

AGREEMENT

between

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
of  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 512  
JOHNSON COUNTY,  
STATE OF KANSAS



**SHAWNEE  
MISSION**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

and

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
SHAWNEE MISSION



Parent Educators

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## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS

When used in this agreement, the following terms will have the following meanings:

- A. The School District (or District): Shawnee Mission School District, Johnson County, State of Kansas, with administrative offices located at 8200 W. 71<sup>st</sup> St., Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66204.
- B. The Board of Education (or Board): The Board of Education of the Shawnee Mission School District, Johnson County, State of Kansas.
- C. The Association: National Education Association Shawnee Mission Parent Educators with offices located in Shawnee Mission, Kansas.
- D. Parent Educator: Any parent educator of the school district who is regularly assigned, on a part-time or full-time basis, as a parent educator in the Parents As Teachers program.
- E. Supervisor: The administrator assigned to the Parents as Teachers program.

## ARTICLE II

### RECOGNITION, RIGHTS, AND OBLIGATIONS

- A. The board recognizes the association as the exclusive and sole representative of all parent educators of the district for purposes of professional negotiations. The rights and privileges of the association and its representatives as set forth in this agreement shall be granted to the association and to no other organization purporting to represent parent educators.
- B. The board agrees to provide the association with information requested by the association, such as financial data, names and addresses of parent educators, and board agenda, when such information is relevant and necessary in carrying out association responsibilities as the exclusive representative of the parent educators. Such information will be provided when the same is not in violation of the law. Should the association request information in a form, which is not readily available, the respective designees will meet and attempt to find a mutually agreeable solution.
- C. Duly-authorized representatives of the association or of the organizations with which the association is affiliated shall be permitted to discuss matters pertaining to association business with parent educators so as to not interfere with nor interrupt normal operation of the educational program.
- D. The association and its representatives may use an area of a school building for meeting purposes during a time when such meetings shall not interfere with nor interrupt normal operation of the educational program. Such use of facilities shall be in accordance with appropriate policies adopted by the board. The use of district facilities shall be without charge.
- E. The board agrees to deduct dues for membership in the association, which includes membership in Kansas-NEA and NEA, from the wages of the parent educators who individually and voluntarily file with the payroll office, through the office of the association, a signed and dated payroll authorization deduction card. Deductions shall be made bi-weekly; the final installment for the fiscal year shall be made in June unless the parent educator arranges for the total obligation to the association to be completed earlier. Such deduction of dues shall continue from year to year as so authorized, unless the parent educator notifies the payroll office in writing that the parent educator desires to discontinue such authorization.
- F. On or before August 15 of each year, the association shall file a statement with the payroll office indicating the total annual dues for all categories of membership in the association and each of its affiliated organizations. The association shall also file lists containing names of parent educators for whom dues are to be deducted, their social security numbers, schools, total dues to be paid, amount of each monthly deduction, the number of months for which such deductions are to be made, and the date of the first deduction. Such lists may be filed at any time during the fiscal year, but the payroll office shall not be required to make new deductions from the payroll for any month if the list is delivered to it later than the fifth of the month. Corrections in the amounts to be withheld, whether necessitated by errors of the association or of the payroll office, may be filed at any time except that "corrections" shall not be deemed to include changes to compensate for uneven quotients resulting from the division of total dues by the number of monthly deductions.
- G. The association agrees to save the board harmless from any action growing out of these deductions and commenced by any parent educator against the board or the district, and

assumes full responsibility for the disposition of the funds so deducted once they have been turned over to the association.

- H. If a parent educator has no earnings due for any month, because of absence due to illness, leave of absence, or for any other reasons, no deduction will be made for the parent educator for that month. The association will be responsible for the collection of dues for that month directly with the parent educator.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **PERSONNEL POLICY PROVISIONS**

##### General Provisions

- A. This agreement details the employment and employee relations programs for the parent educator personnel of Shawnee Mission School District. The information contained herein will assist in guiding the work of the parent educators. Each parent educator is responsible for becoming and remaining informed with regard to the contents of this agreement. All questions relating to contract interpretation shall be submitted in written form to the division of human resource services.
- B. Violation of this contract or any policy shall be grounds for disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension, demotion, or dismissal.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **GENERAL EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS**

- A. Initial Applications for Employment  
Any person not currently employed by the district who is interested in applying for parent educator positions must complete an application for Parents as Teachers employment and submit it to Human Resources.
- B. Employment Requirements and Procedures
  - a. All parent educators new to the district are required to provide Human Resources the following information and documents after acceptance of an employment offer, and prior to beginning work:
    - i. Certificate of health for school personnel
    - ii. Official transcript(s) of all college credit
    - iii. Current PAT certification (if applicable)
    - iv. Verification of employment form (if applicable)
    - v. Employee's withholding allowance certificate form W-4
    - vi. Immigration and naturalization service form I-9, and/or other required documents
    - vii. Social security card
    - viii. Oath or affirmation of officer or employee
    - ix. Personal data information
    - x. Shawnee Mission School District Benefit Election and Salary Reduction Form Section 125 Cafeteria Plan (if eligible for the Section 125 employee benefits plan)

