

457(b) Plan Notice

2024 PLAN YEAR



To All School District Employees:

As your 457(b) Plan Administrator, we would like to make you aware of your eligibility to participate in your employer's 457(b) retirement plan. The 457(b) plan is a voluntary plan that allows you to defer a portion of your paycheck to a savings account to use when you choose to retire.

This is a great benefit offered by your employer to help you bridge your retirement income gap and lower your taxes. Under federal tax law, you do not have to pay income taxes on your contributions or account earnings until you take the money out of the plan.

Important Points About the 457(b) Plan

- The plan is overseen by school superintendents & chief financial officers, together with TCG Advisors.
- There is no 10% early distribution penalty tax (standard taxes still apply).
- There are no surrender charges or hidden fees.
- **You may start, stop or change your payroll deduction contribution to the Plan at any time.**
- You may contribute up to \$23,000 for 2024 if you are under age 50 and \$30,500 if you are age 50 or over. There are no other restrictions on your right to make contributions to the Plan.
- With this plan, you have access to FinPath, a financial wellness tool to help you with complex financial topics like retirement, banking, student loan forgiveness, budgeting, insurance, debt management and more.
- You have unlimited phone calls and online meetings with Plan Specialists.

How to open an account

1. Go to www.region10rams.org.
2. Click on **Enroll** at the top right of the screen.
3. Search for your **Employer**.
4. Click the **457(b) Savings Plan** and follow each step until you get a **confirmation notice**....& you're done!

Need help?

We know planning for the future isn't easy. Retirement Plan Specialists are available to help review your options and assist in creating a plan for your retirement. Contact us for help opening an account.

Schedule a 1:1 appointment at www.region10rams.org/telewealth or contact the Advisor Hotline at 512-600-5204.

Why Do I Need To Save If I Have Teacher Retirement

Your pension may not replace all of your income in retirement. The average retiree receives 60-65 percent of their income at retirement.

For example, if your current salary is \$5,000 per month and your retirement benefit equals 65 percent of your current salary, you will receive \$3,250 each month. However, TRS research indicates that retirees must receive 90-95 percent of their income in retirement to maintain their current standard of living. In the above example the member has a shortfall of \$1,750 per month.

Why Should I Contribute To a 457(b) Plan

- Bridge your retirement income gap
- Lower your taxes
- Access professionally managed investments
- Grow savings with the power of dollar cost averaging

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