



Multnomah Education Service District

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Agreement Between

Multnomah Education Service District

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MESD Education Association

An Equal Opportunity Employer

PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into by Multnomah Education Service District, herein referred to as the District, and the Multnomah Education Service District Education Association, herein referred to as the Association.

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ARTICLE 1 - RECOGNITION

- A. The District recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for all members of the bargaining unit.
- B. The bargaining unit shall be composed of all licensed and other professional employees, including but not limited to teachers, registered nurses, outdoor school site supervisor and similar positions.
 - 1. Specifically excluded are substitutes, temporary employees, supervisors and administrators, confidential employees and members of other bargaining units.
- C. Definitions:
 - 1. Licensed: All employees required, as a condition of employment, to possess an academic certificate, license, degree or the equivalent, issued by the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, Oregon State Board of Nursing or other relevant bodies.
 - 2. Professional: All employees who qualify for bargaining unit membership without specifically meeting the definition of licensed.
- D. The District and the Association agree that the job classifications listed in Appendix G meet the definition of professional and/or licensed in compliance with ORS 243.650(1). When the District creates additional classifications that meet the definitions for inclusion in the bargaining unit, the District will notify the Association

ARTICLE 2 - STATUS OF AGREEMENT

- A. In the event that a practice, policy, rule or regulation or portion thereof, of the District is inconsistent with this Agreement, the Agreement shall prevail.
- B. All individual employment contracts between the District and members, in existence or hereafter executed, shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If an individual employment contract contains language inconsistent with this Agreement, this Agreement during its life, shall be controlling.
 - 1. Individual employment contracts will be sent to members by August 1st each year.
- C. There shall be two signed copies of this Agreement. One shall be retained by the District and one by the Association. The Association and the District agree to equally share the cost of printing sufficient copies of this Agreement.
- D. In the event any provision of this Agreement is held invalid by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any provision is restrained by such court or tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. When such a decision has become final, and upon request of either the District or the Association, the parties agree to enter into negotiations for the purpose of attempting to arrive at a mutually satisfactory replacement for the provision.

ARTICLE 3 - NEGOTIATION OF A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall remain in effect until June 30, 2027, and shall be automatically renewed for one year unless either party notifies the other in writing on or before January 10, 2027 of its intent to renegotiate a successor Agreement.

If such notice is given, this Agreement shall terminate on June 30, 2027.

- B. The parties agree to negotiate on District time for a total of not to exceed eighty (80) hours in the aggregate. For the purpose of this paragraph, not more than seven (7) employees from the bargaining unit may receive this benefit.
- C. Attendance by members designated by the Association as members of the bargaining team at bargaining sessions between the District and the Association held during duty hours shall be on paid release time.
- D. The District shall provide an accounting of hours used by each employee by the first workday of each month the parties are in negotiations.

ARTICLE 4 - DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise specifically stated, throughout this Agreement, the following definitions shall hold:

- A. Member - Any member of the bargaining unit.
- B. Day - An MESD business day.
- C. Association - The Multnomah Education Service District Education Association, Oregon Education Association, National Education Association.
- D. District - Multnomah Education Service District. Any reference in this Agreement to Board, District, Superintendent, supervisor, administrator, or any other management level position excluded from the bargaining unit shall be interpreted to be a generic reference to the employer and shall not restrict the organizational or delegatory rights and prerogatives of the employer.

ARTICLE 5 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- A. It is recognized that the District has and will continue to retain the rights and responsibilities to operate and manage the school system and its programs, facilities, properties, and activities of the members affecting the District including, but not limited to, the following:
1. The right to determine location of schools and other facilities;
 2. Determination of the financial policies of the District;
 3. Determination of the management, supervisory, or administrative organization of the system, and the selection of members for promotion;
 4. Maintenance of discipline and control and use of property and facilities;
 5. Determination of safety, health, and property protection measures where legal responsibility of the District or other governmental unit is involved;
 6. The right to enforce the rules and regulations now in effect and to establish new rules and regulations from time to time not in conflict with this Agreement;
 7. The direction and arrangement for all the working forces in the system, including the right to hire, suspend, discharge, or transfer members;
 8. The creation, combination, modification, or elimination of any position deemed advisable by the District;
 9. The determination of the size of the working force, the allocation and assignment of work to members, the determination of policies affecting the selection of members, and the establishment of quality standards and judgment of member performance;
 10. The determination of the layout and the equipment to be used, the selection of textbooks, teaching aids and materials, the right to plan, direct, and control school activities, the evaluation of the members, and the determination of the subjects to be taught;
 11. The right to establish and revise the school calendar, establish hours of employment, schedule classes, and assign workloads.
- B. The District has the right to contract work out to a third party, after notifying the Association that the administration has prepared any cost analysis required under ORS 279B.030 et seq., and has determined to recommend to the Board that the duties performed by a class of employees should be contracted out. Notice to the Association shall be given at least thirty (30) calendar days or as soon as the determination is made before the recommendation to the Board. In the event the District determines to exercise its right to contract out, notice will be provided to the Association and the parties will negotiate over the impact per Article 15.

For the purposes of this Agreement, services provided through the use of transit funds transferred to constituent districts of Multnomah ESD are not considered subcontracting and shall not be cause for negotiations on decision or impact.

- C. The foregoing enumerations of the functions of the District shall not be considered to exclude other functions of the District not specifically set forth; the District retains all functions and rights to act not specifically nullified by this Agreement.
- D. Nothing in this Article shall be construed or applied in such a way as to:
 - 1. Violate any term of this Agreement, or
 - 2. Violate any term of a contract of employment of any member, or
 - 3. Deprive the Association of the right to bargain on any mandatory subject after the bargaining period is reopened for successor contract negotiations, or
 - 4. Violate the terms of any State or Federal Statute or the constitutions of Oregon or the United States. However, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to incorporate into this Agreement any such statutory or constitutional provision(s), unless specifically cited within this Agreement.
- E. In the event the terms of any other Article of this Agreement are in conflict with the terms of this Article, the terms of such other Article shall control.

ARTICLE 6 - RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

A. Discipline

No member shall be disciplined without just cause. Discipline will be administered following the procedures and principles of progressive discipline as outlined in the following pages. For purposes of this subsection A.1., discipline shall be defined as any formal corrective action taken by the employer above the stage of Oral Warning in the progressive disciplinary process. Disciplinary action is defined as a written warning and all corrective action up to and including termination. A member may only grieve disciplinary action. A member may also be placed on temporary leave with pay when there is a good faith basis, on the information available, to remove a member from the worksite pending an investigation. Notwithstanding, a leave with pay which is used to remove a member from the worksite pending an investigation shall not be considered "discipline."

1. Progressive Discipline

The following are guidelines to help progressively manage performance and/or conduct. In most cases, the steps should be followed as listed, but steps may be skipped due to extreme or egregious behavior. Steps may also be repeated at any stage. Repeating a step is a signal that the behavior or performance needs addressing but corrective action is anticipated without escalating to the next step.

Preliminary Step: Coaching/Counseling

Coaching and counseling is a formal conversation between the supervisor and the employee identifying gaps in performance and/or behavior. When conducting a coaching/counseling session, the supervisor will indicate to the employee that this is a formal coaching conversation.

Step 1: Oral Warning

An oral warning is a verbal indication from the supervisor to the employee that performance is subpar or behavior is in violation of or not aligned to policy. An oral warning is captured in writing for documentation only. The documentation however, is not included in the employee's official personnel file.

Step 2: Written Warning

A written warning is a written document used to capture escalated or repeated performance gaps or behavior that was not corrected in previous steps or was severe enough to skip the coaching and oral warning steps.

Step 3: Written Reprimand

A written reprimand is a written document that captures continued performance gaps or behavior that was previously addressed, or is serious in nature in the first occurrence that warrants a skip of any or all of the previous steps.

Step 4: Suspension Without Pay

A suspension shall be used in rare circumstances. A suspension without pay should be used in circumstances where performance or conduct has continually not met expectations and is a continued occurrence of what has been previously addressed, or is so severe skipping of steps is justified. A suspension without pay should be no more than 5 workdays.

Step 5: Termination

Termination is recommended when an employee has failed to correct their behavior after previous attempts in the progressive disciplinary process have failed to achieve acceptable results in performance or conduct. Termination may also be used when conduct or performance is egregious and skipping steps is justified.

B. Dismissal

1. The dismissal, non-extension or non-renewal of contract or probationary members who are required to hold a teaching license as prescribed by the TSPC for employment with the District shall not be subject to subsections 6.B.2, and 6.B.3.
2. The District reserves the right to dismiss non-probationary Members in accordance with the principles outlined in section A of this agreement.
3. Probationary periods of members shall be as permitted by law.
4. Notwithstanding the above, newly hired bargaining unit members may, at the discretion of the District, be employed for a shorter probationary period of not less than one year for members who have satisfied a three-year probationary period in another Oregon school district or E.S.D.

C. Evaluation of Students

The right and responsibility to determine grades and other evaluations of students shall be maintained by those members whose job descriptions require such determinations. No student's grade or evaluation shall be changed without notice to the member. If a grade or evaluation is changed, the Board accepts full responsibility.

D. Constructive dialogue

In the spirit of fostering a culture of acknowledgment, feedback and mutual respect, all feedback will be given in a professional and constructive manner. The District and the Association further acknowledge that feedback that is individualized and evaluative in nature shall be delivered in private settings.

E. Identification

No member shall be prevented from wearing pins or other identification of membership in the Association.

F. Representation

When scheduling an investigatory meeting, the member will be informed in writing with a minimum of 24 hours advance notice that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a topic covered by this section. Such notice shall include the reason for the meeting and the right to representation by an Association representative. The member shall have the right to have representation by the Association. The District agrees to notify the Association Contract Specialist of all investigatory meetings. The Association and District will schedule meetings in accordance set forth in this section.

G. Change in Job Description/Hours

The duties and position responsibilities of a member shall not be substantially altered or increased without consultation between the member and the member's supervisor prior to such changes being implemented. Any change in a member's number of hours of employment or written job description shall be discussed with the member prior to implementation of such change.

H. Right to View Own Personnel Files

1. Each member shall have the right, upon request, to review the contents of the member's own personnel file exclusive of materials received prior to the date of employment by this District. A representative of the Association may, at the member's request, accompany the member in this review.
2. Upon written request, the District shall provide a member with photocopies of any documents which have been placed in the personnel file subsequent to employment by the District. Up to 10 pages of copies shall be provided free of charge in a timely manner subject to workloads and other projects underway in the Human Resources Department. The Human Resources department may request that a member specify which portions of the personnel file are to be copied. The District may charge for additional copies at the rate of \$0.10/page.
3. Copies of a member's annual contracts shall be made available in the District Human Resources Office for inspection by the member upon written request.
4. Employee personnel records shall be considered confidential by Board Policy and as permitted by law. Access to these records shall be limited to employees authorized by the District, the employee, or the employee's designee. The District will take the necessary steps to ensure the physical and electronic privacy of all personnel records.
5. The District will inform a member when materials are being added to the member's personnel file. A copy of the materials will be given to the member at that time. A member has the right to submit a written response to anything in their personnel file for inclusion in the file.
6. By written notice to the Superintendent or their designee, an employee may request discipline letter(s) be removed from their personnel file. Discipline letters may be

lessened to the immediate lower step or removed from the employee file by the Superintendent or designee using the following criteria:

- a. No discipline will be removed during the academic or fiscal year in which it was given.
- b. The seriousness or severity of the nature of the disciplinary action.
- c. The duration of time between offenses or since the last offense
- d. Demonstrated/documentated effort of improvement. I.e.. Completed workshops, coursework, reading list
- e. Supervisor's comments

The District may impose a "probationary period" during which time if a letter has been lessened or removed, the employee must not have any further occurrences of discipline and should a new, related, and substantiated offense occur, the lessened or removed discipline will be immediately reinstated.

I. Exit Interviews

Human resources will request an exit interview prior to the last working day for members terminating employment with the District. Additionally, Human Resources will honor all requests made by members for an exit interview within 30 days. The Association shall be provided information shared in exit interviews upon request.

ARTICLE 7 - ASSOCIATION RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Members shall not be discriminated against based on participating in union activities nor based on their membership or non-membership in the Association.

A. Use of Buildings

The Association and its representatives shall have the right to use District buildings for regular or special meetings and workshops consistent with administrative procedures regarding District use of facilities. The District may make a reasonable charge when services are required beyond normal operations. Association-designated representatives, who are employees of OEA and/or MESD, shall be allowed to conduct Association business inside district work locations, provided that the business occurs during non-work time, including prep time, and occurs in a private setting, as appropriate, and does not unduly disrupt operations, as determined by the superintendent or their designee. The representative, including current MESD employees, while conducting Association business, will adhere to the visitor sign in policy.

B. Use of Office Machines

The Association shall have the right to use District equipment at reasonable times and when such equipment is not otherwise in use. The Association shall pay for the reasonable cost and for any repair necessitated as a result thereof.

C. Use of Internal Mail Facilities

The Association may use the internal school mail facilities, mail boxes and designated District bulletin boards for Association communications which are properly identified as long as they are not libelous to the District or any individual.

D. Use of Computer System/Internet/Intranet.

The Association shall have the right to use the electronic mail systems or other similar communication systems of the District to communicate with the employees in the bargaining unit regarding, subject to the law, the rules and regulations of the Government Ethics Commission and Board Policy and Procedures:

1. Collective bargaining, including the administration of collective bargaining agreements;
2. The investigation of grievances or other disputes relating to employment relations; and
3. Matters involving the governance or business of the Association.

E. Association Leave

The Association shall be granted a total of thirty (30) days of leave to attend Association business or activities with a maximum of fifteen (15) days to be taken by any one member of the Association. This leave may be taken in one-half or full day increments when a substitute is required.

F. Association Representatives

The District shall grant licensed professionals who are designated Association representatives reasonable time to engage in the following activities during the licensed professional's regularly scheduled work hours without loss of compensation, seniority, leave accrual or any other benefits provided that the meetings do not interfere with the employer's operations:

1. Investigate and process grievances and other workplace-related complaints on behalf of the exclusive representative;
2. Attend investigatory meetings and hearings involving represented employees and participate in or prepare for proceedings under ORS 243.650 to 243.782, or that arise from a dispute involving a collective bargaining agreement, including arbitration proceedings, administrative hearings and proceedings before the Employment Relations Board;
3. Act as a representative of the exclusive representative for employees within the bargaining unit for purposes of collective bargaining;
4. Attend labor-management meetings;
5. Provide information regarding a collective bargaining agreement to newly hired employees at employee orientations or at any other meetings that may be arranged for new employees;
6. Testify in a legal proceeding in which the member has been subpoenaed as a witness;
7. Attend Association trainings; and
8. Conduct 1:1 interviews with members.

G. Access to Employees

The District shall provide the designated representatives of the Association, including OEA staff, reasonable access to employees within the bargaining unit.

1. For purposes of newly hired employees in the bargaining unit, reasonable access includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. The right to meet with new employees, without loss of employee compensation or leave benefits; and
 - b. The right to meet with the new employees within 30 calendar days from the date of hire for a period of at least 30 minutes but not more than 120 minutes, during new employee orientation or, if the District does not conduct new employee orientations, at individual or group meetings.
2. For purposes of employees in the bargaining unit who are not new employees, reasonable access includes, but is not limited to:

- a. The right to meet with employees during the employees' regular work hours at the employee's regular work location to investigate and discuss grievances, workplace-related complaints and other matters relating to employment relations; and
- b. The right to conduct meetings at the employees' regular work location before or after the employees' regular work hours, during meal periods and during any other break periods.

H. Announcements at Staff Meetings

The District, at the conclusion of a scheduled formal all-staff meeting (e.g. building/workgroup staff meetings, department wide meetings) up to once a month, will schedule a minimum of fifteen minutes for the Association to make announcements and hold discussions as an item on the agenda.

I. Notice of Representatives

By July 1 of each year, the Association shall notify the District in writing of the persons designated to represent the Association and/or a member in matters other than section D above.