- xi. State of Kansas public employees' retirement system school enrollment application (if eligible)
  - xii. Background check
- b. Physical Examination Requirements, K.S.A. 72-5213 (2004). Certification of Health for School Personnel:

“Every board of education shall require all employees of the school district who come in regular contact with the pupils of the school district, to submit a certification of health on a form prescribed by the secretary of health and environment and signed by a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under the laws of any state when such a person is working at the direction of or in collaboration with a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery, or by a person holding a certificate of qualification to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner under the laws of this state when such person is working at the direction of or in collaboration with a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery. The certification shall include a statement that there is no evidence of physical condition that would conflict with the health, safety or welfare of pupils; and that freedom from tuberculosis has been established by chest x-ray or negative tuberculin skin test. If at any time there is reasonable cause to believe that any such person is suffering from an illness detrimental to the health of the pupils, the school board may require a new certification of health.”

The expense of obtaining certification of health will be borne by the school employee. The certification of health form must be on file in Human Resources before the employee begins work.

C. New Employee Orientation

- a. A copy of the agreement between National Education Association Shawnee Mission Parent Educators will be given to all new parent educators, and will be reviewed with them. It is the responsibility of the employee to read and become familiar with all information contained in this contract.
- b. Each new parent educator must attend a paid orientation conducted by the program supervisor. The new educator's mentor will also attend if possible. Current Parent as Teachers policies and paperwork will be reviewed. Other special paid orientation sessions may also be required, as determined by the administration.
- c. The orientation process may include:
  - i. The new educator shadowing the mentor for two weeks.
  - ii. The new educator conducting one or more of the mentor's family visits.
  - iii. Appropriate feedback by the mentor incorporating the PAT national standards.
  - iv. New families will be assigned to the new parent educator as s/he is ready, usually by the third week.
  - v. The new educator may request observations of family visits by the mentor or other colleagues.

D. Personnel Folders

- a. All material obtained during the period of employment which is placed in the parent educator's permanent personnel file, and which may be used to determine the parent educator's continued employment or advancement in the school system, shall be available for inspection by the parent educator except that information received

by the administration prior to employment, which shall include confidential references or evaluations obtained from sources outside the school system, shall be exempted from the inspection. However, the parent educator shall be provided a list of such items upon request.

- b. The employee shall have the right to respond, in writing, to any material filed subsequent to employment; and the response shall be affixed to the material and placed with it in the parent educator's file. All evaluation documents which are made in writing and the responses thereto will be maintained for a minimum of three (3) years. Subsequent to the three (3) year period, the evaluation materials and attached responses may be removed if both parties agree.
- c. No information used in evaluation, termination of contract, or transfer shall be maintained except in the personnel file in the Parents as Teachers office and the division of human resource services.
- d. A parent educator may have any evidence of competence, professionalism, or outstanding performance or service the parent educator chooses placed in his/her personnel folders in the Parents as Teachers office and at the Division of Human Resource Services.

#### E. Employee Performance Evaluations

The Shawnee Mission School District is interested in employing and retaining the best personnel possible. In order to maintain a high standard of performance, an employee performance evaluation system has been established.

- a. A ninety (90) calendar day initial evaluation trial period for new parent educators is required. This initial evaluation trial period has been established to assess the new employee's ability to competently perform the responsibilities of their position. Successful completion of the trial period does not change the employee's status from that of an employee at will. All new employees will be evaluated by their supervisor and receive a written performance evaluation not later than the end of their initial evaluation trial period. The new parent educator will be observed during a parent visit at least once during their first year of employment.
- b. All parent educators who have successfully completed their evaluation trial period in their current position will be evaluated by their supervisor and receive at least one written evaluation each year by June 1.
- c. Written evaluations will be made on the format authorized by the superintendent of schools.
- d. The evaluation procedure may include self-evaluation on the part of the parent educator, home visit observations by the parent educator supervisor or designee and such other evaluation procedures as the superintendent may deem appropriate. Written evaluations will be reviewed and discussed with the employee by the evaluator. Both the evaluator and the employee are to sign and date the evaluation form or document. The employee's signature does not necessarily indicate their agreement with the contents of the evaluation, but is to verify that it has been reviewed, discussed, and that he/she has received a copy and is aware that it will be placed in their official personnel file.
- e. Completed written employee evaluations will be forwarded to Human Resources to be placed in the employee's official personnel file. The employee will be given a copy, and may submit a written response to the evaluation for inclusion with it in their official personnel file.

