

Reduction in Force

The Board has the responsibility to maintain good public elementary and secondary schools and to strive to meet the educational interest of the State, consistent with State and federal educational requirements, including continuous improvement plans, accreditation requirements, and other school-based issues. However, sometimes the District must eliminate certificated staff positions. The Board adopts this policy to provide a fair and orderly process should such elimination of positions become necessary.

The Board has the exclusive authority to determine the appropriate number of employees. A reduction of certified employees may occur as a result of, but not be limited to, changes in the education program, staff realignment, changes in the size or nature of the student population, financial situation considerations, or other reasons deemed relevant by the Board.

The need for implementation of a reduction in force or the elimination of certificated positions is left to the sole discretion of the Board. However, no such decision shall be made until after completion of the written evaluation for each certificated staff member, and the decision as to which employee(s) will be subject to the reduction in force shall not be based solely on consideration of seniority or contract status.

The Board may choose to implement a reduction in force through the elimination of:

1. An entire program or portions of programs;
2. Positions in certain grade levels only;
3. Positions by category;
4. Positions in an overall review of the District;
5. A portion or percentage of a position or positions; or
6. Any combination of the above.

Policy History:

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