J. Right to Information

The District will make available one copy of the following information to the Association free of charge:

1. Proposed, approved and adopted District budgets;
2. Annual District audit;
3. Board meeting agendas and unapproved minutes;
4. Resolutions prepared for Board action;
5. Unapproved minutes and agenda for all budget committee meetings;
6. Monthly financial statements of the District as distributed to the Board at regular Board meetings;
7. A "scattergram" in each year. The scattergram will give the number of employees, their salaries, and their full time equivalencies;
8. New District policies relating to member working conditions;
9. All job vacancies for positions represented by MESDEA, as such notice is posted;
10. Accumulated days and the number of days charged to the sick leave bank for the previous year;
11. A seniority list accurate as of July 1 of the current contract year.

K. Sharing Information

Each year, at or near October 1st, February 1st and June 1st, the District shall provide to the OEA Membership Specialist an editable digital formatted compatible report of each employee in the bargaining unit (both active members and non-members) that includes the employee's name, last four digits of their employee ID, date of birth, date of hire, FTE, job classification or title, PERS classification, worksite, position on the salary schedule, home address; cellular, home and work telephone numbers; work and personal email addresses. Whenever a new employee is hired into the bargaining unit, the District shall provide the above information within ten (10) days of hire. The provision of the above information on the agreed upon dates shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement to provide information every 120 calendar days for employees in the bargaining unit who are not newly hired employees.

L. Association Leave for State or National Officer

Up to two (2) years of leave without pay may be granted, upon request, for a member to perform the duties of a state or national Association officer. A member on such leave shall retain all benefits accrued in the District prior to the leave upon their return from that leave, including sick leave and position on the compensation schedule. Such benefits will not accrue during the leave of absence. Such unpaid leaves may be extended by mutual agreement of the District and the member. Additionally, members may be granted, upon request, up to one (1) year of leave without pay to perform duties with the state Association, such as with the intern program or as an assigned cadre.

M. Use of Facilities

1. The District shall permit the Association to use the public District's facilities or property, whether owned or leased by the employer, for purposes of conducting meetings with the represented employees in the bargaining unit. In the event this article violates or is in violation of a lease agreement, the lease agreement shall prevail.
2. The Association may hold meetings at a time and place set by the Association, provided that the meetings do not interfere with the District's operations.
3. The Association shall have the right to conduct the meetings without undue interference and may establish reasonable rules regarding appropriate conduct for meeting attendees.

ARTICLE 8 - PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM

A. Personal Freedom

The personal life of a member is not a concern of the District unless it can be reasonably shown to have a negative effect on the performance of the duties and responsibilities to which the member is assigned.

B. Academic Freedom

The District and the Association agree that academic freedom is essential to the fulfillment of the purposes of the District. A member's academic freedom is the right and responsibility to study, investigate, present, interpret and discuss all relevant facts and ideas in the field of the member's professional competence.

The American academic tradition which stresses the free exchange of ideas is at the very heart of classroom teaching and curriculum development. Members have special rights and bear special responsibilities.

It is the right of members as pertains to their professional licensure:

1. To participate in the development of curriculum and the selection of teaching materials.
2. To select for classroom study controversial issues related to the curriculum and appropriate to the maturity, intellectual, and emotional capacities of the students.
3. To have access to adequate instructional resources so that all sides of an issue can be presented adequately.
4. To call upon teaching colleagues, administrators, and professional organizations for assistance and advice.
5. To teach in the member's area of academic competence without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or ethnic origin.
6. To express one's own point of view in the classroom as long as it is clearly indicated it is the member's own opinion and explains the basis for the position.
7. To work in a climate conducive to rational and free inquiry.

It is the responsibility of members:

1. To accord every student the right to confront and study controversial issues.
2. To respect the right of every student to identify, express, and defend opinions in the classroom without penalty as long as it does not conflict with the classroom activity or infringe upon the right of students or others involved.
3. To promote the fair representation of differing points of view on all issues studied.
4. To endeavor to conduct classroom activities so they do not adversely reflect upon any

individual or group because of race, creed, sex, or ethnic origin.

5. To develop in student's skills in problem solving.
 6. To provide a procedure for the students whereby they receive full and fair consideration when they take issue with teaching strategies, materials, course requirements, or evaluation procedures.
 7. To exemplify objectivity in the search for truth, to demonstrate respect for minority opinion and to recognize the function of dissent within the democratic process.
 8. To avoid the use of profanity in materials or speech except where it is reasonably necessary to the subject at hand.
- C. Nothing in this Article shall be construed so as to restrict the right of the District to assign, transfer and direct the members or to revise the members' job duties and responsibilities, or to establish and revise curriculum and curricular guidelines.
- D. Finally, nothing in this Article shall restrict the right of the District to limit the members' on-the-job activities to duties and responsibilities in their job descriptions while the members are on District-paid work time.

ARTICLE 9 - NONDISCRIMINATION

- A. The District and Association agree that there shall be no discrimination and harassment in, but not limited to, employment, assignment and promotion of personnel; educational offerings and materials; and administration of this Agreement on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual's perceived or actual race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veterans' status, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, or age, or the aforementioned categories of any other persons with whom the individual associates.
 - 1. Race also includes physical characteristics that are historically associated with race, including but not limited to natural hair, hair texture, hair type and protective hairstyles as defined by ORS 659A.
- B. There shall be no retaliation and discrimination against an individual who has opposed any discriminatory act or practice as defined in 9.A.
- C. The parties agree that all such claims will be subject to the grievance procedures outlined in Article 13 and such grievances may be processed only through Level III – District Board. The decision of the Board shall not be appealable to Level IV – Arbitration. Nothing in this section shall abridge any member's rights to seek relief through government agencies and/or the courts.

ARTICLE 10 - WORKING HOURS AND WORKLOAD

A. Working Hours

School nurses and related services staff in population based assignments with multiple schools will have a prescribed schedule. Staff may adjust their schedules if necessary to support prioritized emerging student health needs. The member shall make every reasonable effort to notify their supervisor and school(s) if a change needs to occur. In the event that the member is unable to reach the supervisor, they are to provide the notification as soon thereafter as possible. Supervisor pre-approval is needed if a schedule change of longer than one week in duration is requested.

The present practice regarding working hours shall continue, i.e., ordinarily, a 40-hour week. This shall provide for:

1. Time during the normal workday for full-time teachers and related service providers for preparation which includes:
 - a. A preparation period for full-time-teachers and related service providers of sixty continuous minutes a day shall be provided. The District agrees that it will not normally schedule activities, such as assigned student supervision, instruction or assigned meetings, during that preparation period. This 60-minute period shall not include travel time necessary to move between classroom work sites for those classroom teachers having work sites in more than one building. If a meeting or other work tasks are required during this time, the member shall be compensated at their hourly rate for time spent in the meeting.
 - b. In addition to the preparation period in A.1.a. above, full-time classroom teachers shall have forty-five minutes for planning, which includes but is not limited to parent conferencing, student conferencing and other matters related to meeting the expectations of the District.
 - c. For purposes of this section of this Article:
 - i. "Full-time" shall refer to teachers and related service providers scheduled to work an eight-hour day
 - ii. "Related service provider" refers to Speech Language Pathologist, Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Audiologist, Counselor, Assistive Technology Consultant, Behavior Consultant, Behavior Interventionist, and Mental Health Counselor Therapist classifications.
 - d. The preparation time listed in A.1.a. and b. above shall be prorated for less than full-time classroom teachers and related service providers.
2. The inclusion of the one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour duty-free lunch period and two (2) fifteen (15) minute break periods for all members are included within the eight (8) hour day.

- B. The daily schedule shall be applicable to Special Education teachers/case managers who shall be present at the designated work site during the normal workday.
1. Once per week, and in the absence of scheduled program activities, the special education teacher/case manager may leave the site after the pupils have gone home to attend to the direct needs of a student or the class, or in the case of an emergency. Site is herein defined as the local school building or the one ESD operated building to which the member is assigned. Except in case of an emergency, one (1) day's advance notice shall be given to the appropriate supervisor or Cabinet member.
 - a. Upon request by the appropriate supervisor or Cabinet member, the teacher shall provide documentation of the reason for leaving the work site.
 2. Exceptions may also be made when the teacher desires to leave the site early by requesting such to the appropriate supervisor at least two (2) days in advance.
- C. Each member shall be provided a remote work opportunity of up to 8 hours per month, to complete case management, paperwork, or other tasks that can be completed off-site. The schedule shall be worked on in collaboration with the supervisor.
1. Staff will request to schedule the work opportunity with the supervisor at least ten days in advance. Requests for scheduling with less than ten days' notice must be approved by the supervisor
 2. Supervisors will make every effort to accommodate remote work requests, while balancing program service needs and ability to provide coverage.
 - a. Factors which may prevent coverage include:
 - i. Multiple requests for remote work on the same day.
 - ii. Adjacency to a holiday or non-work day.
 - iii. Mondays and Fridays in April, May, and June.
 - iv. Any month with fewer than three (3) work weeks.
 3. During this time, staff shall not be scheduled into meetings that take away from their own prep and planning duties and needs.

D. Responsibility and Assignment

The District shall provide each new member a job description as part of the employment contract. The District shall also provide a job description when major responsibility changes occur.

1. The job description shall state the major duties and responsibilities
2. The member's job description, in such cases as the above, shall become part of the contract and assigned duties and responsibilities shall be in accordance with such job description.

3. In any event, individuals' job description shall be made available to any member, upon request.
4. Changes to job description shall be in accordance with Article 6, Section G.

E. Staff Meetings

Scheduled staff meetings shall be held within the normal workday. Attendance shall be obligatory unless arrangements are made with the appropriate supervisor.

1. Scheduled staff meetings outside the normal workday shall not ordinarily exceed one per month.

F. Compensatory Time

When a member works in excess of their regularly scheduled hours, the member will earn compensatory time off in an amount equal to the amount of time worked in excess of the regularly scheduled workweek. The compensatory time off shall be scheduled by mutual agreement between the member and supervisor. No member shall be retaliated against for requesting and/or using compensatory time.

1. The member is expected to use all resources available to avoid working beyond their usual scheduled hours.
2. The member will obtain approval from their supervisor in advance of accruing compensatory time. In the event that a member is unable to get approval in advance, the member shall notify the supervisor as soon thereafter as possible via email, voice mail, text, etc. of the circumstances that required compensatory time.
3. Compensatory time is earned in an amount equal to the amount of time worked in excess of the regularly scheduled workweek.
 - a. The member will document any earned or used compensatory time on their timecard, in the pay period it was earned or used.
 - b. Compensatory time is documented in fifteen minute increments.
4. Compensatory time should be used in the month accrued or scheduled as soon as possible, considering individual assignment and school needs.
5. Unused compensatory time will be paid at the member's regular rate if their workload precludes scheduling of the accrued time.
6. Accrued but unused compensatory time shall be paid to a member in the June payroll. Time shall be paid using the member's hourly or daily rate in effect at that time.

ARTICLE 11 - WORKLOAD COMMITTEE

This article establishes the Workload Committee.

The District and MEA agree that the student-member ratio is an important factor in maintaining quality education and healthcare delivery and agree to establish a workload committee to address concerns from members or administrators regarding workload issues. It is mutually agreed that the district must allocate funds responsibly to ensure student success. Additionally, we acknowledge that early planning and preparation are key to addressing potential workload issues in the fall.

During the 2024-2025 School year the District will agree to a workload committee.

By December 1, 2024, a committee of a minimum three (3) members appointed by the Association, and three (3) Administrators appointed by the Superintendent or Superintendent designee will be formed.

The committee will develop models, while considering tools such as workload calculators, student to staff ratios, and school/program workgroup recommendations to develop a guide to caseload/workload sizes by the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Starting in Spring 2025, the committee will collaborate to minimize potential workload issues for the following fall as outlined below. Each fall, and throughout the school year, the committee will meet to review workload, consider options, and formulate recommendations to the Superintendent for consideration. When caseload or workload sizes surpass the recommended guide the actions, as outlined below, will be required.

Spring Committee Work - Starting Spring 2025:

1. Administrators will share projected enrollment/caseload and tentative staffing assignments to members by 5 work days prior to the last member work day.
2. Members may request a meeting with the administrator and a Association program representative to address any workload or placement concerns.
3. During August staff planning week, for programs that follow the 9 month school year calendars, updated enrollment information will be shared with the Association along with plans to support members whose workloads or caseloads may exceed the recommended guide as developed by the committee. For programs that do not follow the 9 month school year calendar, enrollment information will be shared at a mutually agreed upon date.

Fall and Winter Committee Work - Starting Fall 2025:

1. The Workload Committee members shall be provided with enrollment and caseload numbers by program by September 30th and updated enrollment and caseload numbers by January 31st of each school year for programs that follow the 9 month school year calendars. For programs that do not follow the 9 month school year

calendar, enrollment and caseload numbers will be shared at a mutually agreed upon date.

2. Workload Maximums

Twice annually, as stated in 1. above, the Workload Committee will convene to review member workloads that have exceeded the recommended guide as developed by the committee. The Committee must issue a recommended plan within two week(s) of the meeting. This plan shall alleviate the workload by the options outlined below (in no particular order):

Option 1: Provide temporary support. Temporary status must be documented in writing.

Option 2: Add permanent staff FTE and or contracted staff-

Option 3: Any relief or compensation that is mutually agreeable between the member and the district.

3. The committee will meet at a minimum of once a month to address concerns it receives from members or administrators. The committee will consider the following factors in deciding upon its recommendation(s):
 - a. The number of students in the class and/or the student workload/caseload
 - b. Program class size, student caseload averages, committee developed guides
 - c. The number and characteristics of students
 - d. The instructional level of the classroom/program
 - e. The member's professional experience
 - f. The amount of instructional assistant time, SHA, or specialist assistance provided
 - g. Member feedback/input/suggestions
4. Throughout the year, following reported concerns from members or administrators, where the committee determines an adjustment is warranted, based on the committee selected guides, the committee will consider recommending the following options (in no particular order):
 - a. Additional instructional tools
 - b. Additional behavior support facilitator time in the classroom(s)/SHA time
 - c. Other relief or compensation mutually agreed to between the members and administrators on the committee
 - d. Additional professional release may be provided to for planning, assessment, parent conferences, and documentation
 - e. Additional staff may be hired, subject to funding and/or program capacity.

5. In cases where the committee cannot come to agreement on solutions to specific workload concerns, either the Association representatives, District representatives or both may refer the issue to the relevant Labor Management Committee (See Article 32). When a case is referred to the Labor Management Committee, the Labor Management Committee shall convene within 2 weeks to address the issue.
6. The District in good faith will attempt to maintain caseloads equivalent to 1.0 FTE workload for each member. Each program has differing composition and responsibilities, therefore caseloads will vary. Workload guides shall be finalized by the committee and shared with members by August 1, 2025. Workload shall be considered as follows.
 - a. Teachers: classroom enrollment size, staff to student ratios, and acuity levels.
 - b. Nurses: component district funding, student/population, acuity levels, enrollment numbers
 - c. Other members:
 - i. MESD direct service OT, PT, SLP: workload calculator or equivalent committee guide as mutually agreed upon by each member group and administration.
 - ii. Behavioral consultants, mental health professionals, school psychologists, Outdoor School Supervisors: A caseload number or committee guide as mutually agreed upon by each member group and administration.
 - iii. Consultative service providers (e.g., AAC/AT and Feeding) and other groups: a mutually agreed upon committee guide as agreed upon by each member group and administration.

