Professional Personnel

Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

The Board of Control delegates authority and responsibility to the Executive Director to manage the terms and conditions for the employment of professional personnel. The Executive Director shall act reasonably and comply with State and federal law as well as any applicable individual employment contract or collective bargaining agreement in effect. The Executive Director is responsible for making dismissal recommendations to the Board consistent with the Board's goal of having a highly qualified, high performing staff.

School Year and Day

Please refer to the current "Agreement between the Board of Control, Lake County High Schools Technology Campus, Lake County, Illinois and the Technology Campus Teachers' Union, Lake County Federation of Teachers, Local No. 504, IFT-AFT/AFL-CIO".

Teachers shall work according to the school calendar adopted by the Board, which shall have a minimum of 176 student attendance days and a minimum of 180 teacher work days, including teacher institute days. Teachers are not required to work on legal school holidays unless the District has followed applicable State law that allows it to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln); the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and November 11 (Veterans' Day).

School Day

Teachers are required to work the school day adopted by the Board. Teachers employed for at least 4 hours per day shall receive a duty-free lunch equivalent to the student lunch period, or 30 minutes, whichever is longer.

The District accommodates employees who are nursing mothers according to provisions in State and federal law.

Salary

Teachers shall be paid according to the salary schedule adopted by the Board, but in no case less than the minimum salary provided by the School Code. Teachers shall be paid at least monthly on a 10- or 12-month basis.

Assignments and Transfers

The Executive Director is authorized to make teaching, study hall, extra class duty, and extracurricular assignments. In order of priority, except as otherwise provided by law, assignments shall be made based on the District's needs and best interests, employee qualifications, and employee desires.

Dismissal

The District will follow State law when dismissing a teacher.

Evaluation

The District's teacher evaluation system will be conducted under the plan developed pursuant to State law.

Non-tenure Teacher Discharge	105 ILCS 5/24-11, amended by P.A.s 102-552 and 103-500
Tenured and Non-tenure Teachers Reduction in Force	105 ILCS 5/24-12(b), amended by P.A.s 103-398, eff. 1—24 and 103-500, and (c)
Tenured Teacher Discharge Where Cause Remediable	105 ILCS 5/24-12(d) (prior reasonable warning required) amended by P.A.s 102-708 and 103-354, eff. 1-1-24. 105 ILCS 5/24-12(d) (procedural mandates) amended by P.A.s 102-708 and 103-354, eff. 1-1-24. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.4 (general authority)
Tenured Teacher Discharge Where Cause Irremediable	105 ILCS 5/24-12(d) (no prior warning required) amended by P.A.s 102-708 and 103-354, eff. 1-1-24. 105 ILCS 5/24-12(d) (procedural mandates), amended by P.A.s 101-531, 101-643, and 102-708 an 103-354, eff. 1-1-24. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.4 (general authority)
Tenured Teacher Discharge Failure to complete remediation plan with a rating of *Proficient or Excellent*	105 ILCS 5/24A-5(m) (participation in remediation plan after unsatisfactory evaluation) 105 ILCS 5/24-12(d)(1) 105 ILCS 5/24-12(d) (procedural mandates), amended by P.A.s 102-708 and 103-354, eff. 1-1-24. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.4 (general authority)
Tenured Teacher Discharge - Optional Alternative Evaluative Dismissal Process for PERA Evaluation Failure to complete remediation plan with a *Proficient* or better rating 105 ILCS 5/24A-2.5	105 ILCS 5/24-16.5(d) (provide written notice) 105 ILCS 5/24-16.5 (pre-remediation and remediation procedural mandates) 105 ILCS 5/24-16.5(e) and (f) (school board makes final decision with only PERA-trained board members participating in vote)
Tenured Teacher Discharge *Unsatisfactory* PERA evaluation within 36 months of completing a remediation plan 105 ILCS 5/24A-2.5	105 ILCS 5/24A-5(n), amended by P.A. 102-252 (forego remediation and proceed to dismissal) 105 ILCS 5/24-12(d) (procedural mandates) 105 ILCS 5/10-22.4 (general authority)
Educational Support Personnel Employees (non-licensed)	105 ILCS 5/10-23.5, amended by PA. 101-46
Probationary Teacher (non-tenure teacher)	105 ILCS 5/24-11, amended by P.A. 101-643

On an annual basis, the Executive Director will provide the Board with a written report which outlines the results of the District's teacher evaluation system.

LEGAL REF.: 29 U.S.C. §218(d), Pub. L. 117-328, Pump for Nursing Mothers Act.
42 U.S.C. §2000gg et seq., Pub. L. 117-328, Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.
105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/10-19.05, 5/10-20.65, 5/14-1.09a, 5/22-95, 5/22.4, 5/24-16.5, 5/24-2, 5/24-8, 5/24-9, 5/24-11, 5/24-12, 5/24-21, 5/24A-1 through 24A-20.
820 ILCS 260/ Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act.
23 Ill Admin. Code Parts 50 (Evaluation of Certified Employees) and 51 (Dismissal of Tenured Teachers).
Cleveland Board of Education v. Loudermill, 470 U.S. 532 (1985).

CROSS REF.: 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:290 (Employment Termination and Suspensions), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day)

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