2016-2017

Summary of Activities

Examinations
Examinations Announced22
Applications Received8,951
Applications Rejected6,157
Candidates Eligible to be Examined*2,794
*Some candidates eligible to retest under
Open & Continuous recruitments Examinations Conducted:
• Written17
• Performance3
• Experience6
Oral Technical5
• QAI0
• Final Interviews33
Proficiency1
Candidates Actually Examined938
Exams with ADA Accommodations0
Personnel Actions
Regular Employees47
New Employees:
• Regular49
• Substitute54
Provisional Appointment2
Limited Term
Summer School
Reinstatements0
Transfers9
Increased Hours/Days13
Working Out of Class16
Re-employment0
Re-organization0
Reclassification0
Voluntary Demotions0
Terminations:
Resignations16
Retirements2
• Deaths0
• Dismissals2
• Layoffs0
To Re-Employment List10

New Classifications No new classifications

"A school district's focus should be providing the best for students. ... We should ensure we have the best people at every position. The merit system, in my opinion, does ensure that because it doesn't matter if it's the superintendent's brother, or my daughter, they have no more favoritism shown than anyone who walks in off the street."

DEANN HUDGENS
PERSONNEL COMMISSIONER 2015-PRESENT

Victor Valley Union High School District
Celebrating 50 Years of Merit

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PERSONNEL COMMISSION STAFF

De Shawn Dickinson
Director and Secretary to the Commission

Cynthia Jackson
CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL TECHNICIAN

Danika Williams
CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL TECHNICIAN

Katrina Williams
CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL TECHNICIAN

Personnel Commission

DeAnn Hudgens
Commission Chairperson

Anthony Valencia
Vice-Chairperson

Maria "Luisa" Macleod Member

ORGANIZATION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION

The Personnel Commission is a non-partisan public body responsible for the administration of the personnel "Merit System". In accordance with the Education Code, the "Merit System" includes the selection, retention, and promotion of classified (non-teaching) employees in a public school district.

The "Merit System" was voted into existence in this District by a simple majority vote of the classified employees on January 17, 1967.

The Personnel Commission is composed of three (3) members, one member directly appointed by the Board of Trustees; one member appointed by the Board of Trustees from the nomination submitted by the recognized employee organization; and the third member being appointed by the other two Personnel Commissioners.

The Commissioners are each appointed for a three-year term, with the term of one member expiring in each year. To be eligible for appointment to the Commission, the Education Code requires that each appointee: (a) "Be a registered voter and resident within the territorial jurisdiction of the school district", and (b) "Be a known adherent to the principles of the Merit System."

PERSONNEL COMMISSIONS ARE CHARGED WITH A THREE-FOLD RESPONSIBILITY:

- To assist the Governing Board and Administrators of the High School District in the quest for competent administration;
- To represent the interests of the general public by maintaining a personnel system dedicated to the hiring and keeping of qualified employees in the service of the District; and
- To see that classified employees receive fair and equitable treatment.

The Personnel Commission

DeAnn Hudgens

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

Mrs. Hudgens was appointed by the recognized employee organization, CSEA. She's serving her second term as Personnel Commissioner, which expires November 30, 2020.

Maria "Luisa" Macleod

MEMBER

Mrs. Macleod was appointed by the Board of Trustees in October 2015, and serving a three-year term the commission until November of 2018.

Anthony Valencia

VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Valencia was appointed by the Personnel Commission in March, 2014 and is serving his second term, which expires in 2019.

The Personnel Commission maintained active membership in the California School Personnel Commissioner's Association, Personnel Commissioner's Association of Southern California, and the Cooperative Organization for the Development of Employee Selection Procedures.

A HALF CENTURY OF THE MERIT SYSTEM

The Victor Valley Union High School District is celebrating 50 years of using the Merit System for the selection and retention of classified staff.

The Victor Valley Union High School District instituted the Merit System in 1966 and is one of 97 school districts in California using the system today.



MERIT SYSTEM PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS

- Hiring and promoting qualified employees on the basis of ability, with open competition in initial appointment.
- Protecting appointments to positions from political coercion or personal favoritism.
- Ensures that employees doing like work are classified the same and receive like pay.
- Provides for fair and impartial rules and consistency in administration of the rules.
- Assures fair treatment of applicants and employees in all aspects of personnel administration without regard to political affiliation, sex, or religious creed, and with proper regard for their privacy and constitutional rights as citizens.