ARTICLE 12 - WORKING CONDITIONS

- A. The District recognizes the need for and agrees to make reasonable provisions for texts and resource materials, computers, laboratory and audiovisual equipment, standard tests and questionnaires, art and athletic supplies and equipment, current periodicals, and other similar teaching and service delivery tools, and agrees to solicit input from impacted members, when possible, in the purchase and use of such material. Members shall be provided the equipment necessary to perform their job duties, as determined by the District. The above items shall be made reasonably available to all members.
- B. The District shall provide for reimbursing members for out-of-pocket job-related expenses in acquiring material not in immediate stock of the District and approved, in advance, by a member's immediate supervisor.
- C. Members' attendance at their work sites when children are to be excused from attendance shall be governed by the host district or institution policy; however, a member shall not be required to work more than the number of contracted days specified nor shall the District pay for more or the member work less than the specified number of contracted days. If due to such closure the number of school days falls below the minimum required by an Oregon Administrative Rule for State funding support, sufficient school days to meet the minimum requirement will be made up at the end of the school year at no additional cost to the District for members' salaries.
- D. The District offers employee commute options (e.g. telecommuting) per Board Policy GCJA/GCKA.
- E. Hazardous Work
 - 1. Whenever a Member believes they have been instructed to perform work under hazardous conditions, such person shall have the right to discuss their concerns with the supervisor. After such a meeting, if the Member still contends the job to be performed is hazardous, they shall immediately notify the safety officer regarding the situation. The safety officer will make a determination regarding the Member's contention and make a ruling.
 - 2. In the event the Member becomes aware of an unsafe condition and is conscious that it is unsafe, they shall notify their immediate supervisor promptly
 - 3. The District will attempt to keep Members informed of determinations made by the District regarding Members' safety concerns.
 - 4. Unit members shall be instructed as to prevention and protection from diseases, illness or hazards.
 - 5. There shall be no reprisals, restraints, interference, coercion, or discrimination against an employee for filing a report of an unsafe or unhealthy condition.
 - 6. At the request of the Association, the District agrees to share with the Association readily available information related to the health and safety of Association members

(including, but not limited to: accident and injury statistics, reports on workplace accidents, environmental test results, and citations from Oregon OSHA or other government agencies, and medical information on individual members who have authorized such release to the Association).

7. If a Member believes a danger that threatens physical harm, or if an “imminent danger” hazard exists, the Member shall not be required to perform the work in question at the site in question and may be reassigned until the Superintendent or designee has made a determination. The Member may contact the Safety Officer directly under these circumstances.

ARTICLE 13 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The District and Association recognize the need to provide for the orderly resolution of any grievance arising out of a violation of this contract. No member shall be set apart or treated differently for having chosen to use the procedures for resolution of grievances and the procedures shall not be used for the purpose of harassment. To this end, members shall utilize these provisions for the resolution of grievances prior to seeking redress through other means.

A. Definitions

1. A "grievant" is a member or group of members or the Association who initiated a grievance and was adversely affected by the conduct complained of in the grievance. More than one member may join in a grievance. In cases where the Association is the grievant, if specific harm to any member is being alleged, that member has to sign and participate in the step one grievance process.
2. A "grievance" is an alleged violation of this Agreement. The term "grievance" shall not include and this grievance procedure shall not apply to any of the following:
 - a. Any matter as to which the District is without authority to act.
 - b. Proceedings for dismissal of members, except for dismissals as provided for in Article 7.B.2 of this Agreement.
 - c. Any attempt to change this Agreement or written District policies or Administrative rules and regulations provided such policies, rules or regulations are not inconsistent with this Agreement.
3. The term "days" means MESD business days. If a member initiates a grievance prior to June 20 of any year, the grievant and the District shall adhere to the applicable timelines set forth in this Article. If a grievance arises after June 20 and before September 1 of any year, the member may file (a) grievance and the parties could meet to resolve the grievance during July and/or August, if mutually agreed to by the parties. If no such agreement is reached, the grievance shall be extended to the following school year with applicable timelines commencing the first day of September.
4. A "policy grievance" is an alleged violation of a written District Board Policy. Such a grievance may be processed only at Level 1 and Level II (as described in Section D: Grievance Procedure). The decision of the Superintendent will be final and shall not be subject to review or adjustment by any third party.
5. A Grievant and other participants in the grievance process shall be assured freedom from coercion, discrimination, or reprisal by either the District or the Association.

B. Non-arbitrable Matters

1. Grievances based on any of the following subjects are not subject to arbitration;
 - a. Assignment: Except that violations of the procedure outlined in Article 16, B, may be subject to arbitration.
 - b. Transfers: Except that violations of the procedure outlined in Article 16, subsections C, 1 and 2, and D, 2, may be subject to arbitration.
 - c. Evaluative judgments.
 - d. Dismissal that can be appealed to the Oregon Fair Dismissal Appeals Board or discrimination claims as referenced in Article 10.
2. The foregoing items, however, are subject to grievance procedures through Level II, unless excluded by the terms of Section A. 2 and A. 4, or by any other provision of this Agreement.

C. Procedural Rules

1. The grievant must be present at all steps of the procedure if reasonably possible. The grievant may choose and be represented by a representative at any step of these procedures. The Administrator whose action is subject of the grievance shall be present at all stages of the proceedings if reasonably possible.
2. The number of days indicated at each level should be considered maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process; provided that except for initiation of the grievance, the number of days indicated at each level shall be extended by any period of approved leave. Time limits may be extended by mutual agreement
3. Failure at any step of this procedure to communicate the decision in writing on a grievance within the specified time limits shall permit the grievant to proceed to the next step. Failure at any step of this procedure to appeal a decision to the next step within the specified time limits shall preclude further access to the grievance procedure on that grievance.
4. The District and its administrators will cooperate with the grievant in the investigation of any grievance, and will furnish the grievant via e-mail with such necessary and readily available information as is requested by the grievant or an authorized representative for the processing of any grievance.
5. Except as otherwise provided by law, a member shall invoke and exhaust the grievance procedure remedies before resorting to any other legal or administrative remedies.
6. Each grievance shall have been initiated within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence complained of, or in the event the grievant did not have knowledge thereof, then within fifteen (15) days of first acquisition of such knowledge by the grievant.
7. Any grievance based upon an occurrence which is not under the jurisdiction of an immediate supervisor shall be presented to the appropriate administrative authority.

Subsequent proceedings shall be conducted at the appropriate levels.

8. All documents, communications, and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file and shall not be put in the personnel file of the participants, except where otherwise required by law. The grievant and/or the representative shall have access to the file relating to the grievance. All grievances shall be processed on the attached form (See [Appendix C](#)).
9. The written grievance statement must contain a plain and concise statement of the facts leading to the grievance, the section(s) of the contract allegedly violated, and the remedy sought. The written statement must identify the grievant(s).
10. Any grievance based on an occurrence during the life of this Agreement shall be processed to its conclusion by the procedures of this Agreement regardless of the termination of this Agreement and/or the beginning of another Agreement.
11. A grievance is deemed to be initiated when the grievant initiates Level I, Informal Phase, by so stating to the immediate supervisor, or appropriate administrative authority.

D. Grievance Procedure

1. Level I - Immediate Supervisor/Appropriate Administrative Authority

a. Informal Phase

In an attempt to resolve the problem, the grievant shall meet with the immediate supervisor or appropriate administrative authority and discuss the situation. The grievant will state that they are initiating a grievance. The grievant and the immediate supervisor will attempt to set an informal meeting to discuss the grievance within ten (10) days. If mutual agreement on a meeting date cannot be achieved within ten (10) days, then the grievant may move on to the Formal Phase.

b. Formal Phase Cabinet

Step 1 - In the event the problem was not resolved in the informal phase, within ten (10) days the grievant shall submit a written statement of the grievance (Grievance Form) to the Cabinet member or appropriate administrative authority who shall prepare a written statement of response within ten (10) days. In the event the Cabinet member or appropriate administrative authority is unable to prepare a written statement within ten (10) days, they shall notify the grievant and representative.

Step 2 - If the grievance is not resolved, the grievant may, within ten (10) days of receipt of the written response from Step 1, request the grievance be heard by the Grievance Review Committee (GRC). The (GRC) will meet within 30 days to review the grievance.

Composition of GRC: 3 members of the association and 3 members of the district. The GRC will convene as needed to process active grievances.

2. Level II - Superintendent

Step 1 - If the grievance is not resolved at Level I, Step 2, the grievant may file a written appeal to the Superintendent within 10 days of receiving the response from the GRC. This appeal shall set the basis for the grievance and a proposed resolution to the grievance. Within ten (10) days after receiving the appeal request, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall conduct a hearing in which the parties to the dispute may present their respective positions on the matter.

Step 2 - Within ten (10) days following the conclusion of the hearing, the Superintendent or their designee shall communicate, in writing, their decision to the parties involved. A policy grievance shall not be pursued beyond this level.

3. Level III - District Board

Step 1 - If the grievance is not resolved at Level II, the grievant may forward the grievance to the District Board by sending written notice to the Board's Clerk. The appeal shall be in writing and delivered within ten (10) days of the decision.

Step 2 - The hearing shall be held as soon as practicable after receipt of the appeal. In the case of non-arbitrable matters, the hearing shall be conducted by the District Board. In the case of arbitrable matters, the District Board, at its election, may conduct the hearing, or it may appoint a hearing panel. All decisions of the hearings panel shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal to the full District Board, but shall be applicable to arbitration as herein provided. In arbitrable grievances, the District Board reserves the right to waive the hearing of any grievance.

Step 3 - The District Board or its designee shall deliver its written decision to the grievant with copies sent to the Superintendent and all persons officially involved in the grievance within ten (10) days after conclusion of the hearing.

4. Level IV - Arbitration

Insofar as the District Board decision does not essentially stem from one or more items of the items listed in Section B above, or the District Board having waived its rights to hear the grievance, the Association may request in writing that such decision be submitted for arbitration within twenty (20) days of the decision at Level III. Except for those items which are excluded from the grievance procedure and those items which are excluded from arbitration, all the provisions of this Agreement, including all items incorporated herein by reference, are subject to arbitration. In such cases the following procedures shall apply:

Step 1 - Within fifteen (15) days after such written notice of submission to arbitration, the District and the Association shall attempt to agree upon a mutually acceptable arbitrator and shall obtain a commitment from said arbitrator to serve. If the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator or to obtain a commitment of an arbitrator to serve within the specified period, either party may request a list of five (5) arbitrators from the Oregon State Conciliation Service who are members of the American Arbitration Association Labor Panel. When the list is received, the parties shall determine by lot the order of elimination and thereafter each shall, in that order, alternately strike a

name from the list. The last remaining name shall be the arbitrator.

Step 2 - The arbitrator so selected shall be bound by the rules of the American Arbitration Association, except as herein designated otherwise. The arbitrator so selected shall confer with the representatives of the District and the Association and hold hearings promptly. The arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and shall set forth findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions on the issues submitted. The arbitrator shall be without power or authority to make any decision which requires the commission of any act prohibited by law or which is in violation of the terms of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall not add to, subtract from, alter or modify this Agreement. In any matter which requires the exercise of judgment by an administrator, the arbitrator may not substitute the arbitrator's judgment for that exercised by the administrator, but the arbitrator may review the administrator's judgment on the basis of whether or not a reasonable administrator would have exercised their judgment to reach the same conclusion under the same circumstances. Insofar as the decision (1) involves only the matters subject to arbitration as described above in this level; (2) is in accordance with the legal meaning of this Agreement, such decision shall be final and binding on all parties to the grievance.

Step 3 - The costs of the services of the arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, and actual and necessary travel, subsistence expenses and the cost of the hearing room, shall be borne equally by the District and the grievant. Any other expenses incurred shall be paid by the party incurring the same.

ARTICLE 14 - COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

- A. The District and its MESDEA members shall attempt to resolve public complaints through a flexible process. Before the public complaint may be used as evidence in the evaluation of a member, or included in the member's personnel file, it shall first be reviewed under the following procedure:
1. The member's immediate supervisor will apprise the member, in writing, of the full nature of the complaint within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the complaint. The complainant will be identified. The member will be provided with the opportunity to respond to the complaint in writing.
 2. The member shall have the right of representation at any meeting or conference held to resolve complaints.
 3. At the conclusion of the supervisor's review of the matter, written documentation will be provided to the member. The supervisor will attempt to conclude the review in a reasonable period of time.
 4. Any complaint against a member which the District decides not to discuss with the member shall not be considered in the member's evaluation or placed in the member's personnel file.
- B. Supervisors will encourage utilization of the Staff Resolution of Conflict Process for employee to employee complaints (forms are available from supervisors and Association representatives).

ARTICLE 15 - MEMBER WORK CALENDAR

- A. The immediate supervisors and/or Cabinet members shall consult with specialists on the distribution of days in their work calendars for each year. Other members may, if they desire, provide input on their calendars. ESD supervisors shall determine the distribution of days in the specialists' work calendars considering input from the specialist and the needs of the local districts. ESD supervisors shall determine the location and the content of any in service days. The member's work calendar shall become a part of the member's contract at the beginning of each contract year except as specified by State law. The calendars of all host districts shall be made available to members, upon request, when issued or when revised by host districts.
1. Special Education classroom teachers shall have a work calendar which calls for the same number of workdays regardless of program or site. However, newly-hired Special Education classroom teachers may, at the discretion of the District, have two (2) extra contract days added onto their work calendar during the first year of employment. The instructional days for a Special Education classroom teacher shall be determined by the number of instructional days of the district in which the Special Education class is located, but shall not be less than 175 days per year.
 - a. An instructional day shall be defined as not less than 1/2 day of classroom instruction.
 - b. Parent-teacher conference days, in service days, and paid holidays, shall comprise the difference between the number of instructional days and 190.
 - c. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, in the event that a constituent district to which a Special Education teacher is assigned is not open for, or reduces its calendar below, 175 instructional days, the number of contract days of any teacher assigned to the constituent district may be reduced by the same number of days the constituent district reduces its calendar below 175 instructional days. Compensation will be prorated accordingly. This Article does not affect the District's right to lay off members. In the event that the number of contract days for a teacher is reduced by more than thirty (30) days pursuant to this provision (Article 15. A. 1. C.), effective on the thirty-first (31st) day the teacher shall come under the provisions of the Article on Layoff.
- B. Once the member work calendar has been established and has become a part of the work contract, changes shall only be made for reasons that arise because of calendar changes in constituent school districts in which an affected member works or for other necessary or unavoidable reasons, as judged by the supervisor or Cabinet member, or by mutual agreement between the member and their immediate supervisor with the approval of the appropriate Cabinet member.
- C. Each full time Registered Nurse working in a population based assignment will have two (2) non-student workdays scheduled into their work calendar. These two (2) non-student work days shall not increase the total number of a Registered Nurse's workdays .

1. One (1) of the non-student workdays described in C above shall be scheduled September through December and shall not include the non-student work days prior to the first student contact day of the school year, based on assignment.
 2. One (1) of the non-student workdays described in C above shall be scheduled during January through May.
 3. The selection of non-student work days will be based on school/district/worksite calendars and the Registered Nurse's workload requirements. The Registered Nurse and their supervisor will mutually agree as to which non-student work days are scheduled. The days may be scheduled in no less than one-half day increments.
 4. The two (2) non-student days shall be prorated for less than full-time Registered Nurses.
 5. This Section C only applies to Registered Nurses working in a population-based assignment, it does not apply to:
 - a. Registered Nurse/Direct 1-1 Student Care;
 - b. Registered Nurse, On Call;
 - c. Registered Nurse, Outdoor School;
 - d. Registered Nurse Specialist for Students with Complex Chronic Health Problems;
or
 - e. Nurse Consultant.
- D. All members shall have five (5) non-student days at the start of the school year for preparation. In lieu of the five days at the beginning of the school year, the five preparation days shall be scheduled during the work year for members who work in year round programs. Professional Development shall not exceed half of this time. This time does not include district-led new hire orientation or onboarding.
- E. In addition to the five (5) days in Section 15.D, all non-RN members shall have five (5) additional non-student contact days during the contract year for preparation, planning, progress reporting, and grading. Not more than half of these days shall be for professional development.
- F. Outdoor School Site Supervisor
1. Site Supervisor Work year
 - a. Outdoor School Site Supervisors shall be scheduled a minimum of 175 days per year.
 - b. Site Supervisors on Special Assignment shall be scheduled a minimum of 175 per year, plus on-site stipend if scheduled.
 2. Expected weeks on site will be determined by the Senior Program Administrator at the beginning of the School Year and Site Supervisors will build their calendar based on

this schedule. The schedule shall be announced to Site Supervisors by August 20 (fall schedule) and February 1 (spring schedule) of each year.