#### F. Parent Educator Evaluation Folders



- a. All information used in evaluation shall be kept in a confidential personnel file maintained by the supervisor. This folder will include all material helpful in working with the parent educator as well as any information, which might be used in consideration of placement or termination of contract. It shall be available for inspection by the parent educator.
  - b. Folders of parent educators who leave the system will be forwarded to the Division of Human Resource Services.
  - c. Evaluation documents and responses shall be available to only those persons designated in KSA 72-9005.
- G. Outside-of-District Employment  
The Board shall not place limitations upon the type and amount of outside employment in which parent educators engage unless an adverse effect on job performance can be demonstrated.
- H. Protection of Property
- a. The Board will reimburse the parent educator for damage or loss of personal property, up to an amount not to exceed \$200, when such loss or damage of personal property arises out of and in the course of the parent educator's employment under the following circumstances:
    - i. The property was used as an adjunct to instructional activities, with prior approval of the supervisor.
    - ii. Such coverage shall not apply if the negligence of the parent educator contributes to the damage or loss.
    - iii. Any payment by the board shall not be construed as an admission of responsibility or liability by the board, its agents, servants, or employees.
    - iv. Requests for reimbursement shall be made to the associate superintendent. The applicant will be notified as soon as a decision has been made.
  - b. The board may reimburse any parent educator for clothing or other personal property damaged, destroyed or stolen as a result of violence, assault, or battery sustained in the course of employment while on district business, not to exceed \$300 for each incident. This section shall not be construed to be an admission of liability on the part of the district. Request for reimbursement shall be made to the associate superintendent, whose determination of whether the particular circumstances involved justify any assistance from the board shall be final

## **ARTICLE V**

### WAGE ADMINISTRATION

#### Placement on Wage Schedule

- A. All parent educators' wage schedules are subject to budget limitations. The current wage schedule is included herein as Appendix A.
- B. New employees shall be given credit on the salary schedule for prior experience as a certified parent educator with the Parents as Teachers program. In addition, upon recommendation of the classified personnel, the superintendent may include other relevant experience to authorize placement of an employee at a higher level.
- C. Employees with a beginning date of employment in a position prior to February 1 shall be eligible for a step increase, if still employed, at the beginning of the next fiscal year. If the

beginning date in the position is February 1 or later, the employee will remain on their current step for the next fiscal year.

- D. Change of Status (TRANSCRIPTS)
- a. Any Parent Educator in the Unified School District 512 who changes from one qualification group to another through additional academic training during the period of service in the Unified School District 512 is entitled thereafter to the advantages provided in the schedule for the advanced qualification group.
  - b. Salary adjustment for increased training will be made throughout the contract year, but not later than the May pay cycle. The change in status of a Parent Educator on the salary schedule shall be determined on the basis of an official transcript submitted to the Department of Human Resources. To receive maximum benefit of the salary adjustment, the Professional Employee must submit to the Department of Human Resources, by June 15, either an official transcript or written evidence that the transcripts could not be obtained by the deadline. Status change after this point will become effective for the subsequent pay periods if official transcripts are received by the last work day of the prior month, but will not be retroactive. Staff members are encouraged to process their transcripts immediately after completion of the coursework or degree. Upon receipt of the official transcript, a change of status will be prepared by the Department of Human Resources.
  - c. Credit for advanced placement on the salary schedule shall be granted to Parent Educators who have earned advanced degrees (Master's) in their major or minor teaching field, or educational career plan, from an accredited college or university.
  - d. In no event will a Parent Educator receive credit on the schedule for hours taken concurrent with the hours (or other requirements, except orals) necessary to qualify for a degree.
  - e. The term "credit hours" shall be interpreted as semester credit hours for the purpose of movement on the salary schedule.
- E. The number of hours worked weekly will be reviewed by the administrator of the Parents As Teachers program and the employee at least once annually in August. At that time, the employee may request a change in the scheduled number of hours. Additional permanent hours may be requested throughout the year. Approval of such additional hours will be subject to availability. Approval from the administrator of the Parents As Teachers program is required for a change in the scheduled hours worked. Efforts should be made to minimize the disruption to the families served.
- F. In the event of inclement weather, PATs regularly scheduled hours will follow the district inclement weather plan. Home visits may be rescheduled. Parent Educators will document any information, including time worked, related to the cancellation and rescheduling of those visits from home.
- G. No employee will be paid more than the maximum rate of the wage range to which their position is assigned. Exceptions to this policy require the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.
- H. Mileage Payment
- Parent educators who are paid for mileage in conjunction with their employment shall be compensated at no less than the current district rate and in accordance with district guidelines on mileage reimbursement. Mileage claims will be made using the on-line district mileage system.

