
Contract between
The School Board of Orange County,
Florida
And
The Orange Education Support
Professionals Association
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Article I Recognition

- A. The Board acknowledges and recognizes the Orange Education Support Professionals Association (OESPA, FEA, and its national affiliates), hereinafter referred to as the Union, as the exclusive bargaining representative for classified employees, whether on active duty or Board approved leave of absence, and agrees to negotiate with the Union's designated representative pursuant to the provisions of Part II, Chapter 447, Florida Statutes.
- B. The Union acknowledges and recognizes the School Board of Orange County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Board, as the duly elected representative of the people of Orange County, Florida, and agrees to negotiate with the Board's Chief Executive Officer or his representative pursuant to the provisions of Part II, Chapter 447, Florida Statutes.
- C. The Bargaining unit shall be defined as set forth by the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) (Case Number RC 92-008, Certificate Number 700, as amended, CERTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATION FOLLOWING ELECTION AND ORDER TO NEGOTIATE issued by the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission on the thirtieth day of July, 1992).
 - 1. INCLUDED: All full-time and regular part-time classified personnel employed by the Board as defined by PERC.
 - 2. EXCLUDED: Classified positions employed in the following offices are excluded from the bargaining unit: Superintendent, Chief of Staff, School Board Services, General Counsel, Labor and Legislative Relations, Professional Standards, Personnel Specialist in Compensation Services and Budget Specialists in the Office of Management and Budget.
 - 3. This definition may be subject to PERC clarification of job titles and new job titles within the bargaining unit. The parties agree to review periodically positions in the unit and mutually petition PERC for unit clarification. It is recognized the parties may petition, either mutually or independently, PERC for unit clarification at any time subject to the laws of the State of Florida.
- D. The provisions set forth herein for wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment shall be applied consistently for all employees covered by this Contract. Unless otherwise specified, terms used in this Contract shall be as defined in the Glossary of Terms which is incorporated into and hereby made a part of this Contract.
- E. Any official notice between the Union and the Board required under this Contract shall be made by U.S. mail, by facsimile, by electronic correspondence or by hand delivery to a designated representative of the party.

Article II Negotiations Procedures

- A. The parties agreed to implement a Collaborative Bargaining Process beginning with the 1998-99 fiscal year within the authority of Chapter 447 of the Florida Statutes and any appropriate rules and procedures. Formal ratification votes on tentative agreements by the Board and bargaining unit shall be held semi-annually or as needed. Interim decisions to implement agreements before formal ratification shall be confirmed in writing in the form of Memorandum(s) of Understanding. Issues may be raised for consideration through the appropriate process at any time during the life of this agreement.
- B. If the negotiations described in this section reach impasse, the procedures as set forth in the Florida Statutes and/or PERC rules shall be followed. At the request of either party, a mediator shall be appointed subject to PERC guidelines. Subsequent to reaching impasse the parties may mutually agree to continue negotiations in an effort to reach further tentative agreements.
- C. This Contract may not be modified in whole or in part except by mutual written agreement. During the term of this Contract, except as otherwise provided herein by law neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any matter whether or not covered by this Contract. While investigating the feasibility of contracting or subcontracting out any services performed by current employees, the Board agrees to notify the Union, seek its input, and share related information. (Also see Article IV, B, in conjunction with this article.)
- D. If any provision or application of this Contract is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect. The parties shall either meet within 30 days to reopen negotiations on that provision or application, or mutually agree to deal with the matter in subsequent negotiations.
- E. The agreements in this Contract shall supersede any rules, regulations or practices of the Board which are contrary to or inconsistent with the terms recorded herein.
- F. There shall be two official signed copies of this Contract. One copy shall be retained by the Board and one by the Union. The parties agree to equally share the responsibility of printing this Contract in a format and at a cost which are mutually agreed upon. The printing shall occur within six weeks after ratification by both parties.
- G. The parties agree that their representatives shall reduce tentative agreements to writing and that such agreements shall be submitted for ratification to the members of the bargaining unit and to the Board. The Board shall take action no later than at the next scheduled Board meeting following ratification by the employees unless the parties mutually agree to extend the timelines. Failure to ratify the tentative agreements by either party shall make those tentative agreements null and void, and negotiations on those matters shall resume.

- H. The parties agree that should additional salary dollars become available, OESPA-CBLT will have the opportunity to reopen salary negotiations. Employees who serve on the bargaining team shall be granted early release to ensure adequate travel time. If bargaining sessions extend beyond midnight, employee team members shall not be required to report for duty prior to 9 a.m. on the following day.
- I. During the term of this Contract the Union and the Board recognize that events may arise which require a mutual interpretation or modification of this Contract that does not constitute a substantive change in employees' salaries or benefits. Under these circumstances, the parties are authorized to enter into a settlement agreement or memorandum of understanding expressing these interpretations or modifications. If such agreements are entered into during the term of this Contract, they will remain in effect until expiration of the Contract, until superseded by the Contract, or until mutually withdrawn by the parties.
- J. Operating Procedures and Guidelines:
 - 1. The Collaborative Bargaining Leadership Team (CBLT) shall be composed of equal numbers of OESPA members and District administrators.
 - 2. The CBLT shall participate in appropriate training opportunities designed to support the process and/or build skills essential to the success of the process. The CBLT may utilize the services of consultants to assist in the negotiations. Any cost incurred shall be shared equally by the parties.
 - 3. Define consensus as a status in which all members can support the decision and use consensus as the preferred decision making strategy in all decisions.
 - 4. Operate as an open forum to surface, explore and resolve issues of importance to OESPA and the District using District personnel as resources. The CBLT will solicit and value input from personnel affected by the outcome of the process.
 - 5. The CBLT will establish committees and will receive, review and make final decisions on recommendations from appropriate committees. All decisions are to be supported by data from those committees. All committee meetings will be accurately recorded.
 - 6. Communicate with employees through a variety of mediums.
- K. Effective July 1, 2017, employees who serve on the Collaborative Bargaining Leadership Team (CBLT), and who attend jointly scheduled CBLT meetings during the summer, outside their duty year, shall be paid their hourly rate of pay for the time they are attending the CBLT meeting. Pay shall not include travel time to and from the CBLT meeting.

The District shall maintain a sign-in sheet to ensure the employee is accurately compensated. The sign-in sheet must include all the pertinent information necessary for reporting the employee's time to the Payroll Department, including the start and ending time of bargaining.

It shall be the responsibility of the OCSB Lead Negotiator for OESPA-CBLT to ensure the paperwork has all necessary information and is signed by the employee and submitted to Payroll for payment to the employee.

L. Provisions to submit issues to the CBLT

1. Employees shall submit issues to the CBLT on the standard form, which may be obtained at the work location, from the Union office or from the Internet at <http://www.ocps.k12.fl.us/~hrd/contracts.htm>.
2. Forms may be found at individual work locations or the Union office.
3. The CBLT shall determine the appropriate action to be taken and notify the submitting party of such action.

M. Committees of the CBLT

1. Committees shall be composed of equal numbers of OESPA members and District Administrators appointed by the CBLT.
2. Committees will receive and undertake activities as assigned by the CBLT. The standing committees are as follows:
 - a. Human Resources
 - b. Finance and Compensation
 - c. Training and Benefits
3. Committees shall welcome employees who might be affected by the issue to attend and provide information as a resource. Committees may invite outside resources as necessary.
4. Committees shall identify potential solutions supported by data to be recommended to the CBLT.
5. Committees shall keep accurate records of all committee meetings.

**Article III
Grievance Procedure**

A. A grievance is defined as an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of a provision(s) of this Contract.

B. General Provisions

1. Only a member of the bargaining unit, a group of members of the bargaining unit, or the Union may file a grievance. Whenever the word "grievant" is used herein it may refer to any of the above.
2. Each step in the grievance procedure shall be filed on the standard form available from the Union office.

3. A party to the grievance shall be granted a three-duty day extension at any point in the processing of a grievance, provided the party notifies the other party prior to the date that the time period for that step would elapse. Duty days shall herein be defined as those days when District-level offices are officially open for business. These time limits may be expedited or extended by mutual agreement.
4. Whenever illness or other incapacity of a party to the grievance prevents attendance at a grievance meeting, the time limits shall be extended to such time that the party can be present. If, however, either party's representative is incapacitated beyond ten days, that party shall seek an alternative representative.
5. If at any step in the grievance procedure no disposition is made by the Board within the time limits prescribed for that step, the grievant shall have the right to proceed to the next step. If a grievance is not appealed within the time limits for that step, it shall be considered withdrawn.
6. If the processing of a grievance for a less than twelve-month employee extends beyond the close of his/her work year, the time limits prescribed herein shall be continued with "duty days" as defined above. Winter and spring breaks shall not be considered as duty days for these employees.
7. All grievance meetings shall be held during the workday, unless it would unduly interfere with work operations, and unless the parties mutually agree to hold such meetings at a time other than during the workday.
8. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent an employee from presenting at any time his/her own grievance, and having such grievance adjusted, consistent with the terms of this Contract. The Union shall be notified upon request, of any meeting called for the resolution of said grievance.
9. A grievant may have representation by the Union at any step of the grievance procedure. Representation by the Union shall include the right to speak and to present arguments and evidence on behalf of the grievant.
10. A grievant may withdraw his/her grievance at any step, but that same grievance may not be filed a second time, unless it is of a continuous nature.
11. If at any point during the processing of a grievance, the grievant elects to seek resolution of a particular issue through a judicial or administrative agency proceeding, s/he shall waive, to the extent permitted by law, the right to pursue only that particular issue through the grievance procedure.
12. The Board shall assure the grievant and any witness's freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal in the processing of a grievance.
13. The processing of a grievance shall in no way interfere with the right of the Board to carry out its management responsibilities, subject to the final decision on the grievance.

14. To the extent required by law, all documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of an employee's grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file, which is not part of that employee's official personnel file.
 15. If a grievance arises as the result of a condition which the supervisor is without jurisdiction to resolve, the grievance may be filed directly at Step 3.
 16. The parties agree to seek resolution of grievances at the lowest possible level.
 17. The Union shall develop a grievance numbering system and shall inform the Board of the grievance number and grievant's name when a written grievance has been filed at step 2.
 18. The parties agree that tape recording of any grievance meeting, other than an arbitration hearing, shall not be done without the express permission of all persons present.
- C. Grievances shall be processed as outlined below. The employee may choose to have representation at all steps of the process.

1. Step I: Good Faith Discussion

If an employee feels s/he has a grievance, s/he shall first meet and discuss the matter in good faith with the administrator in an effort to resolve the problem informally. The employee may have representation by the site association representative or his/her designee. The request for the discussions shall take place within twenty (20) duty days after the employee knew, or should have known, of the incident which is the basis of the potential grievance. The discussion shall take place within six (6) duty days.

In the discussion the employee shall advise the administrator of the particular section(s) of the Contract the employee believes was (were) violated, and how they allegedly were violated. The employee may also present a solution. Verbal dialogue is encouraged and may continue over the next six (6) duty days. At the end of the six (6) duty days, a resolution must be presented and agreed upon or the employee shall receive an explanation as to why the administrator believes the contract was not violated. Any resolution shall not violate the contract and shall be reduced to writing by the site association representation and signed by the administration.

2. Step II: Written Grievance

Failure to reach an agreement or failure to respond in six (6) duty days will automatically move the grievance to Step II. The grievance form shall be obtained by the employee from the Association office. Changes to the grievance form shall be mutually agreed to by the parties.

