



Salary Schedule Placement and Advancement Policy

The purpose of the Clarksville Charter School Governing Board approving this Salary Schedule Placement and Advancement Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Outline the Process for Employee Placement on the Salary Schedule
2. Outline Pathways to Professional Development For Salary Advancement

1. Employee Placement on the Salary Schedule

Salary placement for newly hired employees is contingent upon all documentation (i.e. transcripts, verification of experience, credential accreditation, etc) being received and verified. There are no retroactive salary placements. It is the employees' responsibility to furnish the Human Resources Department with verification of these items upon hire.

Initial salary schedule placement is determined by the number of post-baccalaureate units and the number of years of previous teaching experience.

In order for units to be considered for initial placement on the salary schedule, post-baccalaureate units must meet the following criteria:

- Earned after Bachelor's degree completion date
- Upper-division and/or graduate-level courses
- Relevant to the field of education

Previous teaching work experience may be accepted on a year-for-year basis for up to five years of credit if it meets the following criteria:

- Must have worked with the same employer for at least one year
- Worked in a full-time capacity
- Worked at least 75% of the school year

Note: Substitute teaching experience is not accepted

2. Professional Development For Salary Advancement

Employees who wish to advance their salary beyond their initial placement may receive credit for upper-division and/or graduate level college/university courses up to 6 semester units or two classes per school year. These courses must be pre-approved first by the employee's direct supervisor, and then by a school Director prior to registering for courses. Courses that are commonly accepted are courses that:

- Are related to education
- Are related to the courses the teacher is currently teaching
- Enhance the teacher's teaching abilities

Note: Employees must receive passing grades on their transcripts (C- or higher, or Pass) for those units to qualify toward a salary increase.

Once pre-approved courses have been completed, employees will need to send all post-baccalaureate transcripts, including the newly completed course transcripts, to the Human Resources Department for the information to be added to their employee file. Transcripts must be submitted by June 1st of the current school year for salary schedule consideration for the following school year. No more than 6 units or two classes will be approved per school year for salary advancement purposes.*

*Special consideration may be given to employees who are seeking an advanced degree (such as a Masters or Doctorate) or are working toward completion of additional credentials or certifications. As with other coursework, these require pre-approval from the employee's direct supervisor and a school Director.