## ARTICLE VI

### TIME KEEPING AND PAY PROCEDURES

- A. Designated Work year
  - a. Each parent educator will document their visits and all necessary documentation on the district's online data system in a timely manner so that the supervisor may review it as necessary.
  - b. The designated workweek for all parent educators will begin at 12:00 a.m. . each Saturday and will conclude at 11:59 p.m. on the following Friday.
  - c. The work year is defined as the district's fiscal year, beginning July 1 each year and concluding June 30 each year. Employee leave provisions of this contract will be based on the work year as defined above.
- B. Employee's Compensation - Definition
  - a. Each Parent Educator employed by the Board shall be compensated for the professional services rendered during the professional days for the term of the school year. This compensation shall be termed salary and the amount of such salary the Parent Educator receives shall be determined by placement on the appropriate salary schedule.
- C. Additional Work Hours
  - a. Paid holidays and other paid temporary leave such as sick leave days will not be considered hours worked for the purpose of determining additional work hours in a workweek.
  - b. The parent educator's supervisor and the administrative supervisor will request from time to time one-on-one meetings and staff meetings at the Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Education Center or at the Center for Academic Achievement, three working days in advance, except in an emergency situation. If an emergency occurs, an attempt shall be made to inform the parent educator as soon as possible.
  - c. Rotating additional work assignments among qualified parent educators is the responsibility of the supervisor, and shall be done in a fair manner.
- D. Payment of Salaries
  - a. Full-time, regular contract, certified employees shall be paid for services rendered on a twelve-month basis, payable the 20th day of the month. When the 20th day of the month is on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the checks will be deposited the last business day preceding the 20th day of the month. This salary shall be based on the district's fiscal year.
  - b. Any changes in deductions or cancellations of deductions must be submitted in writing and received in the payroll office prior to the cut-off date for the specific pay period for which the change is made effective.

## ARTICLE VII

### PARENT EDUCATOR GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE

- A. General Provisions
  - a. In instances of substandard work performance or misconduct by parent educators, guidance and/or disciplinary actions are necessary.

- b. Each situation in which guidance or discipline may be necessary is unique. Therefore, the parent educator supervisor is expected to identify and consider all pertinent aspects of each individual situation, such as mitigating circumstances, parent educator explanations, the parent educator's past record, and the seriousness of the present situation. These factors should be reviewed and considered by the Parents as Teachers administrative supervisor while determining which actions are appropriate to recommend and/or implement.
  - c. A conference between the administrative supervisor and the parent educator is suggested before any guidance is provided or disciplinary action is taken or recommended. During such conferences, the supervisor and parent educator should openly discuss the facts and circumstances related to the problem or incident.
  - d. All recommendations for suspensions without pay and/or terminations of employment will be made in writing to the personnel administrator. The personnel administrator shall grant another conference if requested by the parent educator. The decision of the personnel administrator shall be final.
- B. Employee Disciplinary Actions and Procedures
- a. When a parent educator demonstrates inappropriate conduct and/or a persistent inability to perform the work regularly assigned to their position, a disciplinary process may become necessary, including any or all of the actions described below.
    - i. Verbal reprimand
    - ii. Written reprimand or unsatisfactory performance review
    - iii. Suspension from work with pay
    - iv. Suspension from work without pay
    - v. Dismissal

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Requirements and Procedures Upon Separation From Employment
- a. All resignations of parent educators shall be made in writing to the office of human resource services and shall indicate an effective date.
  - b. In case of resignation or termination of a parent educator, the parent educator is to return all district equipment, materials, complete and up-to-date family files, reports, and keys immediately to the parent educator's supervisor.
  - c. Upon termination of employment, a parent educator may apply after the last day on the payroll for a return of contributions made to the Kansas Public Employees' Retirement System (KPERs).
- B. No Show/No Call Resignations
- Any parent educator who fails to report for work for more than three (3) consecutive workdays scheduled, and who fails to notify their supervisor of the reason(s) for such absence from work may be deemed to have voluntarily resigned from employment with the district.

**ARTICLE IX**

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

A “benefits eligible” parent educator is one who is scheduled to work in a regular position on an average of twenty (20) or more hours per week.

**A. Insurance**

The board reserves the rights to modify the plans listed below as recommended by the fringe benefits committee and approved by the board:

**a. Health**

Parent educators working an average of 20 or more hours per week are eligible to participate in the district health insurance plan. The amount the district contributes will be determined by the board and prorated based on the percentage of full time work of the employee (FTE).

In the event two married school district employees are employed by the board of education, the board payment to each of the two school district employees may be pooled but shall not exceed the two-person monthly premium for the selected health insurance plan.

Parent educators paid premiums are treated as Section 125 Cafeteria Plan contributions.

Eligibility begins the first day of the calendar month following 30 calendar days of eligible employment.

Effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, if a professional employee wishes to select employee health and hospital insurance coverage available to District employees, the Board will pay the cost of the single premium for that professional employee's coverage up to a maximum of Eight-hundred Ninety-four Dollars (\$894.00) per month if the professional employee completes the wellness incentive or Seven Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$844.00) per month if the professional employee does not complete the wellness incentive. For professional employees who choose the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP), the difference between the Board contribution level and HDHP cost will be placed in a Health Savings Account (HSA) for that employee.

**b. Dental, Vision, Short Term Disability, Medical/Child Care Reimbursement Accounts**

Parent educators working an average of 20 hours or more per week are eligible to participate in the group plan. Copies of the plan descriptions are available on the district website. The district does not contribute to the cost of the programs. Premiums are treated as section 125 cafeteria plan contributions. Eligibility begins on the first day of the calendar month following 30 calendar days of eligible employment.