If the discussion above does not resolve the issue satisfactorily, the employee may file a written grievance within ten (10) duty days following the employee's receipt of the administrator's response. The written grievance shall be presented by the employee during a meeting with the administrator. The written grievance shall contain:

- Specific date of alleged violation
- Date of Step I Meeting
- A concise statement of the facts upon which the grievance is based
- A reference to the specific section(s) of the Contract allegedly violated
- An explanation as to how the employee believes each cited section was violated
- A suggested remedy by the employee

Copies of the grievance shall be sent to the Human Resources Department designee(s) and the Association. A response shall be provided by the administrator, in writing, within six (6) duty days from receipt.

3. Step III: District Level Hearing

If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance by the administrator, s/he may appeal the grievance to the Superintendent/designee. Such appeal shall be made within six duty days of the receipt of the administrator's response, and include the scheduling of a meeting in an effort to resolve the dispute. The meeting shall take place within ten (10) duty days of filing and shall include the grievant, his/her representative if requested by the grievant and designee(s) of the Human Resources Department.

Dialogue is encouraged to reach resolution prior to the meeting and both parties shall present any evidence to substantiate their position in the matter. Within ten (10) duty days of the meeting, the Superintendent/designee shall respond to the grievance in writing

4. Step IV: Mediation

If the grievant/Association is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance from the District Level hearing, the grievance may be referred to mediation. The grievant/Association and the District shall mutually agree to submit a grievance to mediation. The grievant/Association shall notify the District in writing within six (6) duty days of the conclusion of Step II of the grievant/ Association's desire to refer the grievance to mediation. The District shall respond to the request for mediation within three (3) duty days of the written request.

- a. Within six (6) duty days following the agreement of mediation, the grievant/ Association shall notify the selected mediation service. The mediation conference shall be scheduled at a mutually convenient location and time.
- b. There shall be one designated spokesperson from each party at the mediation conference.

- c. The mediator shall have the authority to meet separately with either party, but shall not have the authority to compel the resolution of a grievance.
 - d. The presentation of facts and considerations shall not be limited to those presented at Step II of the grievance procedure. However, new information shall be shared between the parties prior to the mediation conference. Proceedings before the mediator shall be informal in nature. There shall be no formal evidence rules. No transcript or record of the mediation conference shall be made. The mediator shall attempt to assure that all necessary facts and considerations are revealed to him/her.
 - e. Written material presented to the mediator shall be returned to the party presenting that material at the termination of the mediation conference, except that the mediator may retain one copy of the written grievance solely for the purpose of statistical analysis.
 - f. Fees and expenses shall be shared equally by the parties.
 - g. Resolution through such mediation shall be reduced to writing and signed by all parties to the grievance.
5. Step V: Arbitration

If resolution is not reached through mediation or mediation is bypassed, the grievance may be submitted to arbitration. The grievant and his/her representative shall, within twenty (20) duty days after receipt of the decision of the Superintendent/designee, notify the District of the intent to submit the grievance to arbitration.

D. Arbitration Provisions

1. Within fifteen (15) duty days of its notice to the Superintendent, the Association shall request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) to submit a panel of seven arbitrators, who are qualified to hear public sector grievances or may jointly agree to set up a panel of arbitrators from which to make a choice. Upon receipt of the panel, the parties shall select, within twenty-one (21) calendar days, an arbitrator by the alternate striking method or other mutually agreeable method, and shall notify FMCS of the arbitrator selected. The parties shall not be precluded from mutually agreeing on an arbitrator not on the panel.
2. If for some reason the arbitrator will be unable to serve or the parties mutually agree that no person on the panel is suitable, the parties shall jointly request the FMCS to submit a new panel of seven arbitrators from which an arbitrator will be selected in the same manner.
3. Arbitration hearings shall be scheduled within sixty (60) calendar days of selection unless the parties agree to extend the timeline or the arbitrator is unavailable within the timeline. All arbitration proceedings shall be conducted under and governed by the appropriate rules of the FMCS.

4. The parties agree to accept the arbitrator's award as binding upon them.
5. The parties shall share equally the cost of arbitration.
6. Should either party request a stenographic transcript of the proceedings, then that party will bear the full costs for said transcript. If both parties mutually agree to a stenographic transcript, then the cost of said transcript will be divided equally between the parties.
7. The arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and shall set forth his/her findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions on issues submitted.

E. Power of the Arbitrator

It shall be the function of the arbitrator and s/he shall be empowered, except as hereinafter provided, to make a decision in a case of an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the provision(s) of this Contract.

1. S/he shall have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify in any way the terms of this Contract.
2. S/he shall have no power to rule on an alleged violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of School Board Policy, practice or rule, provided said violation is not a misinterpretation or misapplication of this Contract.

Article IV Management Rights

- A. The parties agree that the right to direct employees, to hire, promote, transfer, assign and retain employees and to suspend, demote, discharge or take other disciplinary action against employees subject only to express provisions respecting such matters in this Contract, shall be solely and exclusively within the responsibility of the Board subject to provisions of State Regulations and the laws of Florida and the United States.
- B. The parties agree that the right to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons, to maintain the efficiency of the Board's operations, to determine the methods, means and personnel by which the Board's operations are to be conducted and to take whatever action may be necessary to carry out the mission of the Board in situations of emergency shall be solely and exclusively within the responsibility of the Board. The Union recognizes that the Board has a statutory right and obligation in contracting and subcontracting for matters relating to the school system operation. The right to contract or subcontract shall not be used for the purpose or intention of undermining the Union nor to discriminate against any of its members.

While investigating the feasibility of contracting or subcontracting our any services performed by current employees, the Board agrees to notify the Union, seek its input, and share related information. (Also see Article II, C, in conjunction with this article.)

- C. The parties agree that no provision of this Contract shall be construed so as to abridge the authority and power of the Board as established by constitutional provision, statute or State Board of Education Regulations in existence at the time this Contract was executed and that the Board shall be relieved of performance or compliance with any term or condition hereof if such compliance is contrary to any constitutional provision, statute or State Board of Education Regulation adopted, enacted or having an effective date subsequent to commencement of the term of this Contract.
- D. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities by the Board, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only to the extent that the terms and conditions of this Contract specifically limit such powers.
- E. The exercise of the foregoing rights shall not preclude employees from raising grievances should decisions on the above matters have the practical consequences of violating the terms and conditions of this Contract.

Article V

Union Rights

- A. Use of Facilities
 - 1. The Union's worksite representative may be permitted the use of the worksite facilities for the purpose of conducting meetings before and after the work day and, during lunch and break times. Such meetings shall be arranged in advance with the supervisor in the manner in which such meetings are usually arranged, and permission shall not be unreasonably denied. Other meetings may be scheduled with the permission of the supervisor.
 - 2. The Union, with the supervisor's consent, shall be permitted to use the worksite facility for the purpose of holding Union meetings which include employees other than those assigned to that worksite, provided the Union bears the normal cost for the use of such facility, if any.
 - 3. Upon conclusion of any meeting scheduled by the supervisor for employees, the worksite representative shall be given the opportunity to make announcements relating to official business of the Union, or the Union president or his/her designee may make announcements in lieu of the Union representative. Continued attendance by employees for these announcements shall be voluntary.

B. Access

The president of the Union, or his/her designee, shall be allowed to visit worksites to confer with employees under the following provisions:

1. The president/designee shall check into the worksite office upon arrival and upon departure shall check out through the worksite office. In no case shall checking in and out be through a school kitchen or lunchroom.
2. The supervisor shall facilitate the visit by assigning a reasonable place for the Union representative to confer with employees. The Union representative shall be granted access to designated break areas to visit employees on their break time.
3. The Union president/designee may have his/her presence announced, by the supervisor posting a notice on the bulletin board or other place visible to employees, such as the area where sign-in sheets are posted, and/or making an announcement over the intercom system with an indication of the place that the Union president/designee will be available.
4. Duly authorized staff representatives of the Union shall be permitted to transact official Union business for the maintenance of this Contract on School Board property, provided that this shall not interfere with or disrupt normal school system operations.
5. During the workday, Union staff representatives may contact employees only during their lunch and break times except as provided elsewhere by this Contract.
6. Employees who serve as worksite representatives may investigate grievances of other employees from that worksite, provided they notify their supervisor in advance and as long as it does not interfere with the normal worksite operations. This shall not be construed so as to prohibit normal discussion between employees, provided such discussion does not interfere with normal worksite operations.
7. Upon request, the Union shall provide an up-to-date list of the names of all Union representatives to the Board.

C. Communications

1. The Union shall have the right to bulletin board space at each worksite of at least nine square feet but not more than twelve square feet in area, for the purpose of posting materials/communications related to Union business, such as newsletters, programs, training, meeting notices and committee reports.
 - a. The Superintendent shall receive a copy of all above materials/communications to be posted district-wide at least one-day prior to the time of distribution. The supervisor shall receive a copy of all materials/communications to be posted at his/her worksite, at the time of posting.

- b. If the Union and the supervisor mutually determine that a single bulletin board may be insufficient due to the nature and size of the worksite, the Union may provide an additional bulletin board.
 - c. The bulletin board shall be located in a mutually agreeable area easily accessible to employees.
 - d. The Union may utilize reserved space on District bulletin boards. If the bulletin board is provided at Union expense, the Union shall have exclusive use of it.
2. The Union shall be permitted the use of the courier service for communication with employees. The Union shall not use the courier service to send out materials/communications derogatory to the Board, publications advocating legislative positions, (other than mutually agreed upon positions), or campaign literature for candidates for public office. The Union may send out flyers on behalf of each candidate for Union office. The courier office shall receive a copy of all materials to be sent through the courier district-wide.
3. The Union shall be permitted use of employees' worksite and electronic mailboxes, where available, for communication with employees, subject to the same limitations that apply to the courier service, as provided above. The Union representative shall have a designated mailbox at his/her worksite.
4. An email and its attachment shall not exceed 10mb.
5. The Union office shall be placed on courier service route for daily pickup and delivery of Union materials/communications, which shall include the provisions for at least one bulk mailing per week, subject to the rules and regulations of the courier office.
6. When the Union disseminates information without utilizing any District resources such as mailbox, email or courier, the Union is not required to produce a copy to any administrator.
7. Emails that are notices for Union meetings at the OESPA office do not have to be sent to the District.

D. Union Leave

1. The Superintendent will recommend and the Board will approve the duly elected president of the Union a leave of absence to serve as OESPA president for the term of his/her presidency. The District will serve as the fiscal agent for the payment of his/her salary, fringe benefits, and fixed charges by placing the president in an assigned department for payroll purposes only. The Union shall reimburse the Board 100% of any and all sums paid to or on behalf of said Union president. The union agrees to hold harmless the School Board for all claims that arise from actions that occur while the OESPA president serves in the office. Optional insurance coverage may be continued by paying the premiums due during the approved leave of absence. The bill for the optional insurance coverage will be sent directly to the president to continue the insurance plans.

The president shall return to the work location previously assigned at the end of his/her presidency. The president shall not earn sick leave or annual leave, nor be covered by the Board Workers' compensation Insurance during said term. The president shall be given credit on the salary schedule for the year(s) served as president, and district-wide seniority shall accrue while serving as Union president. The Union president may transfer the unused sick leave days accrued as president. It shall be the Union president's responsibility to assist in securing the requested transfer of sick leave credit from the Union. One day of sick leave may be transferred for each day accrued upon return to Orange County, up to a maximum of 12 days per year. In case of extended illness or retirement, all withheld hours will be transferred immediately.

