

COMPENSATED TIME OFF FOR ATTENDANCE AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND FOR OTHER APPROVED PURPOSES

The Board may approve the attendance of any or all teachers and service employees at educational conventions, conferences, or other professional meetings of teachers on school days when in the judgment of the superintendent it is necessary or desirable.

Attendance at such meetings may be substituted for an equal amount of teaching or employment and teachers attending shall not suffer loss of pay. Further, the board is authorized to pay all or any part of expenses of any personnel whom it may designate to represent the board at any such professional or educational meetings or in visitation to another school system.

Professional educators serving as mentor teachers, serving on state and county professional staff development councils, serving on school curriculum teams, and serving on professional support teams will be granted professional time if required for performance of their duties during the instructional day or extra-duty compensation if required at other times and for reimbursement for necessary expenses actually incurred in attending meetings of the bodies upon which they serve upon. Paraprofessional aides, substitute teachers and other appropriate personnel shall be utilized in the absence of professional educators who are attending events pursuant to this policy to assist with the delivery instruction and to prevent undue interruption to instruction.

The Superintendent may issue administrative guidelines consistent with this policy.

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