**c. Term Life**

Parent educators working an average of 20 hours or more per week are eligible to participate in the group plan. Copies of the plan descriptions are available on the

district website. The district does not contribute to the cost of the programs. Premiums are not part of the section 125 cafeteria plan. Eligibility begins on the first day of the calendar month following 30 calendar days of eligible employment. Medical screening is required if not elected when first eligible.

B. Cell Phone Allowance

Knowing the unique role and requirements to conduct work in private homes outside of the confines of USD 512 buildings/facilities, parent educators will be provided with a cell phone allowance. The Board of Education will provide each parent educator with a \$60.00 per month cellular phone allowance for all full-time (40 hour/week) parent educators. This allowance will be prorated, based on FTE for any parent educator working less than 1.0 FTE. To be eligible to receive this allowance, each parent educator will acquire and maintain a cellular telephone and provide the telephone number to the parents as teacher supervisor. It will be the responsibility of the parent educator to have their cellular phone available.

C. Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs)

a. Membership

Membership is mandatory for all regular employees working three and one half hours (3.5) per day or at least 630 hours per year. Contributions to the system are fixed by statute. Interest is credited annually on June 30 based on the account balance the preceding December 31. The employee contribution is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Federal income tax is not paid on this money until it is withdrawn. State income tax is paid on contributions.

b. Benefits

Members are automatically enrolled in a term life insurance policy and a disability income program in addition to retirement benefits. The entire cost of the insurance program is paid by the State of Kansas. The term life insurance policy is valued at 150% of the member's annual rate of compensation. The disability income program provides a monthly benefit based on sixty percent of the members annual rate of compensation. To qualify for a disability benefit, a member must be totally disabled for 180 continuous days. Both policies are effective on the date membership begins. Copies of both these policies and information concerning retirement benefits are part of the new employee packet received during orientation and are also available on the KPERs website at [www.kpers.org](http://www.kpers.org).

D. 403(b) and 457 Programs - Tax Sheltered Annuities and Mutual Fund Investments

a. Eligibility

Parent educators working an average of 20 hours or more per week are eligible to participate.

b. Tax Advantages

Deferred compensation, under Internal Revenue Code, is a tax deferred supplemental retirement program that allows public employees to contribute a portion of their wage to a retirement account before federal and state taxes are calculated.

c. Contribution Limits

Contributions are limited to the current IRS and district guidelines. To determine the appropriate contribution, it is best to talk to the agent representing the 403(b) or 457 company or a tax advisor. The Shawnee Mission Schools human resource and payroll departments do not have financial planners or tax advisors on staff.

d. Making an Election

The payroll office must receive a salary reduction agreement in order to begin or change a wage reduction. These forms are available in the document repository on

the district website. 403(b) and 457 board approved companies and information are available in the document repository and on the district website.

E. Liability Insurance

The Board of Education shall provide comprehensive liability insurance coverage for all employees while acting within the scope of their duties.

F. Paid Holidays

- a. Parent educators regularly working an average of four (4) hours or more per day will be paid for the holidays designated below which occur within their work schedule as set forth by the approved school calendar each year. For purposes of this payment, a “day” is defined as the average number of hours per day the parent educator is regularly assigned to work in a workweek.
- b. Parent educators will receive paid holidays as indicated on the 261 Day Work Calendar.
- c. If the parent educator’s regular schedule includes the day before or after a holiday or extension of the holiday as defined above and the parent educator is ill on those days and has accumulated sick leave, the parent educator shall be paid for the holiday.

**ARTICLE X**

EMPLOYEE LEAVE

Provisions have been made by the Board of Education for absence from duty of professional employees as follows:

Leave will be divided into two (2) categories; accumulative and non-accumulative.

A. Accumulative Temporary Leave

a. General Provisions

Provisions have been made by the board of education for absence from duty by parent educators for temporary leave. All parent educators of the Shawnee Mission School District working at least an average of twenty (20) hours each week shall be eligible to earn temporary leave.

For the purpose of this contract, a “day” is defined as the average number of hours per day the parent educator is regularly assigned to work in their workweek.

Parent educators are allowed eighteen (18) full working days per contract year (1.5 day/month), with full pay, as current Temporary Leave; these days will be added to the parent educator’s temporary leave bank on the first day (July 1) of each contract year. Part-time employees shall accrue temporary leave on a prorated basis. As a continued pilot during the 2024-2025 year, Parent Educators with accrued leave may request access to accrued leave after taking 13 illness days during a fiscal year. The request must be made in writing to the Director of Classified Human Resources. Both parties will review this pilot during the 2025-2026 contract negotiation.

These days will be prorated if the parent educator does not complete the full term of their contract on active status. Therefore, should the contract not be fulfilled and

unearned leave days have been used, the staff member will be responsible for repayment to the district for the days of leave not yet earned.

Parent educators shall be allowed to accumulate any unused portion of their current earned temporary leave without limit, which will be credited as of June 30 of each year.

b. Application for Temporary Leave

Each parent educator is responsible for verifying their available leave time, prior to requesting to use temporary leave, by monitoring the leave balances displayed on the district website as well as any leave used after the end of that payroll period. The parents as teachers supervisor may verify available leave time as needed to make decisions regarding leave requests.