The President shall receive any negotiated wage increases and bonuses for which s/he is eligible during the term of office.

2. The Union shall be granted 105 days of leave per fiscal year for use by its members. No one employee may use more than five of the above days per fiscal year and must maintain a personal leave balance for each day of union leave to be used. Release time granted for negotiations and designated district level meetings shall not be charged against the 105 days. Any additional days requested or a waiver of personal leave balance shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
3. The Union shall give written electronic notification of at least six duty days to the Board as to the dates and employees for whom union leave is being requested. These timelines may be waived by mutual agreement. Requests for union leave shall not be unreasonably denied.
4. Such leave shall be limited to two employees per work location on any given day unless it is determined by the supervisor that the absence of more employees will not disrupt the normal operation at that work location.

E. Information

1. The Union shall be provided with copies of the Board agenda and packets upon publication and copies of all Board periodicals (i.e. Objectives, Orange Peel, etc.). The Union shall be provided with an official copy of the School Board policies, including any policy revision adopted by the Board.
2. The parties shall meet annually to discuss a schedule of reports to provide to the Union.
3. The Union shall be provided with copies of generally distributed work rules (handbooks) for each major department.
4. The Board shall provide the Union a copy of its established criteria, including any revisions, for granting wage credit for experience.
5. The Board shall provide the Union access to public records not exempted by Florida Statutes at mutually agreeable times and with an appropriate staff member present. Copies of said materials shall be provided to the Union at cost, if requested.

F. Union/Management Meetings

1. In order to provide a means for continuing communication, representatives of the parties, agree to meet with employees and managers representing the following functional areas: clerical, custodial, food service, maintenance, paraprofessional, transportation, technology, uniformed security and other employee groups as identified by the parties.
 - a. A committee for each area shall be formed to meet a minimum of three times per year, one meeting to be held within 60 days after the beginning of the school term, and the others to be held between November 1 and April 1 of each year. Other meetings may be held upon mutual agreement of both parties.
 - b. The committees may discuss concerns which could result in improved quality of work and any other matters mutually agreed upon by both parties, such as training programs.
 - c. When the parties mutually agree to submit proposals to the Collaborative Bargaining Leadership Team, such proposals must be recorded on the Issues and Tracking Form and be supported by data and research.
 - d. Such meetings shall not be intended for the purpose of negotiations or to bypass the grievance procedure.

2. The Superintendent/designee and the Union president/designee will meet at mutually agreeable times to discuss issues which could lead to improvements in the school system. The Union President shall, upon request, serve on committees made up of two or more classifications of employees/functions/departments, which committees are formed to study and/or implement continuous quality improvement efforts in the District.
3. The Union shall be given the opportunity to provide input regarding in-service courses/training programs.

G. Other Committees

1. Classified staff at each school shall have the right to petition for representation on the FAC.
2. The employees and the principal at each school shall mutually agree on a process to select at least one employee to serve on that school's advisory council.
3. Participation on the FAC shall not serve as a basis for the evaluation of any employee.
4. A budget committee shall be established jointly with the District including representatives from the Superintendent, the Board, and the OESPA and CTA CBLT'S. The purpose of this committee is to create an overall awareness of the District's budgetary needs by identifying and sharing priorities from the parties on the committee.

**Article VI
Dues Deduction**

- A. Effective July 1, 2023, the Board will cease deducting Union dues and uniform assessments from the salaries of the bargaining unit employees.**
- B. If through a change in applicable law or a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the Board can once again legally deduct Union dues and uniform assessments from the salaries of the bargaining unit employees, the Board will reinstate dues deductions under the following terms commencing the beginning of the first pay period after receiving a written request to do so by the Union and the submittal of dues authorization forms to the District.** The Board shall deduct Union dues and uniform assessments from the wages of those employees who authorize the deduction of same in writing pursuant to the following:
 1. Authorization forms shall be personally signed by each employee requesting dues deduction.
 2. All authorization forms must be submitted by the Union to the Payroll Department.

3. Dues deduction shall begin with the check for the first full pay period following receipt by the Board of the authorization form.
4. The Board will deduct equal installments of the annual dues in each of the regular paychecks issued after enrollment. The deductions will begin in the first check of the fiscal year for all members who are current employees. All employees will have twenty-one payments.
5. No deduction shall be made from the pay of an employee for any payroll period in which the employee's net earnings for that period, after other deductions, are less than the amount of dues to be collected.
6. Authorization of dues deduction for an employee shall continue from year to year, unless the employee revokes his/her authorization.
7. An employee, upon submission of a standardized form, may revoke his/her authorization for dues deduction. Such revocation shall take effect 30 days from receipt of such notice. The Union shall be notified of such revocation.
8. In the event a full-time employee transfers to a part-time position, or a part-time employee assumes a full-time position, the Board shall make an automatic adjustment in dues.

C. General Provisions

1. Any change in the amount of dues subject to payroll deduction for membership in the Union shall be certified to the payroll administrator no later than twenty days prior to the effective date of change.
2. Dues collected through the payroll deduction method shall be transmitted to the Union as follows:
 - a. Dues collected from paychecks at the end of the month shall be transmitted within two workdays from the date on which regular paychecks were issued.
 - b. Dues collected from other paychecks within the month shall be transmitted on the same date when the regular paychecks were issued.
3. The Union shall indemnify and hold the Board harmless against and from any and all claims, demands, suits, or other form of liability that may arise out of or by reason of action taken, or not taken, by the Board for the purpose of complying with the provisions set forth in this article.
4. The Union recognizes that the Board is expressly prohibited from any involvement in the collection of fines, penalties, or special assessments.
5. The Union agrees that if at any time during the duration of this Contract the Union authorizes, causes, engages in, or sanctions any strike, work stoppage, or other illegal job action of any kind, the privilege of dues deduction may be revoked during the remainder of the fiscal year.

**Article VII
No Strike Clause**

The Union agrees to comply with statutory provisions prohibiting strikes by public employees. In the event of any such violations during the term of the Contract, the Union shall take reasonable steps to ensure the return of employees to work as quickly as possible by:

- A. Delivering immediately to the Board a copy of a notice addressed to all employees repudiating such acts of the employees and ordering them to cease such acts and to return to work.
- B. Taking such other action which the Union deems reasonable and appropriate to bring about compliance with the terms of this Contract.

**Article VIII
Employee Rights**

- A. An employee shall not be discriminated against because of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age, handicap or marital status. In addition, the parties recognize that sexual harassment detracts from a professional and comfortable working environment. As such, the parties agree to work together toward the elimination of discrimination and sexual harassment from the work place.

Employees are encouraged to report any allegations of discrimination or sexual harassment to their administrators or the applicable district-level departments for prompt investigation. Any claims shall be referred to the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and the employee shall retain all rights to pursue his/her claim through the appropriate federal and/or state agency.

Employees shall not be retaliated against for appropriately reporting discrimination and/or sexual harassment.

- B. The Board agrees that the private and personal life of any employee, including additional employment, are not within the appropriate concern or attention of the Board, provided that these activities do not impair the employee's effectiveness and performance as an employee of the School Board.
- C. The Board agrees to comply with Florida Statutes as they relates to actions in tort for damages as a result of the negligent or wrongful act or omission of an employee while acting in the scope of his/her employment. The Board shall not be responsible or liable for the actions of an employee who acts in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety or property. Further, if the employee relies on the Board for tort protection the Board may exercise its right to settle any claim for damages brought against the employee in any manner the Board deems appropriate.

- D. The Board, upon request by an employee, may determine to provide legal services for employees who are charged with civil or criminal actions arising out of and in the course of the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities. However, in any case in which the employee pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is found guilty of any such action, the employee shall reimburse the Board for any legal services which the Board may have supplied pursuant to this provision. Each determination of the Board to expend funds for legal defense of an employee shall be made at a public meeting with notice pursuant to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes.
- E. An employee shall have the right to legal protection by the Board in any civil or criminal action that may arise out of a work-related incident. The employee shall be entitled to representation as provided for in Article XII. Any employee who refuses to provide a requested statement shall waive his/her right to legal protection by the board.
- F. The cost of any physical examination taken by an employee at the direction of the Board, except that which is a prerequisite for employment, shall be borne by the Board. The Board shall provide a list of three doctors from which the employee shall choose one.
- G. Employees shall have access in each worksite to all School Board Policies, State Board of Education Rules, Florida School Laws and the Superintendent's Management Directives. Employees shall be kept apprised of any District media policies and copies shall be made available upon request. Copies of policies and rules for each worksite shall be distributed to each employee at the site.
- H. The Board will repair or reimburse an employee the current value of any clothing or other personal property damaged or destroyed as a result of assault and/or battery or the quelling of a disturbance suffered in the course of the legal performance of his/her assigned duties unless such loss covered by insurance or reimbursement is attained from other sources not in excess of \$400. If it is determined that coverage for verified cases of vandalism to personal property on school premises is permitted by Florida Statutes, such coverage shall be in the amount and under the conditions specified above.
- I. An employee shall be permitted to use necessary and reasonable force to quell a disturbance, to protect himself or others from possible injury, to restrain a disruptive student, or to protect personal property and District property.
- J. An employee shall not be required to find a substitute for his/her approved leave of absence.

Article IX General Personnel Provisions

A. Job Descriptions

1. The Board shall maintain a separate job description for each position listed in Appendix A. It is understood by the parties that every incidental duty connected with the functions enumerated in the job description may not be specifically described and such shall not preclude the required performance of related duties.
 - a. It is understood between the parties that employees normally will be assigned duties consistent with those set forth in their job descriptions.
 - b. Specific duties shall not be assigned in a capricious manner.
 - c. Recognizing that situations arise requiring employees to “perform other duties as assigned”, the parties agree that such tasks shall not be assigned on a continual basis.
2. Prior to implementation of any changes in a job description, the affected employee(s) shall be notified. A review of the changes shall be made with the employee(s) upon request. Any employee whose job description is changed shall be provided a copy of the new job description.
3. As new/changed job descriptions are developed, they shall be written in conjunction with the job study referenced in Article XV Section E.
4. In the event that the qualifications as set forth in the job description change to the extent that an employee is no longer qualified to continue in the position, the employee shall be provided reasonable assistance in receiving additional training and/or moving to another position.
5. An employee shall be provided a copy of his/her job description upon request.
6. The Union shall be provided copies of all current job descriptions.

B. Members of the same family shall not be employed in such a way so that one family member directs the work of another family member.

C. Seniority shall be defined as the total length of continuous service with the Board. Seniority shall be district-wide and shall be effective from the date of employment in a benefited position. Any interruption of service shall result in a loss of seniority, except for employees who are re-employed as a result of a recall from layoff. Time off for Board approved long-term leave of absence without pay shall not count toward seniority but such leaves shall not be considered as an interruption of service.