3. Site Supervisors shall not be required to work on site each school year in addition to these limits
 - a. Typical yearly overnight programming shall be 16 weeks for Outdoor School Site Supervisors.
 - b. 10 weeks for 4th Grade Program Site Supervisors.
 - c. Additional weeks beyond these caps cannot be scheduled without mutual consent of the site supervisor(s) and Outdoor School Senior Program Administrator
 - d. Weeks on site will be defined as programming that requires a Site Supervisor to sleep overnight while supervising staff and/or students.
 - e. Site Supervisor on Special Assignment will be scheduled for on-site work with mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 16 - ASSIGNMENTS, TRANSFERS, VACANCIES, AND JOB SHARING

A. Definitions

1. Assignment - means work site or classroom location. The supervisor has the authority to move members from one work site or classroom location to another.
2. Transfer - means to move from one job description to another job description.

B. Assignment

1. The Superintendent or designee will assign all newly-appointed members to the specific position work site, noting details of assignment, for which the member has been appointed by the District.
 - a. The Superintendent or designee will give notice of the assignments to new members as soon as practicable.
2. All of the members will be notified of their assignment with as much detail as is practicable at the time of the notice for the forthcoming year by August 1, or as soon thereafter as can be determined. Members will be notified of a subsequent change in their assignment in writing, with as much detail as is practicable at the time of notice. Upon written request, members can request a meeting with their immediate supervisor to discuss subsequent change of assignment. A member shall be notified by the member's supervisor in writing within five (5) days after the meeting of the decision. The reason(s) for assignment change will be given in writing to members upon request. The reasons for assignment change may not be appealed beyond the Superintendent under the grievance procedure. In the event of changes in such assignment, occurring after August 1, all members affected will, when reasonably possible, be notified in writing within ten (10) days after the decision is made by the District and, upon the request of the member, the changes will, when reasonably possible, be reviewed within five (5) days by the Superintendent or representative, and the member.
3. The member shall be allowed to work with the member's supervisor to arrange a mutually agreed plan to either trade days or permit flexibility for up to two days, based on supervisor discretion to complete moving activities. Such a plan is not intended to diminish preparation time. Assistance will be provided to the member, as appropriate, such as help with the physical move.
4. Voluntary change of assignment
 - a. Members who desire a change in assignment for the subsequent school year may file a written statement of such desire with the Superintendent or designee not later than April 1st.
 - i. Applications for unfilled reassignments must be renewed annually to remain valid.

- b. The District will notify by email currently employed members of open assignments as they become available, and allow members the opportunity to request those assignments. All requests must be submitted to the member's supervisor in writing within five (5) days of the notification. The open assignment will not be offered to a new hire before:
 - i. Notifying the currently employed members of the open assignment, and
 - ii. The member request for the open position assignment timeline deadline has been met.
- c. If a member's request for reassignment is denied, the member will, upon request, receive an explanation of the reasons for denial from the Superintendent or designee

C. Vacancy

1. A vacancy is a position in the bargaining unit which has been declared open by the District.
2. Posting of vacancies
 - a. Whenever a vacancy occurs the District shall post notice of same on the MESD recruitment site. At the discretion of the District, the position will be posted internally for at least five (5) calendar days and/or externally ten (10) calendar days prior to being filled on a permanent basis.
 - b. A member shall be granted an interview for a position if the member meets the posted qualifications for the position.
 - c. The posting shall remain active and be refreshed every three months when the position is temporarily filled by a contract employee.

D. Transfer

1. When a member is transferred, the member may make their wishes known to the Superintendent or designee regarding the transfer. This may be done in writing or, upon request of the member, in a meeting with the Superintendent or designee.
2. Members shall be given consideration for positions when they request transfer, including mid-year transfer opportunities.
3. Except in case of emergency circumstances, members shall be given at least two (2) weeks' notice of any transfer.
4. The member shall be allowed to work with the member's supervisor to arrange a mutually agreed plan to either trade days or permit flexibility for up to two days, based on supervisor discretion to complete moving activities. Such a plan is not intended to diminish preparation time. Assistance will be provided to the member, as appropriate. Assistance will include orientation to the job and program and may include other assistance such as help with the physical move.

E. Job Sharing

1. Members who wish to job share shall notify the District of their request by April 1 of the year preceding the year in which they wish to job share. The request shall include the proposed work schedule and calendar. Members who wish to job share together shall file a joint request.
2. The District will respond, in writing, to job share requests by May 1. If a request is denied, the member may discuss the denial with the Superintendent or designee.
3. The District shall have the sole discretion to approve or deny a job sharing request. Any job sharing arrangement shall be subject to the conditions established by the District. One such condition is that the District is only obligated to pay an amount for health insurance benefits up to the cost of one family plan insurance coverage (Article 23) for the two job share participants.

ARTICLE 17 - EVALUATION

A. Purpose

The purpose of the evaluation is to aid the member in making continuing professional growth and to determine the member's performance of job responsibilities.

1. In developing and administering its evaluation system, the District will comply with Oregon law and policy and its handbook. The section of the District's evaluation handbook relevant to MESDEA members are referenced in and attached to this Agreement.
2. The District and the Association agree to create a joint evaluation committee composed of an equal number of members appointed by the District and an equal number appointed by the Association. The committee will be brought together whenever there is a proposal to change the evaluation handbook and the committee will consider
3. any such proposed changes, amendments or alterations. The committee will make a final recommendation to the Board. Any such recommendation is subject to approval by the Board.
4. The District and Association agree to convene the joint evaluation committee to review current contract language (Article 17.B – 17.E) and the evaluation handbook(s) and recommend changes to the Association and Board. If changes are recommended to Article 17.B – 17.E, the District and Association shall reopen Article 17 for purposes of bargaining over and implementing the recommended changes.

B. Evaluation Procedure

1. Evaluations are confidential in accordance with Oregon law.
2. Probationary members shall be evaluated at least once during the year.
3. TSPC licensed members who are probationary shall be evaluated no later than February 1. However, the District and the Association appreciate that there may be circumstances in which a member has not worked a sufficient number of days by February 1 to enable the District to fairly evaluate the member by that date. In the event that a licensed member has not actually worked at least 60 days before February 1, the District may evaluate the member after the member has actually worked 60 days.
4. All other TSPC licensed members who are at contract status shall be evaluated no later than May 15 of their evaluation year.
5. Non-probationary members shall be evaluated at least biennially. However, if a member wishes to have another evaluation conducted in a year immediately following the year in which an evaluation was conducted, the member shall make a written request for such evaluation. The evaluation will be conducted in that subsequent year.

6. Evaluations shall be made by personnel who hold the appropriate credentials as determined by the District Board.
7. All evaluations shall be conducted after consideration of the current guidelines established by the State Department of Education, the policies of the District Board, and as prescribed by Oregon law.

C. Evaluation Cycle

Each evaluation shall consist of:

1. A pre-evaluation discussion shall be held between the member and the evaluator to discuss the evaluation process.
2. At least one (1) formal observation and one (1) additional (formal or informal) observation. A "formal observation" is defined as an observation lasting a minimum of thirty (30) minutes. An "observation" is defined as a supervisor (a) watching a member's performance, including a member's interaction with students, and/or (b) meeting with a member for the purpose of discussing past, present and/or future assignment, activities and/or performance.
3. Within a reasonable period of time after any formal observation, but in no event longer than 15 work days (measured by the member's work days) after a formal observation, the observer will give the member a copy of the observation summary form. After receipt of the form, the member may request a conference with the observer.
 - a. Members may request written suggestions for improvement if the observer fails to give the member a copy of the observation summary form within 15 workdays, then the observer cannot use that particular observation as part of the member's evaluation and must instead conduct another observation of the member.
4. A post-evaluation conference to discuss the evaluation, which must occur before the evaluation is placed in the member's personnel file or otherwise acted upon. However, if the member is on leave, the evaluation report may be provided by mail instead of at a post evaluation conference.
5. A copy of the evaluation must be given to the member and a copy must be maintained in the personnel files of the District. The copy retained in the District personnel files shall be considered the official evaluation record.
6. The evaluation process will allow supervisors to provide a narrative statement regarding a member's performance. The acknowledgement of commendable performance may become part of the evaluation.

D. Evaluation Criteria

1. Criteria for evaluation of members shall be defined and related to the member's job description. Such criteria for evaluation shall be provided to each member within a reasonable time after the beginning date of employment. Criteria for evaluation will be discussed with members: (1) in orientation, at time of initial employment, (2) when the criteria are changed, (3) upon the request of a member, or (4) at any time, at the

discretion of the supervisor. However, a supervisor is under no obligation to discuss the criteria more than once per year with any member.

2. When the District determines that a member's job performance is substandard in one or more areas and it is necessary to place the member on a program of assistance for improvement, the program will include the following:
 - a. Deficiency(ies) will be identified;
 - b. Suggestions for improvement will be made;
 - c. Timelines for improvement will be established;
 - d. Areas of assistance by the supervisor will be identified;
 - e. Areas of assistance by the member will be identified.
3. Upon completion of the timelines associated with the program, one of the following options will occur:
 - a. Termination of the program because of successful completion;
 - b. Modification of the program with new timelines;
 - c. Recommendation for termination.
4. The member shall have the right of representation throughout the procedures of a program of assistance for improvement.
5. Should a deficiency be noted which, in the discretion of the District, is related more to discipline than to job performance, the District will initiate progressive disciplinary procedures rather than a program of assistance for improvement.
6. Absent extenuating circumstances, written notice of deficiencies will be given to the member prior to placing the member on a program of assistance for improvement.

E. Evaluation Results

The results obtained from the evaluation process may be used as a basis for:

1. The determination of whether the member is meeting the job requirements necessary to maintain employment;
2. The suggestion of means for improvement in a member's performance; or
3. The acknowledgement of a member's unique performance on the job.

ARTICLE 18 - MAINTENANCE OF CLASSROOM CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE

A. Definition of Responsibility

A definition of the duties and a delineation of all classroom staff and personnel, including supervisory staff and other persons, pertaining to student discipline shall be provided in writing to each member at the start of each school year.

1. Members shall be subject to the rules and practices regarding student discipline of the district in which the classroom is located. If the local administrator does not deal with a member's disciplinary problems, the member may contact their supervisor for discussion of the situation.
2. For classrooms located in ESD operated facilities, members will be allowed input into the rules and practices developed regarding student discipline.

B. Special Assistance

When in the judgment of a member a student requires the attention of the immediate supervisor, a counselor, psychologist, physician, or other specialist, the member shall so inform the immediate supervisor who shall within 24 hours or within a reasonable length of time arrange for a conference between the supervisor and the member to discuss with the member the appropriate steps.

C. Disruptive Students

When, in the judgment of a member, after exhausting all appropriate classroom remedies, a student's behavior seriously disrupts the instructional program to the detriment of other students, the member may request temporary removal of the student from the classroom and refer the student to the temporary custody of the immediate supervisor or the building principal. In such cases, the member's immediate supervisor shall arrange as soon as possible, and under normal circumstances, not later than the conclusion of the following day, a conference among the appropriate parties to discuss the problem with the objective of solving it. If said member objects to readmission of the student to the classroom, the matter shall, within twenty-four (24) hours or within a reasonable time, be referred to the appropriate Cabinet member who shall meet with the parties concerned and render a final decision.

- D. Members shall be expected to attend to their students' disruptive behavior. Such behavior may necessitate leaving the classroom. In such cases, the member or the educational assistant may be utilized to monitor such occurrences.
- E. Members shall be expected to respond in a manner appropriate to a situation involving disruptive students not assigned to said member.
- F. Members, in the absence of negligence, shall not be responsible for damage caused by the acting-out of disruptive students.

- G. When a member believes they have been instructed to perform work under hazardous conditions, they shall have the right to discuss their concerns with their supervisor. After such a meeting, if the member still contends the conditions are hazardous, they shall immediately notify the District's safety officer of the situation. The safety officer will make a determination regarding the member's contention.

ARTICLE 19 - STUDENTS IN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

Recognizing the desirability of assisting in the preparation of students in professional training programs, both parties agree to the following procedures for placement and assistance:

- A. Acceptance of supervision responsibilities shall be voluntary.
- B. All monies made available to the District by the placing institution shall be paid to the supervising member, except those monies intended for the District.

ARTICLE 20 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

A. District Initiated Professional Training

1. The District may require a member to attend college or university classes, in-service training, or extension programs, workshops and conferences without loss of compensation.
 - a. The District may require extra training for the mentor program
 - b. The district encourages the use of self-directed as well as facilitated employee resource groups/affinity spaces.
 - c. There will be periodic trainings, specifically for newly hired staff, appropriate to their role.
 - d. Training will be offered to members assigned to non-MESD sites to enhance their working relationship with partnering districts and organizations.
2. The reasonable and necessary expenses of such classes or training shall be borne by the District
3. Commercially published curricular materials which are new to either the Special Education teacher or the Department of Instruction, suggested or required by the Special Education Department, shall be governed by the following guidelines:
 - a. Opportunity for appropriate in-service training as determined by the Director of the Department of Instruction, with input from members affected, shall be given to the involved members, the cost to be borne by the District, with consultant services available to the members when applicable.
 - b. As part of the general program evaluation, new commercially published curricular materials as defined in A. 3., if put into effect, shall be evaluated at least once each year by appropriate personnel, with opportunity being offered to members involved in these programs to submit their own written evaluations.

B. Member Initiated Professional Training

The District shall allocate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) during each fiscal year of this agreement for the purpose of reimbursing members for the costs of attaining professional development to include college credit (15 CEUs/PDUs = 1 credit), attend workshops/seminars, and to obtain national certification during that fiscal year. To be eligible for reimbursement/payout, such professional training must be in the scope of the member's current position, related to the member's work assignment, or for professional advancement. Any unused funds in the pool will roll forward annually. The balance of the account will not exceed a total of twice the annual allocation above (currently \$150,000). The [Professional Development Reimbursement Request](#) form must be submitted to and approved by the member's supervisor. The District will develop and implement a digital process to allow for timely distribution and processing of submitted requests.

1. All applications for an allocation (encumbrance) of tuition reimbursement funds must be approved. All requests for approval must be submitted to the Human Resources Department and will be processed in the order received.
 2. Applications for reimbursement shall be available online and may be submitted at any time.
 3. Reimbursements will be issued in the order in which complete applications are received. Complete applications shall include the course grade and proof of tuition paid and must be submitted within thirty (30) days of course completion. Late applications for reimbursement may not be honored and will result in the cancellation of encumbered funds.
 4. Each approved credit will be reimbursed at no more than the current Portland State University cost per graduate credit.
 5. The total annual fiscal year reimbursement under this article to any one member shall not exceed the cost of six (6) graduate credit hours at Portland State University.
 6. For college courses taken, workshops, seminars, and conferences taken in summer, winter or fall term, a member will receive tuition reimbursement (as per B. 1-5 above) provided the member works for the District for at least thirty (30) calendar days following submission of the proof of having completed the applicable course with a passing grade. For such college courses, workshops, seminars, and conferences taken during spring term, a member must be employed on September 15 of the following school year to be entitled to reimbursement. However, in the event that a member is unable to meet the continued employment requirement of this provision because the member is laid off by the District, the requirement shall be waived.
- C. Any internal first aid/CPR training provided by the District for members required to have first aid/CPR training will be provided at no cost to the member. Such training may be provided on District-paid time or may be provided on non-duty time. When it is provided on non-duty time, attendance will be voluntary.
- D. National Certification
1. Members achieving National Certification for their profession or its equivalent will receive a one-thousand dollar (\$1,000)/year stipend beginning upon achieving certification and will continue to receive the stipend for as long as the member remains certified by their national certification board.

