (Superintendent), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 4:160 (Hazardous and Infectious Materials), 5:90 (General Personnel – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:120 (Ethics), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:20 (School Year and Calendar Day), 7:285 (Food Allergy Management Program), 7:290 (Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program)

ADMIN PROC.: 4:60-AP (Environmental Quality and Buildings and Grounds), 4:170-AP6 (Plan for Responding to a Medical Emergency at an Indoor Physical Fitness Facility), 5:100-AP (Staff Development Program), 5:150-AP (Personnel Records), 7:250-AP1 (Measures to Control the Spread of Head Lice at School)

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