D. Personnel Files

1. A personnel file shall be maintained for each employee. The file shall be inclusive of all records, information, data, or materials maintained by the school system, in any form or retrieval system whatsoever, which is uniquely applicable to the employee whether maintained in one or more locations. All files maintained on employees shall be considered public records unless specifically made confidential, by Florida Statutes.
2. Access to Files
 - a. Confidential data in an employee's personnel file shall be open to inspection only by the employee, the employee's supervisor, members of School Board, the Superintendent and such other persons as the employee or the Superintendent may authorize in writing. In addition applicable portions of the file may be made available to hearing officers or law enforcement officers when, and to the extent, specifically permitted by law.
 - b. An employee, or his/her designated representative shall have the right to examine the entire contents of his/her personnel file, which is maintained in Employment Services Department, or any other location, at a reasonable time in the presence of a staff member having responsibility for the data. An employee may request that a representative accompany him/her when the file is being reviewed.
 - c. An employee, upon request, shall have the right to meet with his/her supervisor for the purpose of examining the contents of any work location file which may be maintained on the employee.
 - d. Copies of documents in an employee's own file shall be provided at no cost to the employee.
 - e. A record shall be maintained in the file of the employee of those persons reviewing the file each time it is reviewed.
3. Placement of Material in Files
 - a. Evaluation forms and written reprimands shall not be placed in an employee's personnel or work location file unless the employee has signed the document. Said signature does not necessarily indicate agreement with the contents. If the employee is unavailable for signature, a copy of the document shall be sent by certified mail to his/her last known address, and verification of such will serve in lieu of his/her signature.
 - b. Complaints shall not be placed in the employee's file unless the source is identified and the document has been shared with the employee in a formal meeting.

- c. Directives shall not be placed in the employee's file unless the source is defined and the document has been shared with the employee in a formal meeting.
 - d. After receipt of any document to be placed in his/her file, an employee may respond in writing. The response will be attached to the document and shall be placed in the file in accordance with Florida Statutes.
 - 4. At the request of the employee, and subject to Florida statutes, written reprimands, directives, material of a derogatory nature or complaints which are two or more years old shall be appended with a notice which states the material is no longer relevant for disciplinary purposes, provided there has not been a recent incident of a similar problem or complaint. For disciplinary documents related to the use of excessive force and/or physical, verbal or other conduct directed against students or employees, and motor vehicle reports, recency shall be five years. This provision shall exclude evaluations.
- E. The Orange County School Board, in collaboration with the Orange Education Support Professionals Association (OESPA), agrees to cover the re-fingerprinting and annual maintenance costs of employees.

Article X
Employment Status and Assignment

A. Vacancies

- 1. A vacancy shall be defined as a newly created bargaining unit position or a position that has been vacated by an employee, provided the position has not been frozen or eliminated.
- 2. Employees applying for a promotional vacancy within the bargaining unit shall be given full consideration prior to hiring new employees. Qualifications, evaluation reports and length of service will be considered. The possession of a license or certificate related to an employee's particular skill or trade shall be considered as part of his/her qualifications.
- 3. Employees requesting a transfer also shall be given full consideration for vacant positions prior to hiring new employees.
- 4. If requested, affected employees shall be given an explanation as to why they were not promoted or transferred.
- 5. Advertisement
 - a. The Board agrees to advertise all vacant positions for seven (7) calendar days, excluding paid holidays and periods of district-wide shut down. For the purposed of Article X.A.5., the floating (birthday) holiday shall not be considered as a paid holiday in the calculation.

- b. All vacant positions will be advertised by the work location on the OCPS website. The advertisement shall include links to job descriptions, salary information and veterans' preference. The union shall have access to all vacancies through the OCPS website.
 - c. Positions within programs that are funded for a specific period of time shall be so identified on any vacancy notice or job listing.
 - d. Nothing herein shall preclude the temporary filling of positions until such time as a hiring decision is made and implemented. If such temporary appointment comes from within the work location and results in a newly vacated position, this also may be filled on a temporary basis.
 - e. Any employee who temporarily fills a position may be considered, in accordance with Section 6 below, along with other applicants at the time the position is to be filled on a permanent basis. If the employee is not chosen to fill the position s/he shall be returned to his/her original position at that work location. These provisions shall be applicable to employees from other work locations only upon the approval of both supervisors.
6. Interested employees may apply in writing to the designated contact person within the posting period.
 7. The hiring decision for a posted vacancy shall take place within 45 duty days of the closing application date. If the hiring decision is not made within 45 duty days, the vacancy must be re-advertised before being filled. If a candidate does not accept the offer of employment or does not pass the pre-employment process, additional candidates may be selected within the 45 duty days from the candidate pool.
 8. Employees who have been interviewed for positions as set forth in 5.a above shall be notified in writing if they are not selected and by written or verbal offer if they have been selected for the position.
 9. The employee shall provide, in writing, a two week notice to his/her current supervisor of his/her acceptance of the new position. A less than two week notice may be accepted if mutually agreed to between the two supervisors involved in the employee's transfer. The two week notice shall apply to transfers and/or promotions.
 10. If an employee is hired to fill a temporary instructional position, and the employee subsequently is not hired into a permanent instructional position, s/he shall be returned to his/her original classified position with all appropriate benefits and seniority restored. This shall not be considered as a break in service.

B. Transfers

1. A transfer is a change in an employee's work location. Transfers initiated by the employee shall be considered voluntary. All others shall be considered involuntary.
2. Except as provided in Section 5 below, employees may be involuntarily transferred for reasons such as allocations, organizational changes at the work location or district-wide, or changes in the job description in accordance with Article IX Section A.3.
 - a. To the extent feasible, volunteers shall be sought first. When volunteers are solicited and are insufficient in number, employees shall be transferred in inverse order by seniority.
 - b. When it is not feasible to request/use volunteers, transfers shall be based upon the job description for the position title and any specific knowledge and skills related to the particular position.
3. Before any involuntary transfer is made, a meeting shall be held between the supervisor and the employee(s). The supervisor shall explain the need for the transfer, and the employee(s) shall be given an opportunity to discuss the transfer. Length of service and geographic location will be given consideration before a final decision is made. Unless mutually agreed by the employee and his/her supervisor to expedite the time limits, the employee shall be given notice of at least five duty days prior to any transfer.
4. The Professional Standards Department shall review unusual circumstances which may require an involuntary transfer of an employee. If the transfer becomes necessary, a meeting shall be held with the employee. S/he shall be entitled to representation, and may request, in writing, the reason for the transfer. Unusual circumstances shall be defined as those circumstances when there is a reasonable belief that the employee's current assignment limits the efficient operations of the District or has an adverse impact on the welfare of students or staff.
5. Employees who are transferred on a temporary basis, pending resolution of a situation involving potential disciplinary action, shall be assured of receiving the same wage as they received prior to the transfer.
6. An involuntary transfer list shall be compiled at the end of the school year for non-probationary employees who would otherwise be identified for layoff for the following school year due to a reallocation of human and/or financial resources at the work location. These employees will be notified and provided assistance in securing a position for which they are qualified, and shall be placed before any probationary employees as identified in Section F.1.b. are rehired.

7. When placing an employee identified as an involuntary transfer, consideration shall be given to seniority and then by the best position available as determined by days and hours within the current job title.

C. Re-assignment

1. Re-assignment as used herein shall refer to a change in an employee's position title.
2. Employees may be re-assigned within their classification (chapter) for reasons such as allocations, organizational changes at the work location or district-wide, or changes in job descriptions.
 - a. To the extent feasible, volunteers shall be sought first. When volunteers are solicited and are insufficient in number, employees shall be re-assigned in inverse order by seniority.
 - b. Any re-assignment to a position outside of classification or from a 12-month to a 10-month position shall be voluntary, or subject to the layoff procedure.
3. If any re-assignment results in a reduction in hours per day, Section E also shall apply.
4. The parties recognize that an employee may be reassigned on a temporary basis due to another employee's extended absence of more than ten (10) duty days. If the reassignment is to a higher pay-grade, the employee who is so reassigned shall be assured of the higher pay-grade during that time beginning on the first day of the reassignment.
5. An employee who substitutes for at least 2.5 cumulative hours of student contact time for a teacher who is absent, shall be paid the supplemental rate of **\$30.00** per day for said day. If the employee has completed the District endorsed Substitute Teacher Training he/she shall be paid the supplemental rate of **\$40.00** per day.

The assignment of substitute coverage shall be at the sole discretion of the Principal or his/her designee. Permanent substitutes are not eligible for this additional supplement. Classified employees assigned to schools from centralized offices (i.e. Transportation, Central Support, Food and Nutrition Services) are not eligible to provide substitute coverage and are therefore not eligible for this additional supplement.

Substitute training shall be provided at no cost to the employee. (See Article XVI, O)

D. Promotion

1. Promotion is the advancement of an employee to a higher grade position within the bargaining unit, whether through the filling of a vacancy or the upgrading of the employee's existing position.

Any employee who is promoted shall be assured of at least a three (3%) percent increase per grade up to a maximum of twelve (12%) percent, or an adjustment based on documented job related experience as defined in Article **XV.B.4-6** whichever is greater. Both are subject to the minimum and maximum wage rates for the new paygrade.

2. Permanent substitutes who complete a four year degree shall be promoted to the applicable pay-grade upon verification of the degree, retroactive to the date the degree was awarded or to the beginning of the current fiscal year, whichever is later.
3. Effective 2011-2012, any employee, without a break in service, who has previously worked at a higher pay level, will have the promotional increase calculated with that in consideration. At no time will the employee be earning less at the new level as they have previously earned at that same level. Calculations will be reviewed and a final determination will be made by the Senior Director of Compensation.
4. The Board agrees to use the criteria established through the job classification project in upgrading employees.
 - a. Requests for a position upgrade will be normally initiated by the supervisor; however an employee may request consideration for an upgrade. The supervisor will advise the employee if s/he will recommend such position for an upgrade within ten (10) duty days of receipt of the request from the employee. Should such position not be recommended by the supervisor for an upgrade, the employee shall be given an explanation, if requested.
 - b. Any recommendation by a supervisor for a position upgrade must be submitted to Compensation Services within 30 duty days from the time it is formally initiated at the worksite. Once received at the District level it shall be processed within 30 additional duty days. If the position is upgraded, the employee shall receive the applicable wage increase retroactive to the date of final approval or 60 duty days from the date of submission, whichever is earlier, however there shall be no retroactivity to any time prior to the beginning of the current fiscal year. Compensation Services will notify the employee, in writing, of the final determination.

- c. An employee may request a review of an upgrade denial. This request for review of an upgrade denial shall be filed with Compensation Services within thirty (30) duty days of notice of the denial. This review shall be completed within 45 duty days, and include an interview of the employee, upon request. The final disposition of an upgrade shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.
5. If, within 30 duty days of the employee being promoted, in the judgment of the supervisor, the employee's quality of work is not such as to merit continuation in the new position, or the employee requests a transfer to his/her original or similar position, s/he may be returned to his/her original position provided a vacancy exists within 60 days. The employee's rate of pay shall then be adjusted to that in effect for the lower position.

E. Reduction in Hours

1. If a reduction in hours becomes necessary, the Board shall first seek volunteers.
2. If there are no volunteers, the reduction in hours shall come from among those affected employees at that work location with less than one of year seniority.
3. For paraprofessional employees, the reduction shall be subject to the following:
 - a. The principal shall notify all employees in the affected position title(s) of the need to reduce hours, and potentially affected employees shall be given an opportunity to provide input to the principal.
 - b. Following the receipt of input from employees, the reduction in hours shall be determined by the principal, within the parameters set forth in section 2 above.
4. If a further reduction in hours is necessary because there are no paraprofessional employees with less than two, or other affected employees with less than one, year of seniority, then the least senior affected employee shall be reduced in hours.
5. If a reduction in hours would result in an employee working less than four hours per day, that employee shall be transferred. In the event there are no similar positions, or related positions for which the employee is qualified, the employee shall be identified for layoff in accordance with Section H. This provision shall not apply to employees with less than one year of seniority.
6. If Board paid health insurance coverage is reduced as a result of a reduction in hours of an employee with more than one year seniority, the employee may request, and shall be given priority consideration, for a transfer to a position with full-time insurance coverage, for which s/he is qualified.
7. Any other employee whose hours are reduced by more than one per day shall be provided, upon request, assistance in identifying positions in the District for which s/he is qualified.