E. Prepayment Program

The parties mutually agree to a tuition and workshop/seminar/conference prepayment program. The parties agree that certain conditions need to govern the prepayment program. Those conditions include:

1. A reimbursement form prepared by the District will be used to gather information needed for prepayment ([See Appendix D](#)).

2. A request to the District to process prepayment checks must be received in the Human Resources office in time to be processed with the next regular payroll.
3. Payout to the member will be authorized as soon as reasonably possible after published information verifying actual costs is received in the Human Resources office. Registration is the responsibility of the member.
4. The member is responsible to repay the District the amount of prepayment made by the District and authorizes deduction from the member's paycheck that amount if the member 1) fails to submit a passing grade or certificate/receipt of attendance within thirty (30) calendar days of the end of the term in which the workshop/seminar/conference was taken; 2) drops the workshop/seminar/ conference; or 3) employment with the District is terminated prior to completion of the workshop/seminar/conference.
5. Each member will be required to sign an agreement to all of the terms and conditions stated above (plus authorization for any necessary payroll deduction) at the time of the twenty (20) day advance request for prepayment. The member, by signing such an agreement, will accept full responsibility for submitting all paperwork. Any payroll deduction invoked which is later reversed and the amount reimbursed to the member, will carry a \$25.00 service fee to be withheld from the reimbursement.
6. If an employee receives prepayment for college courses, workshops, seminars, and conferences taken in summer, winter or fall term, a member may retain the amount of prepayment provided the member works for the District for at least thirty (30) calendar days following submission of the proof of having completed the applicable course with a passing grade or proof of attendance at workshop or conference. For such college courses, workshops, seminars, and conferences taken during spring term, a member must be employed on September 15 of the following school year to be entitled to retain the amount of the prepayment. However, in the event that a member is unable to meet the continued employment requirement of this provision because the member is laid off by the District, the requirement shall be waived.

This prepayment program is available to all members. However, this prepayment program only applies to the provisions of this Article, Sections B and C, above. This prepayment program does not apply to other professional development activities which originate out of each department's professional development funds.

ARTICLE 21 - CLASSROOM SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes

In the event of an absence of an employee who requires a substitute, the employee must register their absence through the use of the current automated substitute system. A substitute must be requested for student contact days. Additionally, the employee must also follow program/department procedures to notify their supervisor and/or work group.

ARTICLE 22 - REDUCTION IN FORCE

A. Reduction in Force

1. The District shall determine when a reduction in force is necessary. The District's overall instructional program will be given priority consideration. The Association and affected members will be given sixty (60) calendar days' notice prior to a layoff. Where the layoff is due to an emergency or unforeseen circumstances, members will be given no less than 14 calendar days' notice. Any member who is laid off will be notified in writing. Such notice will include the proposed time schedule for the layoff and an explanation for the proposed action.
2. Between July 1st and September 1st each year, the District will provide the Association with a seniority list accurate as of July 1st of that year. Thereafter, the District will provide the Association with notice of any changes affecting seniority.
3. Within ten (10) business days of being notified by receipt of the District's letter, the affected member shall respond to the Director of Human Resources, indicating whether they desire to exercise the bumping procedures, recall rights, or elect layoff. If the Member elects to be laid off and placed on the recall list, the Member will have the rights identified in Article 22.C. Failure to respond in writing within the specified time shall forfeit the Member's right to invoke the bumping provision and recall, and the Member shall be automatically placed on the layoff/recall list and subject to Article 22.C. Members who are on a leave of absence for medical reasons or an approved leave of absence shall be provided with their layoff notification via certified, return receipt mail.

B. Reduction in Force Procedure

1. For the purposes of this Article positions within the bargaining unit shall be grouped into two categories: (1) Positions which require a TSPC license, (2) Positions which do not require a TSPC license. Reductions in force pursuant to this Article will be conducted within each category separately. Members within each category will be laid off within their respective categories in inverse order of seniority (a member with least seniority first) except where the District determines that a less senior member has more competence than a member within that category who has greater seniority. The member must meet the licensure requirements of the position. In a reduction in force no member is eligible to be moved from one category to the other.

A unit member who is notified that the position held will be eliminated shall have the right to displace the least senior member whose work the unit member is licensed and qualified to perform.

2. Notwithstanding subsection B, 1, above, a member within the category of positions which do not require a TSPC license who is identified for layoff will be considered for an alternative placement in a TSPC-licensed position if the member has worked for the District in a TSPC-licensed position and if the member possesses a valid TSPC license, a copy of which is contained in the member's personnel file, at the time of the reduction in force. In such a case, the member is subject to the provisions on seniority,

competence in subsection B. 1, above.

3. A member's permanent full-time seniority status shall be retained if the member is reduced to part-time because of reduction in force. Any member who is being reduced to part-time shall be placed on the recall list for positions

C. Recall Procedure

If, within twenty-seven (27) consecutive months from the effective date of the layoff of a member, a vacancy occurs within the category from which the member was laid off, the following procedure will be utilized:

1. Within each category separately, members will be recalled based on order of seniority except where the District determines that a less senior member has more competence than another laid off member from that category who has greater seniority.
2. At the time of layoff, members who indicate in writing a desire to return to the District will provide the District with an address to which notices of recall will be sent by certified letter, return receipt requested, at the last address of record. It shall be the responsibility of members to keep the District informed of any changes of address. Members will have sixteen (16) calendar days from the date of receipt of a notice of recall to accept or reject the recall. Rejection of a notice of recall shall abrogate the member's right to recall and shall be considered a voluntary resignation. Failure to respond to a notice of recall within sixteen (16) calendar days shall abrogate the member's right to recall and shall be considered a voluntary resignation unless unusual or unavoidable circumstances preclude such response. In case of such failure, the member may file an appeal with the Superintendent.
3. Subject to the provisions of section C and subsection C, 1, above, a less than full-time member who is offered and who accepts recall to any less than full-time or any full-time position shall be deemed to have been recalled by the District. The District will have no further recall obligation to such member.
4. A full-time member who is offered and who accepts recall to a less than full-time position shall retain recall rights to the balance of the member's previous full-time status for the remaining period of the 27 months of recall. Subject to the provisions of section C and subsection C, 1, above, such member may be offered a later recall to another part-time or full-time position. In the event that the later offer of recall is to a position that is closer to the member's previous full-time status, the District will not be obligated in any way to separate, reduce, or otherwise divide that position's hours. However, the member may opt to relinquish the current part-time position and accept the newly-offered position. If such occurs and the member is restored to full-time status, the member will be deemed to have been recalled and the District will have no further recall obligation to such member. If the newly-offered position is rejected by the member, such member will have no further recall rights and the District will have no further recall obligation to such member if acceptance of the offered position would have restored the member to full time status.

D. The District will continue paying members' health insurance premiums for the three (3) months following the effective date of a layoff. Members may maintain membership in the group insurance at their own expense after three (3) months, according to the provisions of each insurance carrier.

E. For the purposes of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Seniority" shall be defined as the member's total unbroken length of service based on the member's first day of actual service to the District since the last date of hire. Seniority shall accrue while a member is on all approved leaves of absence. Seniority shall not accrue during the period of time a member is on layoff status. Ties in seniority shall be broken by drawing lots.
2. "Competence" means the member's ability to perform the duties and responsibilities of a position based on relevant experience related to such position, successful evaluation(s), and/or educational attainments. Competence shall not be based solely on meeting the licensure and/or other minimum requirements for the position.

ARTICLE 23 - PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION

A. Basic Salaries

1. Salary Placements The initial salary placement of each member shall be based on education and experience in their profession.
 - a. Members shall be granted one (1) year of step credit based on relevant professional experience, for each year worked provided the member has worked in at least a half time position for at least 135 days in a regular position during each such year.
 - b. CTE certification shall qualify a unit member for placement on the BA column of Appendix A. Prior teaching experience, plus any journeyman or equivalent professional experience, shall be recognized on a two-to-one ratio with no maximum limit.
 - c. Column placement shall be based on degree(s) earned and additional college credit hours earned subsequent to degree completion.
 - d. Registered Nurses shall not be placed below Step 2 of the appropriate column of Appendix B.
2. Salary Schedules - The salary schedules for members of the bargaining unit will be set forth in the Appendices. The salary schedules shall be adjusted as follows:
 - a. Effective July 1, 2024, a COLA of 3.5% will be added to the current salary tables.
 - b. Effective July 1, 2025, a COLA of 3.25% will be added to the current salary tables.
 - c. Effective July 1, 2026, a COLA of 3.5% will be added to the current salary tables.
 - d. Effective June 30, 2025, the salary tables shall be adjusted to match the 70th percentile of the agreed upon market basket.
 - e. Effective June 30, 2026, the salary tables shall be adjusted to match the 70th percentile of the agreed upon market basket.
 - f. Effective June 30, 2027, the salary tables shall be adjusted to match the 70th percentile of the agreed upon market basket.
 - g. Effective July 1, 2025, Related Service staff (PTs, OTs, SLPs, Behavior Consultants, School Psychologists, Mental Health Counselor- Therapists, Audiologists) shall be placed on Appendix B. Appendix B shall be renamed the "Health Professional Salary Schedule".
3. Salary Determination
 - a. Members shall have their salaries calculated as follows:
 - (1) 190 day contracts = Placements on the salary schedule based on education and experience.

(2) Other than 190 day contracts:

(Education and Experience Placement) X (Number of Days Contracted/ 190) =
Salary

- b. For those members who are otherwise eligible, a minimum of one hundred and thirty-five (135) days of work will be required for a member to be eligible for annual step movement on the salary schedule. Those members who work less than 135 day contracts shall be eligible for step movement on the salary schedule at the beginning of the year following working a cumulative 135 days.
- c. For bargaining unit members hired after the commencement of the work year, actual workdays served in another school district or E.S.D., in that same school year, will be counted towards the 135-day minimum required for eligibility for annual step movement on the salary schedule.

4. Longevity Stipend

- a. Eligible members will receive longevity payments for their years of employment with the District. The payment shall be calculated as a percent of gross annual salary, as designated in the salary table.
- b. Members eligible for these funds are limited to those who have been employed by the District for at least 12 years and who have been placed at the highest salary step of their respective salary column for a minimum of one year and who are now commencing their second year (or greater) on that top step.
- c. These monies will be disbursed in the November payroll of each year of this agreement on a one-time only basis.
- d. The longevity payments shall be based on the following percentages and years of service:

12-14 years:	1.25%
15-19 years:	1.50%
20-24 years:	1.75%
25-29 years:	2.00%
30+ years:	2.25%

- 5. Ph.D. stipend shall be reworded as “Earned Doctorate” stipend. The stipend amount shall be \$1000/year.
- 6. During the 2024-25 contract year, Related Service staff (PTs, OTs, SLPs, Behavior Consultants, School Psychologists, Mental Health Counselor- Therapists, Audiologists) shall be paid a \$2000/year stipend.
- 7. Mentor stipend \$1,500 per school year (Article 30).
- 8. Bilingual/Multilingual Differential
 - a. All positions that identify Bilingual/Multilingual skills as an essential function will receive a 5% differential.

- b. If a member utilizes their bilingual/multilingual skills, but this is not reflected in their Job Description, the Job Description shall be reassessed for a bilingual position.
 - c. Staff receiving a pay differential must meet the language proficiency requirements established by the District.
9. Salary tables are based on 190 Days. Eligible employees move one experience step and change columns based on credit for increased educational hours plus additional 5% stipend for Lead Specialist, Measurement; Lead, Teacher, ESL; Lead School Improvement Specialist; and Lead, Instructional Consultant, Supported Education, Related Service Leads (OT, SLP, Feeding Team), Lead School Psychologist, Lead Behavior Consultant, and Outdoor School Site Supervisor on Special Assignment, Nurse Consultants, Complex Needs Nurse, Nurse on Special Assignment, and Outdoor School Lead Nurse.

In the 2024-25 school year, the District will establish, publish, and communicate clear criteria and procedures for assignment to a “lead” position / positions eligible for 5% stipends. This will be done in collaboration with MEA leadership and will include a mechanism for members to apply for the lead position yearly, if appropriate. Performance in relation to lead criteria will be evaluated yearly. The district will establish a current list of all such positions and provide it to MEA leadership no later than March 1, 2025.

B. Holidays and Vacation

1. Members will receive up to the following paid holidays according to the amount of contract days that they work but not more than the amount of paid holidays that fall within their calendar. “Within their calendar” means members are only eligible to receive holidays that fall on pre-scheduled work days and that are within their annual calendars. Paid holidays that fall on the weekend, but are observed on a weekday, are only awarded to members who are scheduled to work on the day the holiday is observed. Whenever a decision needs to be made regarding which paid holiday a member will receive, the member and supervisor will work together to come to mutual agreement. In the event an agreement cannot be reached, the supervisor’s decision will prevail.

Greater than 215 days: 9 holidays
 191 to 215 days: 7 holidays
 174-190 days: 6 holidays
 143-173 days: 5 holidays
 111-142 days: 4 holidays
 96 – 110 days: 3 holidays
 Less than 96 days: 2 holidays

2. For the purposes of subsection B. 1, above, the term "holidays" means:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday	Veterans' Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Juneteenth	Christmas Day
Independence Day	

3. The District does not provide for paid vacations and the days not contracted to work are to be considered unpaid vacation days.

C. Transportation Expenses

The District agrees to provide reimbursement for transportation expenses for members whose work requires travel about the District. The base rate shall be set at the I.R.S. rate known at the time of payment.

D. Right to Higher Salary

When a member has claimed the right to a higher salary bracket by reason of increased professional training, the claim shall be made by submission of certification of earned credits (15 CEU/PDU = 1 credit) for this purpose by transcript or original grade slip indicating course title and number, hours and grade from the Registrar's Office and completed Salary Schedule Advance Request Form requesting advancement to the District Human Resources Office (See [Appendix F](#)). Qualifying courses are those which occur on days which are not scheduled as workdays on the employee's work calendar (excluding paid professional visitation and sabbatical leave). Salary advancement shall be effective the first pay period after submission of appropriate documentation justifying the advancement. Implementation of salary advancement will be done within two pay periods of approval, with the goal of implementation in the pay period submitted. The right to higher salary will be retroactive to the approval date.

1. Workshop Education Credit

Members shall be eligible to earn education credit, for placement/movement on the salary schedule, for attendance or participation in conferences and workshops including workshops/ classes required for recertification and/or advanced training for a particular program completed by Career and Technical Education Teachers (CTE). The rate of accumulation shall be at the ratio of 15 professional development contact hours to 1 credit. This education credit is subject to the following provisions and conditions:

- a. In order for the member to be eligible for education credit, the member must submit an "Education Credit Approval Request" ([Appendix E](#)) and obtain approval from their supervisors.
- b. The member is required to obtain the published materials, syllabus, or other documents distributed during the conference or workshop. The member shall maintain these documents until at such time as education credit has been granted.

- c. The member will be required to submit a certificate of attendance certifying the hours the person was in attendance and the professional development units earned at the workshop or conference.
- d. The member is responsible for maintaining all records of attendance at workshops and conferences and for maintaining the documentation of the contact hours.
- e. In order to be granted educational credit, the member must submit the “Salary Schedule Advance Request Form” ([Appendix F](#)) requesting advancement on the salary schedule. This must be accompanied by the appropriate documentation of professional development units at the conference or workshops along with the accumulated materials and documentation of proof of attendance described in paragraph a., b. and c. above.

E. Pay Period and Pay Dates

- 1. Each member shall be paid on the basis of 12 equal payments. Payment shall be made so that each member receives their paycheck on the District's last working day of each month, except in the case of members on 190-day, or less, contracts who will receive their July and August payments through three separate transactions (checks/direct deposit) in conjunction with their June 30 th payment.

F. Health and Other Benefit Plans

1. Group Health Reimbursement Arrangement (Group HRA)

Effective October 1, 2024, the Association and District have designated certain OEBC medical plans as preferred plans. Each year of this agreement, one or more of the plans selected under Article 23.F.14 below will be paired with a District funded Group HRA. Members and eligible dependents that enroll in the preferred district major medical plan shall also be eligible to participate in a District sponsored group HRA plan.