If paid leave is requested and approved, but the parent educator does not actually have sufficient time available for the approved absence, the appropriate reduction in pay will be made automatically during payroll processing.

Each parent educator is required to notify the parents as teachers supervisor in advance of each period of absence. The day of leave must be indicated on the parent educator's time card. Parent educators absent without approved leave, or who fail to notify their supervisors of the absence, will not be permitted to charge that absence against temporary leave.

Temporary leave is only available for pre-approved scheduled work hours.

Accumulative Temporary Leave is to be used for the following purposes:

i. Sick Leave

Except as provided elsewhere in this contract, temporary leave granted during each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) shall be used for absences necessitated because of (1) personal illness/injury, including the birth of a child, (2) illness or severe injury of employee's spouse or dependent children when other arrangements cannot be made, or (3) quarantine under the laws of the State of Kansas.

It is the responsibility of all parent educators to notify their supervisor when they are ill and cannot report to work. If a parent educator is ill and does not call or report said fact, the absence may be handled as an unexcused and unauthorized absence.

Absence due to personal injury, which occurred in the course of employment duties, does not require use of sick leave, and is covered under workers' compensation.

1. Holidays Occurring During Period of Illness

Holidays occurring within a parent educator's period of absence shall not be charged against current or cumulative temporary leave.

2. Physician's Written Statement

If a parent educator is absent for any period of time because of personal injury (regardless of whether or not that injury was



suffered within the scope of their employment), or if a parent educator is absent due to illness, such parent educator may be required to present a written physician's statement to the parent educator's supervisor stating he/she is physically and/or mentally able to return to duty and verifying the period of incapacity. This statement must be forwarded to the Human Resources Department. This procedure shall be followed by all parent educators at the request of their supervisor.

ii. Personal Business

Personal business leave is limited to the annual temporary leave allotment for the current fiscal year as accrued by each staff member. The parents as teachers' supervisor must be notified in advance of any personal leave absence.

iii. Unused Temporary Leave Benefits Forfeited Upon Separation

Any parent educator who separates from employment with the school district will forfeit all temporary leave benefits earned; and, if re employed by the school district, will start earning benefits as a new parent educator, subject to contract provisions.

iv. Payment of Unused Temporary Leave Days

A parent educator shall be eligible to receive a \$60.00 per day payment for each unused day of current accumulative temporary leave those employed less than full time will receive an amount in proportion to their work schedule if:

1. The parent educator has used less than twelve (12) days of current temporary leave as of June 30 of the current year; and,
2. By May 1 of the current year in which application for such credit is made, the parent educator has at least thirty (30) days of accumulated temporary leave, counting unused current temporary leave and temporary leave accumulated prior to the current year; and,
3. On or before May 1, the eligible parent educator can elect to receive payment for unused current temporary leave credited to their account that year by responding to a communication from payroll. Payment shall be issued by the district within sixty (60) days of the end of the school year.

Temporary leave used by a parent educator during the current year shall first be deducted from current temporary leave (until such leave is exhausted) and then from previously accumulated leave, if any. In no event shall a parent educator in any year receive credit for more than twelve (12) days of unused current temporary leave or \$720.00.

An eligible parent educator shall not accumulate temporary leave for any leave day for which he/she has been paid a credit.

An eligible parent educator who fails to make an application for unused temporary leave credits as provided herein shall thereafter

forfeit all rights to claim payment for such credits. A parent educator may accumulate any unused temporary leave for which the parent educator has not been paid a credit.

No payment shall be made to a parent educator for accumulative temporary leave other than as provided in this article.

**B. Non-Accumulative Leave**

**a. Bereavement Leave**

Parent educators working an average of 20 hours per week may use up to three (3) days, per occurrence, (not charged to temporary leave) on the occasion of a death in the immediate family: wife, husband, father, stepfather, father-in-law, mother, stepmother, mother-in-law, daughter, stepdaughter, daughter-in-law, son, stepson, son-in-law, brother, stepbrother, brother-in-law, sister, stepsister, sister-in-law, grandparents, grandparents-in law, step grandparents, grandchild, step-grandchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or a resident of employee's household. Use of bereavement leave in excess of three (3) days, per occurrence, shall be charged to accumulated temporary leave. Up to a total of five (5) days, per occurrence may be used without loss of pay until accumulated temporary leave is exhausted. A parent educator may be absent for either a full day or a half-day to attend the funeral services of a relative other than those listed above and/or friends, and such leave may be charged to temporary leave.

**b. Emergency Leave**

Parent educators shall be allowed three (3) days loss of time each year for emergency reasons. An emergency shall be defined strictly as "an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action." The emergency must contain two elements: (1) it must be unforeseen, and (2) it must require immediate action. An event, which is planned ahead or does not require immediate action, is not an emergency. Within five (5) days after the emergency absence, the parent educator shall complete the personal absence form, and submit it to their supervisor listing the reason for the absence and requesting that the absence be approved for emergency.