F. Probation

1. All newly appointed employees will be placed on probationary status during their first year of employment. During the first 120 duty days of active employment, excluding summer breaks unless worked, the employee may be terminated upon written notice.
 - a. During the balance of the first year of employment, and through the employee's anniversary date, the employee may be terminated for conduct or performance related reasons, or as set forth in Section b. below. Performance related reasons shall include written documentation of less than satisfactory work which has been formally called to the employee's attention and/or conduct related matters which form or formed the basis for disciplinary action greater than a verbal reprimand. An employee being dismissed for performance related reasons only shall be assured of a minimum of three days' notice or three days of severance pay in lieu of notice.
 - b. An employee who is within his/her first year of employment may be terminated at the end of the current school year for reasons such as organizational changes at the work location or district-wide, reallocation of human and/or financial resources, or decreases in/or the elimination of project funding. The Employment Services Department will make a reasonable effort within the subsequent 30-day period to assist these employees in finding another position for which they are qualified.
 - c. The substantive reasons for termination for a probationary employee shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.
2. Leave without pay, workers' compensation leave, and/or light duty work days shall not apply toward the probationary period.
3. During the probationary period, benefits will accrue the same as for employees in permanent positions, except that if the probationary employee terminates for any reason at the end of his/her probationary period or before, no accrued annual leave shall be credited to the employee.
4. Any terminated probationary employee shall be provided written notice of his/her dismissal. The employee shall be given the opportunity to discuss the dismissal with his/her supervisor, if requested, prior to the end of his/her last duty day.

G. Resignation

An employee who plans to resign shall give at least ten duty days' notice unless waived by the supervisor. The notice shall be in writing and reflect the employee's last duty day. If the employee is unavailable for submission of a signed notice, the supervisor shall confirm the resignation and the employee's last duty day by certified letter to the employee's last known address on file. The resignation shall be acted upon by the Board, in accordance with Florida Statutes.

H. Layoff

1. The Board shall determine the position titles in schools, departments and work locations from which employees are to be laid off, and hiring for affected positions shall be frozen. A meeting shall be held with the Union prior to any layoff.
2. Except as outlined below, positions shall be considered by position title.
 - a. The following combinations of positions shall apply:
 - (1) Positions within the same trade, exclusive of trades technicians
 - (2) School food service assistants
 - (3) Uniformed Security Officer and Shift Coordinator
 - b. The following positions shall be considered individually; to the extent that the specific job knowledge and skills required to perform the job duties of these employees are not the same.
 - (1) Administrative Specialists
 - (2) Database Coordinator
 - (3) Educational Captionist & Sign Language Interpreters
 - (4) Logistic Techs
 - (5) Network Operators
 - (6) Program Assistants, Career and Technical Education
 - (7) Program Assistants, District ESE Specialist
 - (8) Program Coordinators
 - (9) Trades Technicians
 - c. Any additional combinations of positions must be mutually agreed to by the parties.
3. The following procedures shall be used in laying off employees:
 - a. Employees will be laid off within their position title in the inverse order of their seniority. If employees have the same seniority, the employee to be retained shall be determined by lot.

- b. Employees identified for layoff shall be placed in vacant positions. In the same title which they held at the time of lay off. Should the same title not be available, the employee shall be placed in any vacant position title s/he has held within the three-year (3-year) period immediately preceding layoff. If there is no position of the same title or if there is not another position which the employee held within the three-year (3-year) period immediately preceding lay off, Employment Services will assign the employee to a vacant position title for which she is qualified. Acceptance of a vacant position shall carry no guarantee of the same paygrade, number of hours per day or number of days per year.
 - c. The above offering of positions shall be performed in order of greatest seniority in the position titles from which the employee is to be laid off.
 - d. No new employees within the affected position titles shall be hired before all employees to be laid off have been offered a position.
 - e. In the event an affected employee is not offered, or declines, a vacant position, s/he shall be subject to layoff.
4. The Board, for a period of one-year following layoff, shall maintain a layoff register and shall recall former employees by position title when vacancies have occurred. No new employees shall be hired into the position title until all former employees similarly situated on the layoff register have been recalled.
- a. Employees who have served in any other position title within the three-year period immediately preceding layoff may choose to be placed on the recall list for any of those position titles, by notifying the Employment Services Department in writing within ten duty days of receipt of their notice of layoff. Such employees shall be subject to the same provisions as set forth in the above section.
 - b. When employees are recalled from layoff, the employee with the greatest seniority shall be recalled first. If, during the assignment process, an employee is placed in a position within a paygrade less than the position from which they were laid off, and within the year, the position title from which s/he was laid off becomes available, the employee shall be recalled to this position. Such recall shall be district-wide, except that if an employee refuses the first offer of employment for a position in a school, department or work location other than the one from which s/he was laid off, the Board shall have no further obligation to place the employee district-wide. The employee, in such cases, shall remain on the recall list for his/her particular school, department or work location, unless s/he also refuses an offer of employment to that work location, in which case the Board shall have no further obligation to the employee for any recall.

- c. Recall shall be made by certified mail to the last known address of the employee. Within ten duty days of the certified receipt date, laid off employees must signify their intention of returning to work to the Employment Services Department. Failure to respond to the notice shall constitute a resignation by the employee.
 - d. If a laid off employee, when offered recall, is temporarily unable to return due to medical reasons, s/he may request an extension of recall rights, not to exceed two months.
 - e. Employees who are re-employed as a result of a recall from layoff shall not receive a loss of seniority nor shall there be a change made to the consecutive service date for the position that the employee held immediately prior to their layoff.
5. The Board shall assist laid off employees in identifying and applying for other positions for which they may be qualified, during their layoff period. Laid off employees may use job counseling and/or enroll in job training programs as may be offered by the Board during their layoff.
 6. In applying the provisions of Section 1. above, the work location shall not be a factor in determining layoff for facility trades, transportation trades, bus operator and bus monitor positions. These shall be determined by position title district-wide in inverse order according to seniority.
 7. All employees identified for layoff shall be provided written notification of these provisions.

Article XI Evaluation

- A. All employees shall be formally evaluated at least once annually. This annual evaluation shall occur no later than April 15.
- B. The formal evaluation shall serve as a basis of discussion for recording satisfactory performance by an employee and where an employee's performance is unsatisfactory.
 1. The employee shall receive, in a confidential manner, a completed copy of his/her formal evaluation. The supervisor and the employee shall sign and date the completed form. The employee's signature shall not necessarily imply agreement with the evaluation, but acknowledge receipt. The employee shall have the right to discuss the evaluation with the supervisor.
 2. If the employee is unavailable for signature, the form shall be sent by certified mail to his/her last known address on file.
 3. The employee shall have 20 duty days to respond in writing to the evaluation and said response shall be a part of the evaluation report.

4. A less than satisfactory evaluation shall not serve as prima facie evidence of the facts therein in any later situation when dismissal is being considered.
 5. Any unsatisfactory evaluation prepared for an employee's file upon his separation from the District shall be contingent upon compliance with the provisions of this article.
- C. If matters arise which may result in an unsatisfactory rating in any area on the evaluation report, such matters will be discussed with the employee in a formal meeting within a reasonable time but not to exceed 90 calendar days. Said meeting shall include specific recommendations for improvement. These recommendations shall be referred to as a Classified Improvement Plan (CIP) and reduced to writing, along with a reasonable time for completing this CIP prior to the conference in Section B.1. above. An unsatisfactory rating based on matters arising within 90 calendar days prior to the evaluation conference may be used, provided the other requirements of this Section have been met.
1. A copy of the CIP with the specific recommendations for improvement shall be given to the employee, who shall have an opportunity to respond, in accordance with Section B.3. above. The supervisor shall bring to the employee's attention failure to comply with the specific recommendations from the CIP in a timely manner.
 2. In cases of alleged incompetence, or continued inability to satisfactorily meet performance standards for the job, compliance with Article XII shall be met.
- D. The judgment of the supervisor shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.
- E. No change shall be made in the standard form used by the Board until after consultation with the Union. Such discussion shall occur by October 1, or at a time mutually agreed to by the parties, before changes are made for the subsequent year.

Article XII Discipline

- A. General Provisions
1. Discipline of an employee shall only be for just cause. Discipline may be imposed only for a violation of an expressed rule, an expressed order, an expressed policy, and/or reasonable expectation of management, which reasonably should have been known to the employee. Prior to the imposing of any form of discipline, a fair and objective investigation shall be conducted. Under normal circumstances matters known to the supervisor, which may be used to discipline employees, shall have been brought to the employee's attention within 30 calendar days.

2. Disciplinary action appropriate to the circumstances may take one or more of the following forms: dismissal, suspension without pay, verbal reprimand, and written reprimand. While disciplinary action shall normally be progressive, whereby the severity of the violation, past violations of a similar nature, and past disciplinary action for those violations are all taken into consideration, a given form of discipline need not necessarily be preceded by a less serious form of discipline. Except in cases of absence without authorized leave, progressive discipline shall apply to cases relating to absenteeism.
3. The Board may dock an employee's pay as a form of discipline in matters which relate to time off the job.
4. The following shall be grounds for suspension without pay for a specified time period or for dismissal: conviction of any crime involving moral turpitude, drunkenness, gross insubordination, immorality, misconduct in office, willful neglect of duty, or continued failure to satisfactorily meet performance standards for the job.
5. If during the course of an investigation it is determined that the employee's continued presence on the job may be threatening to the health and/or safety of students, other employees, or the facility, the employee may be relieved of duty with pay. The employee shall receive written notification, in a timely fashion, of the relief of duty which shall include a statement as to the basis for this action. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Union. Relief of duty with pay during an investigation shall not be considered disciplinary in and of itself.
6. An employee shall be entitled to representation in any meeting with the administration when the employee reasonably feels that discipline may result.
7. Only supervisors shall be permitted to discipline employees.
8. If, during a disciplinary investigation, the employee is questioned regarding an incident, and s/he does not respond at that time, reasonable time shall be given for a response. In the absence of a timely response, the supervisor shall proceed based on the information known at the time.
9. The supervisor's questioning of an employee and/or the offering of reasonable direction regarding any incident which later might be dealt with in a disciplinary manner shall not be considered an oral reprimand.
10. If matters arise which indicate the need for disciplinary action during a time when an employee is not required to be on duty, no action shall be taken until such time as s/he is required to be on duty or has received notification of the proposed action, whichever occurs first. Written notice via paid courier to the employee's last known address shall be considered a reasonable attempt at notification.

11. Prior to disciplinary action being taken, the employee shall be informed in a preliminary meeting what the basis of potential discipline is, what the witnesses said, and what the other sources of information indicated. Prior written notification of at least two duty days shall be given to the employee indicating the purpose and time for the meeting.
 - a. During the meeting, the employee shall be afforded an opportunity to explain his/her perception of the facts and may name any other witnesses or sources of information, which might provide information concerning the basis for potential discipline.
 - b. If the employee names additional witnesses or sources of information, these shall be investigated prior to a final determination being made.
 - c. If additional information is obtained which may form the basis for more serious disciplinary action, a subsequent meeting shall be scheduled with the employee to inform him/her of the results of the additional investigation.
12. Disciplinary action shall be taken within ten duty days of the time the employee was informed of potential disciplinary action in a formal meeting. Upon request the time limit may be extended in cases where additional witnesses and/or sources of information or further investigation may be needed.
13. If appropriate, the employee shall be encouraged to enroll in the Employee Assistance Program.
14. When an employee receives formal notification of an investigation that could result in discipline, the employee will be provided written notification at the conclusion of the investigation when the decision is to take no disciplinary action.