- a. The following preferred plans are subject to change by OEBC and by mutual agreement per Article 23.F.14 (below).

- i. Kaiser Plan 2B
- ii. Moda Plan 5

b. Group HRA Plan design

i. Kaiser

The Kaiser Group HRA will provide in-network deductible of \$0 per person. Maximum in-network out-of-pocket paid by employees is \$1,500 per person (up to \$4,500 for families of three or more):

Employee Only - \$0 / \$1500

Employee plus Spouse - \$0 / \$3000

Employee plus Child - \$0 / \$3000

Employee plus Children (3 or more people) - \$0 / \$4500

Employee plus Family - \$0 / \$4500

ii. Moda

The Moda Group HRA will provide in-network deductibles of \$400 per person (up to a total deductible of \$1,200 for families of three or more). Maximum in-network coordinated care out-of-pocket paid by employees is \$2,500 per person (up to \$7,500 for families of three or more).

Employee Only - \$400 / \$2,500

Employee plus Spouse - \$800 / \$5,000

Employee plus Child - \$800 / \$5,000

Employee plus Children (3 or more people) - \$1,200 / \$7,500

Employee plus Family - \$1,200 / \$7,500

- c. Reimbursements to HRA participants that incur out-of-network expenses shall be capped based on the in-network reimbursement levels listed above. Group HRA reimbursements are available only for qualifying expenses that are described in the Moda Plan 5 or Kaiser Plan 2B certificate of coverage, and which are applied to the health plan's maximum out of pocket limit including deductible, coinsurance and medical copays. Reimbursements are only available for qualifying expenses incurred while the member is enrolled in the plan. Expenses are incurred when care is provided rather than when the enrollee is billed or payment for the service is made.

Claims for reimbursement must be submitted on or before each December 31 for expenses incurred during the preceding Moda/OEBB plan year (currently October 1 through the following September 30). Expenses incurred during the plan year but not documented by the carrier during the plan year and run out period will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

2. Health Savings Accounts (HSA)

- a. Effective October 1, 2024, HSA eligible medical plans and District HSA contributions will be offered only to members enrolled in an HSA eligible medical plan with an active HSA account on or before September 30, 2024.

Members who are enrolled in an HSA eligible plan but who choose to enroll in an HRA group plan, described in Article 23.F.1 effective October 1, 2021 or afterwards, will not be allowed to switch back to an HSA plan in the future. New members will not be allowed to enroll in an HSA eligible plan.

- b. The following HSA eligible medical plans are subject to change by OEBB and by mutual agreement per Article 23.F.14 (below).

- i. Moda Medical Plan 6
 - ii. Kaiser Medical Plan 3
- c. Monthly District-paid deposit for HSA eligible plans

The District will contribute 50% of the maximum contribution levels per federal IRS regulation in effect at the beginning of the plan year divided by 12 into a member HSA account for eligible full time members. Part time members shall receive a prorated contribution per Article 23.F.4.

2024-25 Monthly HSA Deposits

	Employee Only	Employee + Spouse/Child(ren)/Family
Annual HSA Contribution Limits	\$4,150	\$8,300
Monthly Limits	\$346	\$692
MESD 50% Deposit	\$173	\$346

2025-26 Monthly HSA Deposits

	Employee Only	Employee + Spouse/Child(ren)/Family
Annual HSA Contribution Limits	\$4,300	8,550
Monthly Limits	\$358	\$712
MESD 50% Deposit	\$179	\$356

3. Dental & Vision Benefits

- a. Effective October 1, 2024 specific OEGB dental and vision plans will be offered to members. The District will pay 100% of the premium for dental and vision plans for full time members. A member is not required to select dental and vision plans within the same tier.

4. The District pays the employee only premium for all eligible members for medical, dental and vision coverage. Members who work 0.76 FTE (1141 annual hours) and above shall receive the full District contributions.

The District pro-rates premium contributions for spouse, child(ren) or family coverage for part-time members between 0.5 FTE (760 annual hours) and 0.75 FTE (1140 annual hours). Members who work between 0.5 FTE and 0.75 FTE shall receive the following proportions of the District contribution amounts for medical, dental and vision premiums:

- a. Employee only – 100%
 - b. Employee plus Children; Employee plus Spouse/Partner, Full family – 75%
5. Domestic Partners of benefits eligible members shall be eligible for insurance coverage.
 6. The District will pay premiums for life (\$50,000), and AD&D (\$50,000) for all eligible Members.

All members shall enroll in, and pay the premiums for a Long Term Disability (LTD) insurance plan. The LTD plan shall have a waiting period of no less than 60 days and a monthly benefit of no less than 66.67% of monthly earnings. The premium for the LTD plan shall be deducted from the members' salaries with post-tax dollars.

7. The District shall make an Employee Assistance Program available for all members.
8. Insurance Opt out

The District agrees to pay \$400 per month into a VEBA (Voluntary Employee Benefit Account) or similar program for every unit member agreeing to drop the district medical insurance plan, during open enrollment, explained in Section 23.F.1-4 above, subject to the limitations and conditions required by the insurance carrier.

- a. Such employees must provide evidence that they are covered by an alternate insurance plan.
 - b. Employees who opt out of medical insurance shall be eligible for dental and/or vision insurance (Section 23.F.3) and life, AD&D and long-term disability insurance (Section 23.F.6) subject to the guidelines and limitations of the plan carrier.
9. If a member is laid off, they may continue their insurance coverage at their own expense during the period of layoff per Article 22, E, and subject to the rules and regulations of the insurance carrier and subject to federal law ("COBRA").
 10. Members shall be entitled to the District contribution for twelve (12) months for health benefits in accordance with this section so long as the member completes their individual contract.
 11. Notwithstanding, members who would otherwise qualify for 12 months of District insurance contributions, but who are on unpaid status for over 10 consecutive

workdays, and who are not on an approved FMLA/OFLA leave, and are in an unpaid status will have their health and other benefit plan District contributions for the following month reduced by a fraction created by the total number of days of unpaid leave during that month over the total number of calendar days in the month. Member contributions to health and other benefit plan benefits necessitated by this section will be payroll deducted by the District from the next paycheck following the month in which such leave was taken. Should the amount of such member contributions exceed the amount needed to pay the monthly benefits costs, the balance may be deducted from subsequent monthly paychecks. The provisions of this section are subject to the rules and regulations of the insurance carrier. Nothing in this subsection is intended to require members to continue coverages while on unpaid leave.

12. Members may participate in an IRS Section 125 account (a flexible benefit cafeteria plan) by appropriate payroll deductions. The plan to be offered will include (1) dependent daycare spending accounts, and (2) health care spending accounts.
13. Bargaining unit members will attend a benefits briefing jointly sponsored by the Association and District each year during the open enrollment period.
14. The parties agree to continue the joint Insurance Committee which will be composed of an equal number of members appointed each by the District and the Association. The purpose of the Insurance Committee shall be to study and then recommend program or benefit changes to assist in the control and containment of costs, both as those costs impact the District and as those costs impact individual members of the bargaining unit.
 - a. The entire health insurance program is subject to review by the Insurance Committee, except that any reductions, modifications, new or additional benefits or carrier changes will require both the approval of the District and the Association.
 - b. The purpose of the Insurance Committee will include an annual review of outcomes and operations of the HRA program described in Article 23(F) above. Any committee recommendations must be mutually agreed to by both parties.
 - c. The committee will review contributions to, and aggregate disbursements from, the HRA account(s). All management fees paid by the District to administer the account(s) shall be considered a legitimate disbursement from the account(s).
 - d. The committee will examine options for reducing insurance costs including restructuring of the plan design in order to maximize the health care benefits available to members within the financial constraints of this Article.
 - e. The medical, dental and vision plans shall be selected within 10 days of the OEGB plan selection deadline.

G. PERS/OPSRP

1. The District shall "pick up" the six percent (6%) employee contribution required ORS 238.200 and ORS 238A.330. The full amount of required employee contributions/payments paid pursuant to this section shall be considered as "salary" within the meaning of ORS 238.005(26) (a) and ORS 238A.005(17) (b)(F) with respect to PERS/OPSRP for the purpose of computing an employee member's "final average salary" within the meaning of ORS 238.005(9) and ORS 238A.130 and shall also be considered as "salary" for the purpose of determining the amount of employee contribution required to be contributed pursuant to ORS 238.200.

Any amount paid shall be considered to be employee contributions for all purposes under Chapter 238 and 238A. Pursuant to ORS 238A.335(2)(a), the parties agree that employee compensation has been reduced in order to generate the funds needed to make these employee contributions; the employer will file any required notices with the Public Employees Retirement Board. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the District to take any action that is contrary to or in violation of any portion of the Oregon PERS statute.

2. In the event that during the life of this agreement it becomes impossible for reason of law, regulation or decision of the court for the District to pay the six percent (6%) contribution on behalf of members or any portion thereof, the parties shall reopen the agreement for the limited purpose of bargaining Article 23.
3. The District will report all unused accumulated sick leave hours to PERS to be used for the computation of a retiring member's PERS benefits.
4. The parties shall engage in a dialogue concerning the pickup system and potential unintended consequences for OPSRP members.

H. The District agrees that when it requires speech and language pathologists to take exams and to incur class preparation fees in order to become licensed as Medicaid billers, the District will pay such fees. The District will continue to pay for the state license for speech and language pathologists.

I. Outdoor School Overnight Stipends

1. The overnight stipend is given to Outdoor School employees that participate in educational programs that require an overnight stay. The maximum stipend amount for each Site Supervisor will be based on the number of overnight work weeks outlined in Article 23.I.a.

- a. Outdoor School employees that participate in educational programs that require an overnight stay. Rate is based is \$120.00 per night not to exceed \$600.00

\$600.00 for Site Setup (Sunday-Saturday)

\$600.00 for ODS (Full Week)

\$600.00 for 4th Grade Program (Full Week)

\$600.00 for FSE/FSE (Back to Back in Same Week)

\$600.00 for Passages Through Time	(Full Week)
\$600.00 for 4/3 Outdoor School	(Single Program)
\$360.00 for French/American Program	
\$360.00 for Field Science Experience	(Single Program)
\$240.00 for Investigating Our World	(Single Program)
\$240.00 for 4th Grade Program	(Single Program)
\$240.00 for Wetlands and Waterways	(Single Program)

- b. Should overnight programming be canceled for any reason after being pre-scheduled at the beginning of the year, a maximum of 50% of the remaining unpaid scheduled per/week overnight stipend will be paid.
- c. Overnight stipends shall not be given for Outdoor School programming conducted in non-overnight settings.
- d. The Site Supervisors on Special Assignment position shall receive stipend based on the individual number of weeks they are on Outdoor School sites supervising overnight programming.
- e. Site Supervisors shall receive stipends in the pay period following the completed overnight week (Typical pay periods that would incur stipend reimbursements are Fall: October, November and Spring: April, May, June).

J. Reemployed retirees

Retirees approved for reemployment will be placed on the same step and experience level commensurate with their last position.

ARTICLE 24 - DUES AND PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

A. Association Dues

1. Payroll deduction of membership dues shall be equal to the annual dues divided by the number of paychecks remaining to be received by the member, commencing with the October paycheck.
2. The Association agrees to furnish any other information needed by the District to fulfill the provisions set forth herein, and not readily available to the District.
3. The Association will give the District Payroll Specialist the amount of Association dues and the member authorization cards on or before September 30. The District will deduct dues, fees, and any other assessments or authorized deductions to the Association in accordance with the payroll-deduction authorizations signed by members and provided to the Association. The Association will provide the employer with a list identifying the employees who have signed such authorizations and the authorized deduction amounts. The Association shall rely on the list to make the authorized deductions and to remit payment to the Association.

B. Payroll Deduction Procedure

1. Payroll deductions may be accomplished by requesting from the District Business Office the appropriate form.
2. The completed form, when signed by the member, shall be returned to the Business Office by the 10th day of the month in order to be implemented during the month's payroll.

C. Payroll Deduction Funds

1. Upon appropriate written request from the member, the District shall deduct from the salary of said member and make appropriate remittance for the following funds within the mechanical and personnel limits of the District:
 - a. Group Insurance
 - b. Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan
 - c. Savings Bonds
 - d. United Way Credit Union Association Membership
 - e. OEA Foundation
 - f. OEA PIE
2. In addition, the District shall perform the same service for Association members for any insurance plans offered exclusively by the Association for Association members. 3. Member's payroll checks shall itemize all sources of pay and payroll deductions, within the mechanical limits of the District.

3. The amounts the employee contributes toward group insurances selected by the employee will be automatically readjusted if the premium changes and in accordance with the Agreement at Article 23.
- D. The Association agrees that it will indemnify, defend and save harmless the District and all persons acting on behalf of the District from all suits, actions, proceedings, complaints, claims, liability and expense resulting from the implementation of this Article.

ARTICLE 25 - SICK LEAVE

A. Sick Leave Days

Members can use accrued sick leave when absent from work because of personal illness or injury or for any reason covered by ORS 659A.159 (Oregon Family Leave act), 653.601 (Oregon Paid Sick Time), ORS 659A.093 (Oregon Military Family Leave act), or ORS 659A.272 (Oregon Protections Because of Domestic Violence, Harassment, Sexual Assault or Stalking) in accordance with the aforementioned statutes and as provided under the following:

1. All members shall be granted sick leave as provided by Oregon law. Sick leave shall be accrued to all members at the rate of ten (10) normal workdays per full year or one (1) normal workday per month contracted, whichever is greater. Sick leave time shall be granted to each member on July 1 of each year or upon the beginning day of the contract.
 - a. Every effort will be made to schedule medical and dental appointments to minimize the impact to programs, staff and students. Members will notify supervisors of their intent as early as possible.
 - b. If a substitute is hired, sick leave must be used in at least four-hour increments. If no substitute is hired, sick leave may be used in one-hour increments.
2. The parties will abide by the provisions of ORS 332.507(sick leave for school employees).
3. If a member terminates employment with the District during the member's work year and has utilized more sick leave than accrued to the member, the value of the used but unaccrued sick leave shall be deducted from the member's final salary.

B. Workers' Compensation

In the event that a member qualifies for workers' compensation benefits due to injury or illness in the performance of their job with the District, pursuant to ORS 656.240, the following options shall be available to said member:

1. The member may receive a District paycheck equal to the difference between the workers' compensation payments for the pay period and the normal pay earned. Sick leave will be computed according to the following formula:

$$\text{Rate} = 1 - (\text{Workers' Compensation Daily Rate Paid}) \text{ Member Daily Rate of Pay}$$

2. The member may keep the workers' compensation payment and receive no District payment and no time will be charged to the sick leave account.

C. Quarantine

A member absent from work when the member is not ill, solely as the result of quarantine declared by a public health official, shall not have such absence charged against the member's accumulated sick leave.