**c. Judicial Leave (with wage adjustment)**

A parent educator shall be granted leave for jury duty or to appear in a court of law as a subpoenaed witness in a matter pertaining to duties as a parent educator. The difference between the parent educator's wage and pay for judicial leave will be paid by the district. A copy of the court check must be submitted to the payroll department at the completion of the leave. No deduction of temporary leave is made for judicial leave.

**ARTICLE XI**

**REDUCTION-IN-FORCE PROCEDURE**

The Board reserves the right to reduce parent educators because of a decrease in the number of clients or for any other causes. Seniority will be considered in the application of this provision.

**ARTICLE XII**

## GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The following procedure is used to achieve solutions to grievances regarding the interpretation and application of this agreement:

- A. The grievance should first be submitted to the Parents as Teachers administrative supervisor, orally, within ten (10) days after the particular problem arises. If the matter is not settled within five (5) days thereafter; then
- B. The grievance may be presented within a period of five (5) days thereafter, in writing, to the parents as teachers administrative supervisor. If the matter is not settled within five (5) days thereafter, then
- C. The parent educator may submit the grievance within a period of five (5) days thereafter, in writing, to the classified personnel administrator, whose decision in line with the evidence presented, which may include an interview with the parent educator, shall be considered final in the matter.

The inclusion of time limits in this procedure is purely for the purpose of ensuring prompt action. In those circumstances where the parent educator does not pursue the next step of this grievance procedure within the time period specified, the grievance may be considered as having been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The district administration would like all parent educators to understand that the filing of a grievance will not reflect unfavorably against the individual parent educator in any manner but will be interpreted as an effort for the improvement of relationships and operation in the Shawnee Mission School District.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any article, section, or clause of this agreement is held to be invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any article or part should be restrained by such tribunal, the same shall be automatically deleted from this agreement to the extent that it violates the law. Such invalidity or restraint will not affect other provisions or applications of this agreement, which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this agreement are severable.

**ARTICLE XIV**

DURATION CLAUSE

- A. This agreement shall govern the rights of the board and the association from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement shall not be extended orally and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated.
- B. This agreement shall be made available electronically to every parent educator.

This agreement is signed this June 24, 2024.

For the Association:

For the Board:

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President

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President

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Chief Spokesperson

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Clerk

Appendix A

SHAWNEE MISSION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 512 PARENTS AS TEACHERS SALARY SCHEDULES

**2024-2025**

<u>Step</u>	<u>BA/BS</u>	<u>MA/MS</u>
1	\$53,557	\$57,038
2	\$54,628	\$58,179
3	\$55,721	\$59,343
4	\$56,835	\$60,530
5	\$57,972	\$61,741
6	\$59,131	\$62,976
7	\$60,314	\$64,236
8	\$61,520	\$65,521
9	\$62,750	\$66,831
10	\$64,005	\$68,168
11	\$65,285	\$69,531
12	\$66,591	\$70,922
13	\$67,923	\$72,340
14	\$69,281	\$73,787

No step increase will be granted for the 2011-12 school year.

2012-2013: The board will provide each Parent Educator who is an active employee as of 10/1/12, a supplemental stipend of 2.0% of their annual rate of pay per FTE. Part-time Parent Educators will receive a prorated amount. This payment will be reflected in the October 2012 payroll.

2013-2014: The board will provide each Parent Educator who is an active employee as of 10/1/13, a supplemental stipend of 2.0% of their annual rate of pay per FTE. Part-time Parent Educators will receive a prorated amount. This payment will be reflected in the October 2013 payroll. No step increase will be granted for the 2013-2014 school year.

2014-2015: The board approved a 3.25% increase on all steps of the salary schedule.

There will be no pay increase granted for the 2015-2016 school year. A step increase for eligible employees is granted.

2016-2017: Parent educators who will not have an increase in salary for step or column movement in the 2016-2017 school year will receive a on-time stipend of \$1,375 for parent educators at or above Master's level, \$1,025 below Masters level, and \$675 for parent educators in the Non-Degree column. Part-time parent educators receive a prorated stipend based upon their FTE.

2017-2018: The Board approved a 4% increase on all steps of the salary schedule.

2018-2019: The Board approved a revised salary schedule with steps 7-10 added for both non-degree and degree columns. Step and column movement for all current parent educators was also approved. Each parent educator will be moved 1 step on the schedule and retroactive pay provided from July 1, 2018.

2019 – 2020: The board approved a revised salary schedule; adding 1% to all steps of the salary schedule. Each parent educator will be moved 1 step on the salary schedule and retroactive pay will be provided from July 1, 2019.

2020-21 – The board approved a revised salary schedule; adding 1.4% to all steps of the salary schedule. Each parent educator will be moved 1 step on the salary schedule and retroactive pay will be provided from July 1, 2020.

2021-2022 - The board approved a revised salary schedule; the revised schedule eliminated the NO DEGREE column, added a MA/MS column, and added step 11. Parent educators with a BA/BS will be moved to step 11 on the salary schedule. Parent educators with a MA/MS will only receive column movement on the salary schedule. Retroactive pay will be provided to all parents educators from July 1, 2021.