B. Reprimands

1. Any reprimand shall be given in private.
2. Written Reprimands
 - a. An employee may file, within 20 duty days after receipt of a written reprimand, a written response, which shall be attached to the reprimand. The supervisor shall hold a written reprimand 20 duty days or until receipt of the written response, whichever is sooner, prior to placement in the employee's personnel file.
 - b. A written reprimand shall be deemed no longer relevant for disciplinary purposes after a specified period of time, in accordance with Article IX, Section D.4.
 - c. A written reprimand shall not serve as prima facie evidence in and of itself of the facts alleged therein in any later situation when dismissal is being considered.

C. Suspension without Pay

1. If a given suspension without pay was preceded by a written reprimand for a similar problem, the employee must have been given reasonable time to correct the problem prior to the suspension.
2. An employee may be suspended without pay without a previous written reprimand if serious circumstances exist that could possibly lead to dismissal.
3. Any suspension without pay shall not exceed five duty days.
4. The provisions for written reprimands specified above, relating to the employee's right to respond and appending of file documents shall also apply to suspensions without pay.
5. The employee shall receive written notification of the suspension including the date(s) and the basis for this action. A copy shall be placed in the employee's personnel file and another sent to the Union.

D. Dismissal

1. During the course of an investigation, the Superintendent may require a physical and/or psychological or psychiatric examination of the employee at the expense of the Board.
 - a. Prior to requiring such examination, there shall be a meeting with the employee, at which time the basis for requiring such an examination shall be explained. This shall be followed up in writing. In extreme cases when the employee is unable to attend the scheduled meeting, the meeting may be waived.
 - b. The employee shall have the right to seek an additional opinion or judgment from among state-licensed physicians or psychiatrists at the employee's choosing and at the employee's cost within a reasonable time period.
2. In cases relating to incompetency, or continued failure to satisfactorily meet performance standards for the job, the following shall also apply:
 - a. The employee shall be notified in writing of deficiencies which, if not corrected, could lead to dismissal. The notice shall include specific recommendations for improvement, a tentative timeframe for improvement and a statement that failure to correct the deficiencies may lead to dismissal.
 - b. Further explanation of the identified deficiencies and suggested corrections shall be provided to the employee in a conference or conferences, the first of which shall be held within three weeks of the written notice.

- c. Reasonable assistance shall be offered and provided in order to assist the employee in correcting deficiencies.
 - d. A reasonable period of time not less than six weeks from the written statement required above shall be provided for correction of deficiencies. This time period shall be specified in writing and may be extended.
 - e. At the end of the time period provided, a formal evaluation of the employee's performance shall be made.
 - f. In extreme cases, an immediate formal evaluation of an employee's performance may be made provided that the employee shall be notified in writing of the reasons for this action and be provided a reasonable opportunity to discuss the basis for the action. Such action shall be taken only when there is direct evidence that an extreme emergency exists.
3. In the event the Superintendent recommends termination of an employee, the Board may suspend the employee with or without pay.
 4. Notice of the dismissal shall be in writing, including the specific reasons for the recommended action and the effective date. One copy shall be placed in the employee's personnel file and another sent to the Union.

Article XIII Days and Hours

- A. The Board retains the right to schedule its employees, however, the Board shall schedule consecutive hours during the employee's work day, with the exception of bus operators and monitors, who may have two one-half day shifts several hours apart.
 1. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 June 30.
 2. If the work schedule at a given worksite(s) or within a given classification of employees will be changed by more than two hours per day, employees shall be notified at least 30 calendar days in advance. If the change will affect only a part of the work force, volunteers shall be sought to the extent feasible. In the absence of volunteers, the least senior employees shall make the schedule change.
 3. The Board shall provide a five-day notice of any other change in the workday starting and ending times. If requested, a reason shall be provided as to why a schedule change is required.
 4. To accommodate a school or civic function held outside the regular workday, an employee shall be provided at least a two-duty day notice.
 5. In cases of emergency or other unanticipated circumstances requiring a temporary schedule change, the supervisor shall notify the employee as soon as feasible.

6. When changes in existing programs or the addition of new ones occur, the number of hours an employee works per day may be varied, subject to the provisions of Article X Section E.

B. Rest Periods and Lunch

1. Employees who are scheduled to work at least three and one-half hours per day shall be granted a fifteen-minute paid rest period. Employees who are scheduled to work beyond six hours per day shall be granted an additional, separate paid rest period. The rest period shall be scheduled whenever possible, near the middle of a shift. The Board may vary the scheduling of such rest period(s) when, in its opinion, the demands of work require such variance. The length of the break shall be prorated for employees who are scheduled to work more than eight hours per day.
2. No employee shall be scheduled to work more than three consecutive hours without a scheduled break.
3. Employees who are scheduled to work six or more continuous hours exclusive of the paid rest period shall be scheduled for a non-paid meal break of at least 30 minutes, provided this shall not be applicable to bus operators or monitors who work less than six continuous hours. The meal break shall be scheduled reasonably near the middle of the employee's workday.
4. The length of the paid rest period shall be prorated for employees who are scheduled to work a 10 hour duty day. Paid rest periods for a 10 hour duty day shall be 20 minutes and shall be as outlined in the paragraph above. Employees paid rest periods and unpaid meal breaks should be taken away from their desk or assigned work area.
5. If there are multiple classified staff working in the same department, a morning, afternoon paid rest period, along with a non-paid meal break schedule should be prepared and published so all staff are aware and can follow the schedule.
6. The Board shall provide a room or private area for use of all employees, during their lunch and break times.
7. School-based employees who support teachers may leave their worksites during lunch upon receiving permission from the principal. Other employees may leave their worksites during lunch at their discretion.

C. Overtime

1. Payment for overtime shall be at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of 40 and up to and including 55 within the workweek; for hours worked above 55 within the workweek, the rate shall be twice the employee's regular hourly rate. For hours worked on Board designated holidays or Board approved additional paid days off, the rate shall be twice the employee's regular hourly rate. Hours paid for Board paid holidays not worked and pre-approved annual leave shall count as time worked, for the purposes of computing overtime pay for a given workweek.
2. An employee's supervisor shall notify the employee as soon as possible of the need for overtime. Unless there is a specific need, volunteers shall be sought first.
3. For bus operators on overnight trips, the state approved per diem shall be paid in addition to the hourly rate for time on duty.
4. The workweek shall be Thursday-Wednesday.
5. Should compensatory time off be granted in lieu of overtime, such time off must be taken within a reasonable time, not to exceed six weeks, and shall be computed at the overtime rates set forth in Section 1. above. Such time off shall be based upon mutual agreement between the employee and the supervisor. If for any reason the employee does not take the time off within six weeks, overtime shall be paid.

D. Extra Duty time

1. Call Back
 - a. An employee who is required to report to a work site for duty outside of the regular workday shall be paid for the actual hours worked plus the time normally required to travel to and from the worksite or a minimum of two hours, whichever is greater.
 - b. Employees who are called back and receive additional call backs before the expiration of the two-hour minimum will be paid for actual time worked beyond the minimum hours. If an employee is called back after the expiration of a prior two-hour minimum, the employee will be entitled to an additional two-hour minimum. The parties understand that employees on stand-by are entitled to both stand-by and call back pay when applicable.
 - c. If the extra duty time becomes contiguous with the employee's regular workday, s/he shall not be paid for the time required for travel.

2. Stand-by Response

- a. Employees required to be on stand-by and respond to calls without reporting to a worksite will be compensated for all extra time worked or a minimum of 15 minutes per call, whichever is greater. Employees shall be compensated for a minimum of 30 minutes per eight-hour period.
 - b. Employees who respond to calls requiring them to report back to a worksite shall receive additional compensation in accordance with Section D.1. above.
 - c. All calls shall be logged appropriately on official district forms provided by each department.
3. Employees shall be paid for all extra duty time in accordance with Section C. above.
- E. On days preceding a student holiday, the work day for school-based employees who support teachers shall end at the same time as the student day, except when an emergency situation arises which requires that the employee remain on duty. Other employees may be released on these days at the discretion of their principal.
- F. Voting Rights - During a general or primary election, an employee whose hours of work do not allow sufficient time for voting shall be allowed necessary time off with pay for this purpose either at the beginning or at the end of the work day. When the polls are open either one hour before and/or one hour after the employee's regularly scheduled work-day, the employee shall be considered as having sufficient time for voting without the necessity for further time off.
- G. Shift assignments for members of the uniformed security force shall be for a six-month period and be made on the basis of seniority. However, it is understood that changes may be made in shift assignments in order to maintain the efficient operation of the work force.
- H. Any employee who is required to take a course to remain in his/her current position, and who is not given release time during his/her regular work day for such course, shall be paid for the time spent in class based upon Section D.1.a. Additionally, s/he shall be reimbursed for mileage if the course is held off-site, subject to Article XVI Section L.

Article XIV Working Conditions

- A. Employees shall be permitted the use of telephones at their worksites provided such use does not interfere with the operation of the school or department. Telephones are not to be used for personal calls except in situations which affect the health, safety and welfare of the employee or his/her immediate family.
- B. All facilities that house students shall furnish non-student restrooms for OCPS employees and visiting adults.

C. Maintenance employees shall be required to provide their own set of hand tools normally used to fulfill their job responsibilities.

1. The Board shall be responsible for the replacement of hand tools that are stolen from Board-owned property, including vehicles, provided the employee shows that s/he used reasonable diligence in the care and protection of the tools.
2. No replacement shall be made unless the tools had been inventoried with the employee's supervisor and the claim is made within 24 hours of the discovery of the loss. Replacement shall be of equal quality and completed within a reasonable time, which normally does not exceed ten duty days.

D. Uniform for Maintenance Employees

1. Employees that fall under the Maintenance job family, as designated in Appendix A-1 shall be required to wear a district provided uniform during their work day.
2. The School Board will provide employees with the required uniforms at no cost to the employee. Each employee will receive an initial allotment of six (6) shirts and six (6) pants/shorts*. In the second and subsequent years four (4) replacement pieces will be provided, two (2) of which may be substituted for a jacket. The employee shall be responsible for the proper laundering and care of the uniforms they receive.
3. A report evidencing the number of uniform pieces provided to the employee shall be maintained by management and signed annually by the employee. The maintenance department shall keep a supply of emergency uniforms available for situations where an employee's uniform is damaged as a result of work related accidents or events.
4. The employee shall have the right to wear jean pants with their uniform shirt on Friday's.
5. Employees with medically diagnosed sensitivity to certain clothing fabrics shall be required to provide documentation from a physician in order to be provided with an alternative material for their uniforms.
6. Uniforms for new employees shall be ordered within fifteen days (15) of the employees start date. If uniforms are found to be defective, they will be exchanged for appropriate ones as soon as possible. Similar clothing to the uniforms shall be worn by employees who have not received their uniforms.
7. Employees reserve the right to wear union insignia, (i.e. pins, lanyards, etc.) should they choose to do so.