ARTICLE 26 - SICK LEAVE BANK

- A. The purpose of the sick leave bank shall be to extend to those members additional sick leave days should an illness or injury cause a member to exhaust the member's accumulated sick leave days.
- B. The parties agree that the sick-leave bank will be redesigned to be an as-needed sick leave bank. Current employees who had sick leave hours deducted from their balance after August 1, 2019 will have those hours added back to their accruals. Hours accumulated before the 2019-2020 school year will be depleted before requesting on-demand donations as described in 26.C.
- C. The as-needed sick leave bank will be triggered if there is an instance when an employee has depleted all of their available accrued leave and Oregon Paid Leave benefits, requests additional paid sick leave, and the qualifying circumstances described in section 26. D - F apply. In this instance, Human Resources will solicit donations of one day (8 hours) from all MEA staff, with the identity of the colleague in need kept confidential. Agency-wide donations will be capped at a total of 25 days per incident and will be immediately deducted from the donors, in order of receipt of the confirmed donations in the personnel records system.
- D. Upon depleting personal sick leave, PTO and Paid Leave Oregon benefits, and after obtaining a Licensed Independent Practitioner LIP (MD, DO, NP, PA) statement certifying an illness or injury rendering a member unable to perform duties listed on a members' job description for a period of more than 10 workdays, a member may request days from the bank. The request shall be granted if the District records show that the member has exhausted the member's accumulated sick leave and the member has experienced an illness or disability that has been certified, in writing. Notwithstanding, sick leave bank members will not be eligible to withdraw if the member is receiving long-term disability payments.
- E. A member who meets the requirements described in C, above, and who used less than the maximum of 25 days while absent due to such illness or disability may request additional days from the bank up to the number of days of the maximum of 25 days not used in connection with such absence. The requested additional days shall be granted if the days are used to receive health care for the illness or disability which caused such absence.
- F. Requests for withdrawals from the sick leave bank shall be directed to the Director of Human Resources, with the necessary documentation attached thereto. The first 10 days of the illness or injury will be charged to the bank until the member returns to work or has used a maximum of 25 days from the bank.
- G. The District will keep accurate records of sick leave accumulated by the bank and of sick leave used by members of the bank. The District will notify the Association on an annual basis of the accumulated days and the number of days charged to the bank for that last year.

ARTICLE 27 - SABBATICAL LEAVES

A. Eligibility

Any member who has served the District for a period of six (6) consecutive years shall be eligible to apply for a sabbatical leave which, if approved, may commence during the seventh (7th) year of service or any subsequent year. Sabbatical leave shall be granted in increments of not less than one (1) college term, either a college quarter or a college semester. The aggregate sabbatical time granted in any one (1) year shall not exceed three (3) percent of the aggregate number of contract days for all members. Periods of approved sabbatical leave of absence shall neither count as a year of service or be deemed to interrupt the consecutive nature of the years served.

B. Application for Sabbatical Leave

An application for sabbatical leave must be received by the Director, Human Resources, prior to March 1 preceding the year in which the sabbatical leave will be taken. Approval of applications received at a later date may be granted under emergency or unusual conditions. All applications for sabbatical leave are subject to approval by the Superintendent and the District Board; the District retains the right to approve or deny any sabbatical leave request. When an application is denied, upon request, the applicant will be given the reasons for the denial.

C. Purpose

The purpose of the requested sabbatical leave must be stated and committed to at the time of application. Furthermore, the applicant must document, at the conclusion of the sabbatical leave, that it was taken for the stated purpose. Should the stated purpose not be fulfilled, then all monies expended by the District under this Article shall be repaid by the applicant.

D. Rate of Pay

A member on sabbatical leave shall be paid at the rate of fifty percent (50%) of the salary which the member would have received if the member had remained in service. Payment shall be made on the same basis as members who are not on sabbatical leave with deductions and retirement withheld based on the salary paid.

E. Benefits

Members shall retain only the following rights: tenure, retirement, insurance, sick leave and eligibility for increases in salary subject to evaluation and recommendation as though the member were on active service.

F. Return to District Service

A member, upon being granted sabbatical leave, shall agree to return to the District and shall be reassigned to the position held before taking leave, if available. Provided, if such position is not available, reassignment shall be made to a position commensurate with the position held prior to the leave, and in either case, at a salary level equivalent to the salary such member would have received had service to the District remained continuous. Such member shall agree to serve the District for two (2) years after return and, if such member

should leave the service of the District voluntarily before said two (2) years have expired, the member shall reimburse the District in proportion to the unfilled agreement, the amount of compensation received. However, in the event the member dies or is disabled (disability to be defined pursuant to ORS 656.206) repayment shall not be required. The repayment shall be made without interest over a period of three (3) years. If neither the position held before taking sabbatical leave is available upon the member's return, nor a position equivalent thereto, the District shall endeavor to place the returning member in a position as nearly equivalent as possible to the one held prior to the sabbatical leave.

ARTICLE 28 - OTHER PAID LEAVES

- A. Members may, upon application in writing, and upon approval of the Superintendent or their designee, obtain temporary non-accumulative leave of absence under provisions of this Article and as provided by Oregon Law.

At the start of employment, members shall be eligible for temporary non-accumulative leaves of absence with full pay each school year. Members employed after the beginning of the year shall have such paid leaves prorated according to the portion of the year for which they are contracted.

1. Military Leave

A regularly employed member who is a member of the National Guard or of any reserve component of the United States shall be granted a leave of absence from their duties for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) working days in any one calendar year without the loss of time, pay or regular leave, and without impairment of merit rating or other rights or benefits to which they are entitled. Notwithstanding this provision, the member is required to have been employed by the District for a period of six months preceding their application for such military leave; otherwise such leave shall be without pay.

- a. Such leave shall be granted only when the member has received bona fide orders to active or training duty for a temporary period.
- b. The leave shall not be paid if the member does not return to their position as soon as practicable, not to exceed five (5) calendar days following the expiration of the period for which they were ordered to duty.
- c. The member shall notify the immediate supervisor at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of active military service.

2. Jury Duty

Any member shall be granted a leave of absence with pay for service upon a jury, provided that the salary paid to such member for the period of absence shall be reduced by the amount paid as compensation for jury service.

3. Court Appearances

Members who appear before a court, legislative committee or other judicial or quasi-judicial body as witness in response to a subpoena or other direction by proper authority shall be granted leave for such appearance, provided that the salary paid to such member shall be reduced by an amount equal to that received by such member as witness fees. This leave is not available when either subpoena is not related to agency business or the member or the Association is a complainant in a case against the District.

4. Funerals of Students/Peers

With approval of the supervisor, leave for attending funerals of students or peers shall

be granted so long as student coverage is adequate. Some situations may require releasing a representative of a group rather than the whole group to maintain program coverage. Such leave is for a short duration to attend a funeral and will not be charged against other paid leaves.

5. Personal Leave

Each Member shall be eligible for seven (7) personal time off (PTO) days each year. Notice to the immediate supervisor for the employee to take PTO shall be given as early as possible. PTO requests will be granted unless the supervisor determines they would result in an unacceptable impact to the program. In such a case, the details of this impact and decision process leading to the denial will be provided to the member. Leave shall be used in increments of not less than one-half (1/2) day. Supervisors have the authority to grant exceptions to the half-day rule, on an hourly basis, when the supervisor determines that there is minimal impact on the program. If an active Member does not use all allocated PTO by June 30th, the Member shall receive a cash payout for up to three (3) unused PTO days. Unused PTO in excess of three (3) unused PTO days, shall be forfeited.

6. Conference Affiliates

Up to ten (10) days shall be provided for those appointed or elected representatives to attend conferences or conventions of state or national organizations in the member's field of employment. The aggregate total number of such days of paid leave shall not exceed twenty (20) in any school year unless otherwise agreed to by the District.

7. Professional Visitation

Upon approval of the immediate supervisor, a member may be granted up to three (3) days' leave for the purpose of visiting other classes, schools or educational facilities, I.E.P. planning and preparation, or attending educational conferences during the school year. The member must make a written request at least ten (10) days prior to the anticipated leave. The disposition of the request will be explained in writing by the supervisor, at least one day in advance of visitation or IEP planning and preparation. A copy will be given to Human Resources. Requests for educational conferences will receive a written disposition of the request at least four days in advance of the conference.

- B. Members hired after the beginning of the normal contract period shall have paid leaves prorated by the following formula (days shall be specified in whole numbers):

$$\text{Eligible \# of days} = \frac{\text{Number of Actual Contracted Days} \times \text{Default Accrual Days}}{\text{Number of Default Contracted Days}}$$

Ex: (135 actual days x 7 PTO days) / 190 default contracted days = 5 prorated PTO days

- C. For the purposes of this article, "day" will mean the equivalent to full-time equivalent (FTE).
D. All of the foregoing leave privileges may be taken in not less than one-half (1/2) day increments.

ARTICLE 29 - UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Unpaid Leaves

A regularly employed member, upon application in writing and upon approval of the District, may be granted a leave of absence of up to two (2) years except as otherwise provided by statute. A copy of the written approval of the leave of absence will be given to the Association. Such unpaid leave may be extended by mutual agreement by the District and the member. Such unpaid leaves shall include:

1. Military Leave Without Pay

Any permanent or probationary member shall be entitled to military leave of absence without pay for service with the Armed Services of the United States, either through enlistment or selective service induction and shall be returned to their last position at the salary rate prevailing for such position on the date of the resumption of duty without loss of seniority or other employment rights.

- a. Such members shall apply for return to service with the District within ninety (90) days following honorable discharge and shall report for duty in accordance with subsection 2 of ORS 408.240, and as directed by the District Board. In the absence of such application or request for extension of leave, such leave shall be deemed canceled and may constitute grounds for dismissal.

2. Parental Leave

A regular employed member, upon application in writing and upon approval of the District, may be granted a leave of absence of up to one year after the conclusion of OFLA/FMLA leave except as otherwise provided by statute. Such applications shall be submitted at least 45 calendar days prior to the date requested to commence the leave. The member may begin their leave at any time upon approval. A copy of the written approval of the leave of absence will be given to the Association. The District may require confirmation of employee's or employee's spouse's pregnancy or notification of pending adoption.

- a. In making application, the member shall inform the District of their intention to do one of the following:
 - i. Return after the birth for the balance of the school year, specifying an approximate date of anticipated return, subject to Paragraph c, below.
 - ii. Return at the beginning of the following year, subject to Paragraph c, below.
 - iii. Return one full school year after the close of the year in which the birth/adoption occurred.
- b. The member who plans to return to teaching after the parental leave may return at any time they are capable of performing normal duties. A member on parental leave desiring to return to service at the start of the next school year shall notify

the Human Resources Office, in writing, by March 1, stating their desire to return. Failure to give such notice shall be deemed a resignation.

- c. A member on parental leave shall retain all benefits accrued in the District prior to the leave upon their return from that leave, including sick leave and position on the compensation schedule. Such benefits shall not accrue during a leave of absence.
- d. Insofar as possible, the member shall be reassigned to the same or a similar position.
- e. A member and the District may terminate a leave at any time prior to the agreed upon timeline by mutual agreement.
- f. The second year provision of this article may be exercised through application to the Human Resources Office. In no event shall the leave exceed (2) two years.
- g. A member on such leave shall be eligible to continue any insurance and annuity programs provided such premiums or contributions are paid by the member and it is otherwise lawful and permitted by the insurance/annuity contract.

3. Other Leaves Without Pay

Such leaves may be granted under the following conditions:

- a. Election or Appointment to Legislature

When a member elected or appointed to the legislature is required to attend regular biennial sessions or special sessions called by the Governor. Such leave may include attendance at special meetings associated with the legislative office between sessions.

- b. Religious Convictions

When a member's religious convictions require leave during the normal working hours of the member.

- c. Temporary Disability

When a member suffers a temporary disability or critical illness when such disability or illness would not 53 qualify for sick leave.

- d. Unusual Conditions

When a member requires leave because of conditions over which the member has no control.

- e. State, Federal, and International Programs

Upon application, any member may be granted leave for the purpose of participating in State, Federal, or International programs such as exchange teaching programs, foreign military teaching, teacher, Job or Peace Corps,

cultural travel or work programs related to the member's professional responsibilities, etc.

f. Professional Study

Unpaid leave may be granted to a member, upon request, for the purpose of engaging in study reasonably related to the member's professional responsibilities at an accredited college or university.

g. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the District Board may grant a leave of absence without pay to regularly employed members who would not qualify for leave under any other provisions of leave policy.

h. When the needs of a member's child/children are such that a leave is indicated.

i. Upon the request of a member, the member shall be provided the reasons for denial of any leave in writing.

B. Return from Leave

1. For all types of unpaid leaves for a duration of one (1) year or longer, except Military Leave (subsection A. 1, above), the member shall notify the Human Resources Office in writing by March 1 of the year the leave of absence is occurring as to whether or not the member plans to return at the start of the next school year. Failure to give such notice shall be deemed to be a resignation.

2. A member returning to the District after such unpaid leave shall be credited with all benefits vested at the beginning of said leave, but otherwise would be subject to conditions prevailing at the time of return.

3. Insofar as possible, the member shall be reassigned to the same or a similar position.

4. A member may continue any member group benefit plan at the member's own expense where permitted by contract or statute.

C. No leaves of absence, whether paid or unpaid, shall be taken for any purpose other than as stated in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 30 - MENTOR PROGRAM

- A. The District reserves the right to establish and discontinue a Beginning Mentor Program for members.
- B. Bargaining unit members may apply for a mentor position. Applications shall be submitted to the Human Resources Office.
- C. No member shall be designated as a mentor unless willing to perform in that role.
- D. To the extent possible, a mentor will work with no more than one beginning employee per year. In the event that a mentor agrees to mentor a second employee, a second stipend will be provided.
- E. No mentor shall participate, at any level, in the evaluation of members.
- F. The District will provide a qualified substitute for the mentor, and mentee, when necessary and possible.
- G. The District will provide a \$1,500 stipend for each mentor for each year they participate in the program. This stipend shall be prorated if the full year of mentoring is not provided.
- H. Mentors will be provided with training from MESD.
- I. The mentorship program will have a universal design.
- J. Mentees will have access to their mentor within 15 days after pairing is finalized.
- K. Every member will be offered the opportunity to participate in the program during their first year of employment.
- L. MEA members may petition their supervisor to participate in the Mentor program after their first year.
- M. The Mentee will be provided a survey or check in for feedback about the program at 30 days, 90 days, and the end of the school year.
- N. Mentees will be provided uninterrupted time to meet with mentors 3 times a school year for a total minimum of 6 hours. The number of hours of mentoring will be based on individualized needs of each mentee. It is expected that the mentor will be available to the mentee for meetings or via phone, email, or text support, for additional time per month for the duration of the school year.

ARTICLE 31 - ARTICLE TITLES

Unless otherwise provided for, the use of articles, sections or paragraph headings throughout this Agreement is intended for easy reference only and shall not be interpreted and/or implied so as to eliminate or substantially increase, reduce or in any way modify the terms or conditions thereof.

ARTICLE 32 - LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The parties will have two joint Labor-Management Committees as mechanisms for dialogue between the parties. The parties may in turn create additional subcommittees underneath the auspices of the Labor-Management Committee as the parties may deem appropriate.

There will be two defined Labor Management Committees, one for registered nurse members, the RN Labor Management Committee, and one for education/related services members, the Education/Related service Management Committee. If global issues need to be discussed regarding the whole membership of the Association and the administration, both committees will join together to meet for dialogue.

Both of these Labor-Management Committees will meet monthly (other than July and August), unless there are no topics for dialogue. Then, by mutual agreement between the Association and the District, there will be no meeting that month. The RN Labor-Management Committees shall be composed of seven (7) members, two (2) nurse members, two (2) other individuals appointed by the Association, and three (3) people appointed by the District. The parties agree that the Association's president, or their designee, will serve on the Committee as will at least one director-level administrator from the District. Permanent or temporary membership on the Committee may be expanded by the mutual agreement of the Association and the District.

The Education/Related Service Labor Management Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members with two (2) teacher members, two (2) other individuals appointed by the Association, and three (3) members appointed by the District. The parties agree that the Association President, or their designee, will serve on the Committee as will at least one director-level administrator from the District. Permanent or temporary membership on the Committee may be expanded by the mutual agreement of the Association and the District.

ARTICLE 33 - EMERGENCY CLOSURES

A. Emergency Closures Defined and Notification

Emergency or storm closures are defined as closures of facilities due to unsafe working conditions, or when it is unsafe to transport students, because of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances (e.g., power outages).

Emergency closures of the Ainsworth building shall be determined by the MESD Superintendent. MESD-operated schools and programs will follow emergency closure determinations that align with the respective school districts or partner facilities in which they are sited.

Employees may be notified of emergency closures via the direct communications from the ESD (e.g., telephone call or email), District website, other media, and emergency/flash alert notification.