2022-2023 - The board approved a revised salary schedule; adding 1% to all steps of the salary schedule. Eligible parent educators were granted step and column increases. Retroactive pay will be provided to all parent educators from July 1, 2022.

2023-2024 - The board approved a revised salary schedule; the revised salary schedule increased the number of steps on the salary schedule from 11 to 14. Each parent educator was moved to a new step on the salary schedule that corresponded to a minimum raise of 6%. The overall average raise for all parent educators was 6.38%.

2024-2025 - The board approved a 5.6% increase to all steps of the salary schedule. Eligible parent educators were granted step and column increases. Parent educators moved from non-exempt to exempt status, eliminating the need to submit timecards. Parent educators may now work from a flexible work location to better meet the needs of the families they serve. The full-time supervisor will receive an annual stipend equivalent to the high school division coordinator who supervises 10 or fewer staff members.

Appendix B

SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Job Description*

Position Title	Supervisor - Parents as Teachers Program		
Department	Early Childhood Education		
Reports To	Chief of Early Childhood		
Contract Length	261 Day Calendar Placement on PAT salary scale per education and experience, plus a stipend for High School Division Coordinator Supervising 10 or less		
Revised By		Date(s) Revised	June 2024
Approved By		Date(s) Approved	June 2024

**SUMMARY:**

The Parents as Teachers (PAT) Supervisor serves as the district leader for the PAT program, under the direction and guidance of the Chief of Early Childhood. The PAT supervisor will support the planning and implementation of program components, grant applications, and program reports; supporting and mentoring staff, maintaining and providing resources for parent educators and families, and serving as a liaison between the Chief of Early Childhood and parent educators to support daily functions of the program.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: *Other duties may be assigned***

The PAT supervisor, as directed by the Chief of Early Childhood, performs the following essential duties and responsibilities:

- Carries a PAT caseload; follows all essential duties and responsibilities of a PAT educator.
- Supports day-to-day operations of the PAT program for the purpose of ensuring that the program provides services in compliance with standards and funding source guidelines.
- Collaborates with other school program personnel, school staff, and community agency professionals for the purpose of improving the quality of students' family environment through the implementation of individualized solutions to issues that otherwise could impede student learning.
- Collaborates with the Chief of Early Childhood and other district administrators, state legislators and the PAT Program offices for the purpose of developing program standards and maximizing funding resources.
- Provides input in developing the program budget and preparing grant applications and reports to ensure the budget is processed in accordance with state and district guidelines.
- Participates in a variety of meetings (i.e. JELC, northeast coordinators, Infant-Toddler Services, etc.) for the purpose of conveying and/or receiving information required to successfully provide PAT services.
- Assists in scheduling and coordination of district PAT events.
- Assists with some personnel functions (i.e. interviewing, training, group staff meetings, reflective supervision) for the purpose of ensuring the efficient use of staff in meeting the district's PAT program objectives within budget guidelines.
- Supports service documentation, data collection, and assists in preparing program-related

reports (i.e. midyear and end-of-year compliance reports, reports to the board of education, requests for funding sources, etc.) for the purpose of conveying information of provided services, program impact, and/or projected needs.

- Promotes the program by attending community meetings to share information about the program and services with families, community members, and resource partners.
- Supports day-to-day inquiries of parent educators (i.e. data system, curriculum, resources, etc.).
- Assists with various District survey information as needed.
- Maintains and provides resources to parent educators to support program needs and services to families.
- Assists Chief of Early Childhood in facilitating continuous quality improvement.
- Performs all other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** *To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable Accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.*

- Knowledge of principles and practices of public school education and Parents as Teachers and ability to apply them to the needs of the school and PAT program.
- Knowledge of curriculum and instructional methods, school organization and administration.
- Ability to supervise others, develop effective working relationships with the staff, students and community, and effectively coach PAT staff members.
- Knowledge and ability to utilize appropriate technology including but not limited to office software and presentation devices.
- Ability to collaborate and communicate effectively both verbally and in written language.
- Demonstrates ability to implement best practice and the motivation to set and achieve high performance levels.
- Desire to continue career improvement by enhancing skills and job performance.

**EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE:**

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with at least Bachelor's degree or higher in education, early childhood, social work, or related field.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience as a parent educator.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:**

- Ability to read and interpret documents including the analysis of district assessment data.
- Ability to effectively write detailed reports and correspondence.
- Ability to communicate well, verbally and in writing, with parents, patrons, staff and students.
- Ability to speak in front of large and/or small groups.
- In addition, as an organization/community that reflects and appreciates diversity, bilingual communication skills are noted and valued.

**OTHER SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**



**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** *The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.*

- Must have ability to travel in personal or school district vehicle.
- Must be flexible regarding scheduling, working conditions and location of work.
- May require some physical exertion.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT:** *The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job.*

Must be able to occasionally work in noisy and crowded environments, with numerous interruptions.

*The information contained in this job description is for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) and is not an exhaustive list of the duties performed for this position. Additional duties are performed by the individuals currently holding this position and additional duties may be assigned.*