*** Employees who work on/with construction projects must keep a pair of long pants in his/her office in the event they are required to visit a construction site. Short pants are not permitted on construction sites.**

- E. It is the intent of the Board to provide lockable storage areas for custodians' equipment and supplies with limited access by persons other than the custodial staff and administration. No custodian shall be held responsible for the loss or misuse of custodial equipment and supplies in cases where there has been unlimited access by students and/or other employees.
- F. The Board shall establish and maintain a maintenance schedule for Board-owned vehicles, including school buses. Documentation relating to the reporting of needed repairs and any repair work done shall be provided to the driver, if requested.
- G. Health and Safety
 - 1. The Board shall furnish protective clothing/equipment to employees who are required to wear/use them in the performance of their assigned duties, in accordance with state law and state Board rules.
 - 2. The Union and the Board agree that careful observance of safe working practices and written Board safety rules is a primary responsibility of all employees. The Board agrees that there will be uniform enforcement of such rules.
 - 3. Natural or mechanical ventilation shall be provided in school kitchens.
 - 4. The supervisor shall take steps, in cooperation with the employee, to provide reasonable precaution for the employee's safety. If an employee is harassed, upbraided, abused, threatened or suffers from bodily harm or property loss by an individual or a group of individuals while on duty, s/he shall immediately notify the supervisor as soon as possible, with a written report to follow, giving in detail the circumstances thereof. This report shall be forwarded to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall cooperate with the employee in the event of a civil or criminal proceeding, including providing him/her with legal counsel, and shall assist the employee in connection with the handling of the incident with law enforcement and judicial authorities. The parties agree to maintain a joint safety committee to review current safety rules and practices at the various worksites, to provide a vehicle for the handling of complaints, and to determine additional ways for enhancing safety conditions.
 - 5. No employee shall be disciplined for refusal to work in an unsafe or hazardous situation, where there is an imminent danger to the employee's health, safety or wellbeing, provided that this shall not be applicable in any circumstances where the health and safety of students otherwise clearly require employee intervention. No employee shall be required to search for bombs or remain in an evacuated building.
 - 6. The use of physical force by an employee as may be necessary to protect him/herself, or students, or other employees from disruptive students shall not be construed as corporal punishment.

7. The payments of any medical expenses incurred as a result of an assault on an employee by a student, or other injury sustained in the line of duty shall be subject to the medical schedule and regulations governing Workers' compensation.
 8. An employee who observes a condition which s/he considers a health or safety hazard shall report same, either verbally or in writing, to the supervisor.
- H. Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
1. No employee shall be required to obtain a higher level CDL than that required to perform his/her duties.
 2. If an employee assumes a different position requiring a higher level CDL, the Board shall assist the employees by providing opportunities for training to prepare for acquiring that CDL.
 3. Failure to maintain a required CDL may subject the employee to disciplinary action.
- I. The Safe Driver Plan as set forth in Appendix D covers all employees who operate a District-owned/leased vehicle and are covered by the Omnibus Transportation Testing Act (OTETA).
- J. All employees shall be provided an identification badge upon employment. The Board will, at no cost to the employee, replace badges damaged through normal wear and tear including a faded photograph, or badges which are lost or stolen.

Article XV Wages

- A. This wage schedule for the **2023-24** fiscal year for all classified employees shall be as set forth in Appendix A-3.
1. **The classified salary structure was adjusted as follows:**
 - a. **Increase to the minimum hourly rate for pay grades 3 – 18.**
 - b. **Increase the minimum hourly rate for all employees in a benefited position to \$15.40 per hour.**
 - c. **All employees whose current placement is up to 5% above the minimum for the paygrade will be advanced to the same placement in the updated structure**
 - d. **All employees hired before July 1, 2019, who were prior to 2022-23 above 5% above minimum and were placed back to 5% in the 2022-23 structure will receive**
 2. The **2023-24** increase will be paid retroactive to July 1, **2023**, or the beginning of the employee's first duty day for the **2023-24** school year.

3. To receive **the structure adjustment and/or the nine percent (9%)**, employees must be in a benefitted position, worked one day over half the **2022-23** school year and be in an active employment status on the day the raises are paid **to receive the nine percent (9%) All employees below the five percent (5%) above the paygrade minimum will receive the structure adjustment.**

B. Individual Wage Determination

1.

EXPERIENCE	PAY RATE
Less than one full year of experience	Grade Minimum
One full year, but less than two years	Minimum plus 1%
Two full years, but less than three years	Minimum plus 2%
Three full years, but less than four years	Minimum plus 3%
Four full years, but less than five years	Minimum plus 4%
Five full years of related experience or more	Minimum plus 5%
Military years of experience (Up to 4 years, maximum)	Current wage plus 1% for each year of active duty in the armed forces of the USA

Under extenuating circumstances where there are critical skills and/or experience required, and job candidates are very limited, a starting wage up to 20% above grade minimum may be utilized. This shall require mutual agreement between the Cabinet level manager for the hard to fill position and the Senior Executive Director of Human Resources. Input may be provided by the direct supervisor of the hard to fill position and the Compensation Department.

The parties agree that verifiable experience credit for up to 20% shall first be awarded to current OCPS employees with the same job title(s) within the department approved to utilize this language. Past practice for the implementation of this language shall serve as a guide for future implementations to ensure consistency and equitability.

2. An employee shall be considered new through his/her anniversary date.

3. Effective July 1, 2010, a new employee shall be paid at the grade minimum for his/her position until such time as verification of work experience is received by Compensation Services.

For work experience verification submitted during the employee's first year of employment, the employee's wage rate shall be adjusted retroactive to the date of benefited employment or the beginning of the current fiscal year, whichever is later. For work experience verification submitted after the employees, one year anniversary, the employee's wage rate shall be adjusted on the pay period following the date the verification is acknowledged in writing by Compensation Services.

Verification submitted after the employee's one year anniversary shall not be paid retroactive.

4. Although all experience documentation may not be related, such documentation shall remain on file.
5. Former employees who are rehired shall be granted applicable credit for all related District experience subject to schedule B.1 above, except that former employees who are re-hired after retiring under any Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) retirement incentive shall be placed at the minimum of the applicable wage range.

Effective July 1, 2016, former employees who are rehired in either the same position title or the same paygrade shall not earn wages less than what they were earning on the last day of their most recent termination of employment with OCPS.

6. Effective July 1, 2017, classified employees, if honorably discharged, including a general discharge under honorable conditions, will be granted up to four (4) years of Military Experience credit on the classified salary schedule for active military duty in the armed forces of the United States of America. Each year of Military Service shall receive the same value as a year of experience credit and shall be calculated separate from and in addition to experience credit.

To receive Military Experience credit, the employee must present a copy of his/her DD214 to Compensation Services. Effective July 1, 2018, Military experience will be applied the same as work experience credit, outlined in paragraph 3 above. Credit will be applied to the employee's wages within three weeks of receipt by Compensations Services.

7. An employee may request a reevaluation of his/her experience documentation on file in the event s/he changes to a new position with different job duties and/or skill requirements. Any adjustment in experience credit shall be to the start date in the new position or to the pay period in which the employee requested the reevaluation, whichever is later.

- a. If the employee's new position is related to his/her former position to the extent that experience credit granted in or for the former position continues to be applicable, such experience credit shall be carried forward. In cases of promotion within classification, Article X.D. shall take precedence.
 - b. If the employee's new position is not related to the extent that the former experience credit is no longer applicable, provisions of section C.1. shall apply.
 - c. These provisions shall not be applicable for any position change made prior to ratification of this Contract.
 - d. Each employee shall be given written notification of the above provisions when hired.
8. For employees who accept a related position at a lower grade, placement within the new position's range shall be at the same percentage as that of the previous position's range, subject to the maximum for the new grade.
- a. If the employee had previously held a position at the lower grade, the employee's pay will be reduced by the same percentage of the pay increase the employee received moving to the higher paygrade. The employee will return to the previous rate of pay with any negotiated pay increase added. At no time will the employee earn less than the hourly rate previously earned in the lower graded position if there has been no break in service.
 - b. Wages for employees who are promoted and are then downgraded within a twelve-month period shall be calculated by applying Article X.D.1.a. to the wage for the position held prior to the promotion. Any negotiated pay increases will apply.
 - c. Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed and a final determination will be made by the Senior Director of Compensation Services.
- C. The Board may provide for recognition of employees who have contributed outstanding and meritorious service in their fields and adopt and implement the program of meritorious service awards to employees who propose procedures or ideas which are adopted and which will result in eliminating or reducing School Board expenditures or improving School Board operations. The School Board is authorized to expend funds for such recognition and awards. Any award granted under the provisions of this paragraph shall not exceed \$2,000 or 10% of the first year's gross savings, whichever is less. The Union shall be sent a copy of any awards granted under this section.
- D. The Board shall maintain the current point factor job evaluation system and the applicable job factors, which were mutually agreed to by the parties as a result of the 1997-98 classified job study. The Union shall be kept apprised of the process and any new grade changes shall be subject to negotiations.

E. Method of Payment

1. The Board agrees to issue biweekly paychecks via direct deposit using an electronic, paperless delivery method. Employee access to electronic copies of his/her paychecks will be through the OCPS portal.
2. The number of paychecks issued to less than 12 month employees shall be based upon the length of time from the first to the last duty day of their work year subject to Section 3, 4, and 5 below.
3. If the scheduled payday falls on a non-banking day, paychecks shall be issued on the last business day before the non-banking day.
4. For new employees whose application for Direct Deposit is still being processed, and their first pay date is during extended non-workdays (such as Thanksgiving week, Winter Break or Spring Break), the paycheck/stub will be mailed to their home address for delivery by the scheduled pay date.
5. Overtime pay shall be applied to the pay period in which it was earned, to the extent feasible.

F. Any changes in the paygrade schedule shall be negotiated by and between the parties.

G. Shift differential

A shift differential shall be paid to eligible classified employees as per the schedule and criteria below. Eligibility to receive a shift differential shall be determined using the following criteria:

1. Employee's regular scheduled shift must include a minimum of four (4) hours between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
2. Employees must be in a benefited position.
3. More than one (1) defined shift must be available for the position titles as shown in Appendix A-1 and A-2. Those shifts must be in accordance with the shift schedule outlined below.

Shift Schedule

Scheduled Shift	Proposed Differential
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	No additional pay
4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	35 cents per hour
12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	55 cents per hour

Article XVI
Fringe Benefits

For Plan Year 2022-23 and 2023-24

A. Joint Fringe Benefits Committee

1. The parties agree to participate in a joint Fringe Benefits Committee for the purpose of discussing current insurance coverage, reviewing alternatives to the current coverage, and recommending improvements in the current coverage relative to benefits and cost. Discussions shall include co-payments, co-insurance, deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums, annual employee premium increases over 10% and all items outlined in this article. In addition the committee will review and recommend changes in third party administrators and PPO providers, make recommendations on the development of specifications for insurance benefit programs and other contracts prior to their being released for bid, and review bids prior to the time of awards of contracts.
2. The committee shall be informed in a timely manner of any recommendation regarding insurance coverage to be made by the Superintendent to the Board.
 - a. If any products after being offered for three consecutive years (including the introductory year) has less than 5% participation of benefited employees, the product will be discontinued subject to the approval of the Fringe Benefits Committee. Employees enrolled in any discontinued product will be assisted in making a transition during a six month not during a six month notification period (in the third year). Exceptions are as follows:
 - (1) If a product has less than 5% participation, but saves both the District and the employee money, it will be continued (i.e. Flexible Spending Account (FSA)).
 - (2) Products that can be purchased at a lower cost through group rates and are not readily available to individuals.
 - b. If a product is available in the market place on an individual basis at a comparable cost and benefit structure, it will not be offered by the District.
3. The Committee shall be composed of equal representatives from the Union, the District and each of the other recognized bargaining units within the District.
4. Any changes to the insurance program which are not subject to bargaining but must be approved by the Board, shall require at least a 30-day prior notice to the Committee.