B. Remote Employees

Employees who are regularly scheduled to work remotely during an emergency closure will be expected to report to work unless notified by the ESD. Employees who are required to report to work remotely will be compensated at the employee's regular rate of pay for time scheduled to work during the closure. Employees who are unable to work remotely due to circumstances caused by the emergency conditions may be excused from reporting to work by their immediate supervisor and paid at their regular rate of pay. Employees who are unable to work for reasons unrelated to the emergency closure may also have the option of using personal leave, vacation time (if they are entitled to this benefit), or may take unpaid personal leave if all other leaves have been exhausted.

C. Employees Not Required to Report to Work

Employees who are not assigned to work remotely are not required to report to work and will be compensated at the employee's regular rate of pay for time scheduled to work during the closure. Employees who do not have regularly scheduled remote work that have a remote work obligation will contact their supervisor for permission to work remotely.

D. Employees Unable to Report

Employees whose assigned work location is open, but are unable to reach their work location, will have the option of using personal leave, vacation time (if they are entitled to this benefit), or may take unpaid personal leave if all other leaves have been exhausted. Adjustments in pay because of emergency closure will be made in the employee's next monthly paycheck.

E. Emergency Closure and Scheduled Leave

If an employee had previously scheduled paid leave on a closure day, they will not be required to use the leave and they will receive the closure pay. If an essential employee is scheduled to be on paid leave, they may choose to cancel their leave and report to work. If the essential employee is unable or unwilling to report to work (or if standard attempts to contact them have failed), their leave will be used as originally planned.


F. Make-Up Days

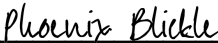
Employees may be required to work up to three (3) make-up days due to emergency closure without additional pay. However, if the employee is required, or granted permission by their supervisor, to work on a closure day (on site or remotely), the employee will not be required to work at a later date without additional pay.

ARTICLE 34 - DURATION/EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

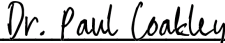
- A. Upon ratification by both parties, this Agreement shall become effective on July 1, 2024 and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2027. This agreement shall not be extended orally.
- B. Neither party shall have the right, during the life of this Agreement, to engage in collective bargaining on any subject that is intended to take effect during the life of the Agreement without the consent of the other party, except under conditions set forth in Article 2, Section D or as otherwise allowed by statute.
- C. This Agreement is executed this 23rd day of July, 2024 by the undersigned officers, acting with authority and on behalf of the Multnomah Education Service District Education Association and the Multnomah Education Service District, respectively.


FOR THE ASSOCIATION

DocuSigned by:

28A41973A6E8427...
Co-President

DocuSigned by:

703A986BC325483...
Co-President

FOR THE DISTRICT

DocuSigned by:

CED30016BE24474...
Superintendent

DocuSigned by:

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Assistant Superintendent

APPENDIX A - EDUCATOR SALARY TABLE

Effective July 1, 2024

(2025-26 and 2026-27 Tables To Be Determined Per Article 23.A.2)

STEP 1	RANGE >	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
STEP 2-15	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.25%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
COLA	3.50%							

					MA	MA15	MA30	MA45
Step	BA	BA30	BA45	BA60	BA75	BA90	BA105	BA120
1	\$50,094	\$51,722	\$53,403	\$55,139	\$56,931	\$58,070	\$59,231	\$60,416
2	\$51,597	\$53,274	\$55,005	\$56,793	\$58,781	\$60,102	\$61,304	\$62,531
3	\$53,145	\$54,872	\$56,655	\$58,497	\$60,691	\$62,206	\$63,450	\$64,720
4	\$54,739	\$56,518	\$58,355	\$60,252	\$62,663	\$64,383	\$65,671	\$66,985
5	\$56,381	\$58,214	\$60,106	\$62,060	\$64,700	\$66,636	\$67,969	\$69,329
6	\$58,072	\$59,960	\$61,909	\$63,922	\$66,803	\$68,968	\$70,348	\$71,756
7	\$59,814	\$61,759	\$63,766	\$65,840	\$68,974	\$71,382	\$72,810	\$74,267
8	\$61,608	\$63,612	\$65,679	\$67,815	\$71,216	\$73,880	\$75,358	\$76,866
9	\$63,456	\$65,520	\$67,649	\$69,849	\$73,531	\$76,466	\$77,996	\$79,556
10	\$65,360	\$67,486	\$69,678	\$71,944	\$75,921	\$79,142	\$80,726	\$82,340
11	\$67,321	\$69,511	\$71,768	\$74,102	\$78,388	\$81,912	\$83,551	\$85,222
12	\$69,341	\$71,596	\$73,921	\$76,325	\$80,936	\$84,779	\$86,475	\$88,205
13	\$71,421	\$73,744	\$76,139	\$78,615	\$83,566	\$87,746	\$89,502	\$91,292
14	\$73,564	\$75,956	\$78,423	\$80,973	\$86,282	\$90,817	\$92,635	\$94,487
15	\$75,771	\$78,235	\$80,776	\$83,402	\$89,086	\$93,996	\$95,877	\$97,794

LONGEVITY				
12-14 YEARS	15-19 YEARS	20-24 YEARS	25-29 YEARS	30+ YEARS
1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%

APPENDIX B - REGISTERED NURSE SALARY SCHEDULE

Effective July 1, 2024

(2025-26 and 2026-27 To Be Determined Per Article 23.A.2)

STEP 1	RANGE ->	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
STEP 2-15	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.50%	3.40%	3.30%
COLA	3.50%						

	DIPLOMA	+20	RN	RN+20	RN	RN+15	RN+30
Step	ASSOC	ASSOC	BS/BA	BS/BA	MASTERS	MASTERS	MASTERS
1	\$50,094	\$52,348	\$54,704	\$57,166	\$59,738	\$62,426	\$65,235
2	\$51,722	\$54,049	\$56,482	\$59,024	\$61,829	\$64,548	\$67,388
3	\$53,403	\$55,806	\$58,318	\$60,942	\$63,993	\$66,743	\$69,612
4	\$55,139	\$57,620	\$60,213	\$62,923	\$66,233	\$69,012	\$71,909
5	\$56,931	\$59,493	\$62,170	\$64,968	\$68,551	\$71,358	\$74,282
6	\$58,781	\$61,427	\$64,191	\$67,079	\$70,950	\$73,784	\$76,733
7	\$60,691	\$63,423	\$66,277	\$69,259	\$73,433	\$76,293	\$79,265
8	\$62,663	\$65,484	\$68,431	\$71,510	\$76,003	\$78,887	\$81,881
9	\$64,700	\$67,612	\$70,655	\$73,834	\$78,663	\$81,569	\$84,583
10	\$66,803	\$69,809	\$72,951	\$76,234	\$81,416	\$84,342	\$87,374
11	\$68,974	\$72,078	\$75,322	\$78,712	\$84,266	\$87,210	\$90,257
12	\$71,216	\$74,421	\$77,770	\$81,270	\$87,215	\$90,175	\$93,235
13	\$73,531	\$76,840	\$80,298	\$83,911	\$90,268	\$93,241	\$96,312
14	\$75,921	\$79,337	\$82,908	\$86,638	\$93,427	\$96,411	\$99,490
15	\$78,388	\$81,915	\$85,603	\$89,454	\$96,697	\$99,689	\$102,773

LONGEVITY				
12-14 YEARS	15-19 YEARS	20-24 YEARS	25-29 YEARS	30+ YEARS
1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%

APPENDIX C - MESD-MESDEA GRIEVANCE FORM

The purpose of this form is to facilitate the processing of grievances that may arise under the collective bargaining agreement from time to time. It is offered to highlight the important points and steps in the Grievance Procedure so that the parties have a better understanding of the steps of the Procedure and their purpose. However, in case of any conflict, the actual written provisions of the contract's Grievance Procedure will prevail.

I. Grievance Definitions

- A. "Grievance" is an alleged violation of the collective bargaining agreement. A "Grievance" can be pursued to arbitration.
- B. "Policy Grievance" is an alleged violation of a written District Board Policy. A "Policy Grievance" may only be pursued to the Superintendent's level; the Superintendent's decision is final and not subject to review.

II. Timelines

The grievance procedure must be initiated within 15 MESD business days from the time of the occurrence that is being grieved or within 15 MESD business days of the time the grievant first acquired knowledge of the occurrence.

During the period of June 21 to August 30 of each year grievances may be filed. However the timelines below shall be extended until September 1st unless there is mutual agreement to meet prior to September 1st.

III. Steps

- A. Informal: The grievant must meet with the supervisor and tell the supervisor that the grievant is initiating a grievance. The supervisor and grievant will attempt to set a date for an informal meeting to discuss the grievance.
 - 1. Date of Initiation of Grievance: _____
 - 2. Date of informal meeting, if any: _____
- B. Formal: If the grievance is not resolved at the informal level, the grievant has 10 MESD business days to submit the grievance in writing to the Cabinet member or appropriate administrative authority. The writing requirements are stated in the contract. The administration has 10 MESD business days from receipt of the written statement of the grievance to respond to the grievance.
 - 1. Date of Formal Grievance: _____
 - 2. Date of administrative response: _____
- C. Grievance Review Committee: If the grievance is not resolved at the formal level, the grievant may, within ten (10) days of receipt of the written response from Step 1, request the grievance be heard by the Grievance Review Committee (GRC). The (GRC) will meet within 30 days to review the grievance.

1. Date of Appeal to the GRC: _____

2. Date of GRC response: _____

D. If the grievance is not resolved, it may be appealed to the Superintendent's level within 10 days of receiving the response from the GRC. The writing requirements are in Article 13.D. The Superintendent has 10 MESD business days from receipt of the written statement of the grievance to hear the grievance and another 10 MESD business days to provide a written response.

1. Date of appeal to Superintendent: _____

2. Date of hearing: _____

3. Date of Superintendent's decision: _____

E. Grievances that are not resolved may be appealed to the Board. Refer to Grievance Procedure in contract for details.

F. Grievances that are not resolved at the Board level may be appealed to arbitration. Refer to Grievance Procedure in contract for details. (An appeal to arbitration may be made only by the Association).

APPENDIX D - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

For college course tuition, conferences, workshops, seminars and to obtain national certification

To receive reimbursement or prepayment, request must be submitted prior to the start date, and be:

- Pre-approved by your supervisor, indicated by their signature in Section II.
- Within the scope of your current position, related to your work assignment, or for professional advancement.
- Accompanied with the published materials verifying the class/conference/workshop title, date(s) and cost.

Allowable costs:

- Course/Workshop/Seminar: Cost of tuition/registration fee
- Conference: Cost of registration fee, travel and lodging (meals will not be reimbursed)
- Travel to Conference: Maximum \$150/year; includes mileage, airfare, and transportation to/from the airport/hotel
- Lodging at Conference: maximum \$150/night for required overnight

The total combined professional development costs per member shall not exceed the cost of six (6) graduate credit hours at Portland State University. Each approved credit will be reimbursed at no more than the current PSU cost per graduate credit.

EMPLOYEE - Section I				
Name		Position		Date
Signature				
<p>Select one option for payment:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>REIMBURSEMENT after class is completed</u></p> <p>To receive reimbursement after completion, the following must be submitted within 30 days of completion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade slip/transcript for college courses, or certificate of attendance for workshop/conference ● Receipt indicating actual costs paid <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>PREPAYMENT prior to completion of class</u></p> <p>To request prepayment prior to completion, the following must be submitted within 30 days of completion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade slip/transcript for college courses, or certificate of attendance for workshop/conference ● Receipt indicating actual costs paid <p>By signing this request form you understand that if one of the following apply, it is your responsibility to repay the District the amount of prepayment and you hereby authorize deduction from your paycheck for the prepayment amount if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You fail to submit a passing grade or certificate of attendance within 30 days of completion of the course. ● You drop/withdraw from the class, or ● Your employment with the District is terminated prior to completion of the class 				

EMPLOYEE - Section I (continued)					
Course/Conference/Workshop Title (one per form)		# of Quarter Units	Date(s)	Tuition/Registration Fee	
Conference Travel Only (Mileage reimbursed at Federal Rate)	Airfare	Lodging	Transportation Fees	# of Miles Driven	

SUPERVISOR - Section II			
The course/conference/workshop indicated in Section I :			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is within the scope of the member's current position, related to their work assignment, or for professional advancement.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is <i>not</i> within the scope of the member's current position, related to their work assignment, or for professional advancement.			
Supervisor Signature		Date	

HUMAN RESOURCES - Section III			
The course/conference/workshop indicated in Section I :			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is approved for reimbursement or <input type="checkbox"/> Is approved for prepayment			
Total Mileage Cost (if applicable): \$_____			
Amount Paid: \$_____ Date Paid: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is not approved for reimbursement or prepayment			
Explanation: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment entered on spreadsheet		<input type="checkbox"/> Emailed Employee on	
HR Signature		Date	

APPENDIX E - EDUCATION CREDIT APPROVAL REQUEST

To receive Education Credit for advancement on the MESDEA salary schedule, request must be:

- Approved by your supervisor, indicated by their signature below
- Applicable to your position with the District
- Accompanied with certificates of attendance, verification of Professional Development Units (PDUs)/Continuing Education Units (CEUs), contact hours earned, or college transcripts.
 - 15 CEU/PDU = 1 credit
 - Qualifying courses/conferences/workshops are those which occur on days which are not scheduled as workdays on the employee’s work calendar (except when PV leave was used).
- In order to be granted advancement on the salary schedule the member must additionally submit the “Salary Schedule Advance Request Form” ([Appendix F](#)) to HR requesting advancement on the salary schedule. The “Salary Schedule Advance Request Form must be accompanied by this approval for such credit, signed by your supervisor.

EMPLOYEE - Section I			
Name		Position	
Date			
Signature			
Course/Conference Title	Conference/Course Provider	Course Date(s)	# of CEU/PDU/Credits

Course/Conference Title	Conference/Course Provider	Course Date(s)	# of CEU/ PDU/Credits

SUPERVISOR - Section II			
<p>The course(s) indicated in Section I:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is/Are applicable to the member's position with the District and is approved for education credit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is/Are not applicable to the member's position with the District and is denied for education credit.</p>			
Supervisor Signature		Date	

APPENDIX F - SALARY SCHEDULE ADVANCE REQUEST FORM

Per Article 23.D., I am requesting to advance from Range _____ to Range _____ on the MESDEA salary schedule.

In requesting this advance I verify that I participated in the courses submitted on my official transcript and/or grade slip at times which were not scheduled as workdays on my work calendar* at Multnomah ESD.

I understand that this request to advance on the salary schedule will not be processed until this form and my official transcripts, or other appropriate documentation of professional development units, have been received by Human Resources.

Name

Date

Signature

PEID

**Excluding paid professional visitation and sabbatical leave*

HR USE ONLY

Transcripts/Grade Slip Received: _____

Number of Credits Verified: _____ By: _____

Approved

Denied

Effective Date: _____

APPENDIX G - CURRENT JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

- Assistive Technology Consultant
- Audiologist
- Behavior Consultant
- Behavior Interventionist
- Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor
- Climate and Culture Specialist
- Counselor
- High School Success Specialist
- Instructional Technology Specialist
- Math Facilitator
- Mental Health Counselor/Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Outdoor School Site Supervisor (including Site Supervisor On Special Assignment)
- Paraeducator Professional Learning Coach
- Physical Therapist
- Preschool Specialist
- Prevention Supports Manager
- Psychologist
- Registered Nurse (including Nurse On Special Assignment and Complex Needs Nurse)
- Safe And Connected Schools Coach
- School Climate Coach
- School Improvement Specialist
- School Wellness Specialist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Student Affairs Specialist
- Student Engagement Specialist
- Teacher (including Teacher On Special Assignment)
- Transition Network Facilitator

Memorandum of Understanding

The parties agree to reopen the Article 17 of the Agreement pursuant to ORS 243.712 beginning on or about October 1, 2024 and ending 90 days thereafter. The purpose of the reopening of the Agreement is to address potential changes to the evaluation system as described in Article 17 subsequent to the conclusion of the evaluation committee process.

DocuSigned by:
Dr. Paul Coakley
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For the District

DocuSigned by:
Jessica Rohbacher
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For the Association

7/24/2024

Date

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