5. The joint Fringe Benefits Committee may submit proposed changes in the insurance package to the Superintendent for analysis of both program input and cost, for future use in bargaining. The joint Fringe Benefits Committee shall have no power or authority to agree to any changes in insurance that would require negotiations.
6. The Committee shall continue to review and report recommendations to the CBLT which may lower the cost of employee paid family health insurance for the employees.
7. The Committee shall continue to analyze data on use of the Sick Leave Bank and make recommendations to the CBLT to enhance the long term viability of the Bank

B. Health Insurance

1. The Board agrees to provide, a health insurance program with various health plan options through the OCPS Employee Benefits Trust. A plan will be provided at no premium cost to full-time benefited employees, if the annual employee premium insurance increase is 10 percent or less. Fifty percent of the cost will be paid by the Board for half-time employees who elect coverage. One plan will be equal to or better than the current health insurance plan. Annual individual premium cost increases exceeding 10 percent over the prior year may require plan changes to maintain a no cost (to the employee) health plan option.
2. The program shall include hospitalization, emergency services, general medical services, and prescription drugs, and may differentiate between in- network and out-of-network coverage as specified in the Plan Document and in Sections 3 and 4 below.
 - a. The program shall include a plan with a contracted provider network a plan that provides in-network only coverage and a plan that provides both in- and out-of-network coverage. Such plan(s) are to be negotiated with the Union prior to implementation.
 - b. Mental health and chemical dependency benefits may be offered through a contracted provider network, subject to provisions spelled out in the Plan Document.
 - c. In situations of severe personal injury or life-threatening illness, a major case management review may be required after a review by a medical panel as set forth in Section 15 below.
 - d. Compliance with pre-certification and utilization review programs shall be required.

3. Employees shall be able to choose from an in-network only option OR in-network and out-of-network for doctors, hospitals and pharmacies. The Health Reimbursement Account (Plan B) product is the option with in-network and out-of-network coverage. The deductible in the Health Reimbursement Account plan (Plan B) will be \$3,000 individual/\$6,000 family in-network and \$3,000 individual/\$6,000 family out-of- network for medical.

In-network deductibles and out-of-pocket medical maximums shall accumulate together and out-of-network deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums shall accumulate separately. Deductibles paid for services rendered during the last three months of a plan year (July, August, September) shall apply toward the next plan year for all plans. In-Network coverage, Deductibles and Maximum out of pocket are on a plan year basis for all plans. In-Network deductibles apply towards the medical maximum out of pocket in compliance with the Affordable Care Act.

4. In the Health Reimbursement Account (Plan B) product the in-network co-insurance shall be 80 percent and out-of-network co-insurance shall be 70 percent of the fee schedule.

In the Local Plus, OAP In-Network (Plan A), contracted provider network shall require a \$20 co-payment for each in-network Primary Care Physician visit. In the OAPIN (Plan C), contracted provider network shall require a \$25 co-payment for each in-network Primary Care Physician visit. In the Health Reimbursement Account (Plan B) the contracted provider network shall require a \$30 co-payment for each in-network Primary Care Physician visit.

5. The employee shall be responsible for payment of all specified deductibles, co-insurance and copayments and premium costs as specified in the Plan Document.
6. Beginning with plan year 2022-23 and continuing through plan year 2023-24 the SureFit Plan shall provide a prescription plan with a \$9 charge for generic drugs for a 30-day supply; a \$60 charge for formulary drugs for a 30-day supply and a \$100 charge for drugs more than \$1,500 for a 30-day supply at participating network pharmacies. (Certain non-formulary drugs may be provided at a participating network pharmacy for a \$90 charge for a 30-day supply when medical necessity has been verified with a Prior Authorization form filed with the pharmacy benefit manager vendor.

The Local Plus OAP In-Network (Plan A), Health Reimbursement Account (Plan B) and the OAPIN (Plan C) products shall provide a prescription plan with a \$9 charge for generic drugs for a 30-day supply; a 10% coinsurance (minimum \$60) charge for formulary drugs for a 30-day supply; a 10% coinsurance (minimum \$100) for medications more than \$1,500 for a 30 day supply at participating network pharmacies. (Certain non- formulary drugs may be provided at a participating network pharmacy for 50% coinsurance/minimum \$90 co-pay charge when medical necessity has been verified with a Prior Authorization form filed with the pharmacy benefit manager vendor.)

7. In the Health Reimbursement Account (Plan B) product, hospice treatment in-network co-insurance shall be 80 percent and out-of-network co-insurance shall be 70 percent of the fee schedule.
8. Second opinions are covered as outlined in the plan.
9. The effective date of health plan insurance for a newly hired employee shall be the first day of the month following 59 days from the date of hire.
10. Health plan insurance coverage shall terminate at the end of the month in which employment terminated or during any unpaid leave of absence when premium payments have not been made, except that coverage shall continue through August 31 if a 10-month employee resigns or retires at the end of the previous school year.
11. An employee may apply the Board's contribution toward employee only, employee + child(ren), employee + spouse/domestic partner and employee + family coverage of health plan insurance available through twice monthly payroll deduction.
12. If an employee and his/her spouse are both employees of the Board, the Board agrees to combine their health plan insurance contributions and apply the same toward family coverage.
13. Preferred provider organization coverage for medically necessary home health care shall be as provided in the Plan Document. Medically necessary home health care services shall be provided through a contracted provider network as specified in the plan.
14. A pre-certification/utilization review program shall be utilized, requiring the submission of a written form to the third party administrator, seven business days prior to non-emergency surgery (in or out-patient). Concurrent review shall be performed during admission to a hospital. Pre-certification shall be mandatory of non-emergencies and shall be subject to a \$500 penalty if not followed. The Third-Party Administrator (TPA) must be contacted within 24 hours following any emergency admission.
15. A pre-certification/utilization review program shall be utilized, requiring the submission of a written form to the third party administrator, five business days prior to non-emergency surgery (in or out-patient). Concurrent review shall be performed during admission to a hospital. Pre-certification shall be mandatory of non-emergencies and could result in a reduction in covered benefits if not followed. The Third-Party Administrator (TPA) must be contacted within 24 hours following any emergency admission.
16. In cases involving life-threatening illnesses where a recommended experimental or investigative treatment or procedure is not covered by the Plan Document, a case management review may be requested by the affected employee.

- a. Such requests shall be referred to a medical review panel to review the recommended alternative experimental or investigative treatment or procedure. The five members of the panel shall be a representative from the Union, a representative from the Board and three medical representatives agreed to by the parties. The Union and the Board representatives shall have no voting power. These five panel members shall mutually agree on other panel members from medical specialties who might be needed to resolve each special case.
 - b. An experimental or investigative treatment or procedure may be recommended by the panel if all of the following criteria are met:
 - (1) The illness is life-threatening
 - (2) The experimental or investigative treatment or procedure is recommended as having merit by a licensed board-certified specialist, in lieu of conventional medical procedures recognized by a national medical authority such as, but not limited to, the National Institute of Health, the American Medical Association, or the Food and Drug Administration.
 - (3) The experimental or investigative treatment or procedure is conducted by a Joint Commission accredited hospital and a licensed board-certified specialist.
 - c. The panel shall make a case management recommendation to the Trustees of the Benefits Trust for final action. The Trustees may reject the recommendation if it does not meet the above criteria. The panel shall meet, deliberate and recommend and the Trustees will take final action in an expeditious manner.
- C. The SureFit health plan has an annual \$1,500 individual/\$3,000 family maximum out of pocket for in-network pharmacy. The Local Plus OAP In-Network (Plan A), Health Reimbursement Account (Plan B) and the OAPIN (Plan C) have an annual \$2,000 individual/\$4,000 family maximum out-of-pocket for in-network pharmacy. In addition, there will be a hearing aid benefit of \$3,000 per hearing aid per ear every three (3) years.
- D. TeleMedicine Benefits

A telehealth program will be offered through the medical coverage which allows members to access a physician either by phone or by secure video to help treat non-emergency medical conditions. The co-pay for this service is \$10 per consultation.

The program provides treatment for minor non-emergency conditions. (See Glossary for a list of some of the non-emergency conditions covered by this program.)

E. Alternatives to Health Insurance

1. The Board agrees to provide, at no cost to employees, alternatives to health insurance. Employees who select an alternative to health insurance as set forth in Section B of this article shall have the option to enroll in a disability program providing an eligible benefit (based on the employee's annual salary not to exceed \$1,500 per month and with a 14-day elimination (waiting) period and vision insurance.
2. Eligibility for an alternative shall require that the employee has group health insurance from another source.
3. An employee may re-enroll in the health insurance program subject to the normal waiting period for new employees. The waiting period may be waived if unusual circumstances arise resulting in the employee having no group health insurance coverage.

F. Life Insurance

1. The Board agrees to provide each employee regardless of age, with a term life insurance policy equal to the annual wage of each employee or seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), whichever is greater, including accidental death and dismemberment coverage. Cost of this insurance shall be paid by the Board.
2. In the event a beneficiary has not been designated by the employee, the Board shall pay the benefits under the policy equally to members of the first of the following surviving classes: spouse, children, parents, siblings, executor or administrator.

G. The Board shall provide for the purchase of additional benefits through the provisions of IRS Section 125. If significant changes are made in these plans offered by the District, employees shall be given an opportunity to change enrollment in benefit programs in accordance with Federal regulations. Programs offered may include, but shall not be limited to, dependent medical, life, dental and vision insurance plans and flexible spending accounts.

H. Employees shall be covered by Workers' compensation insurance as provided by Florida Statutes except as excluded under Union Leave. To be eligible for Workers' compensation an employee must be injured while carrying out his/her duties as an employee of the School Board.

1. An employee shall be granted injury-in-the-line of duty leave with pay when his/her absence results from a personal injury received in the discharge of duty. Said leave shall be limited to ten duty days or as governed by Florida Statutes and shall not be chargeable to accrued sick leave.

2. If additional leave is needed and not granted under the provisions of Florida Statutes, the employee may elect to take accrued sick leave or to be paid under Workers' compensation. The employee may use his/her accumulated sick leave to maintain his/her current daily wage in combination with Workers' compensation benefits. In this case, the remaining sick leave balance shall be prorated.
3. Light Duty
 - a. An employee may be offered light duty status on a temporary basis based upon a doctor's recommendation. Such employees shall experience no loss in their rate of pay, or benefits, while on light duty.
 - b. Employees who have been determined medically to be unable to return to their regular position shall be assisted in identifying and applying for positions for which they are qualified. The employee shall be given first consideration for these positions for which they qualify and apply.
4. An employee shall be granted illness-in-the-line of duty leave with pay when his/her absence results from an illness contracted as a direct result of his/her employment, if it can be proven that the illness was not contracted from another source. Said leave shall be limited to ten duty days or as governed by Florida Statutes and shall not be chargeable to accrued sick leave. If additional leave is needed and not granted under the provisions of Florida Statutes, the employee may elect to take accrued sick leave.
- I. Employees shall be covered by Unemployment Compensation insurance as provided by Florida Statutes.
- J. The Board agrees to provide employees with the use of payroll deduction for obtaining disability insurance, flexible spending accounts, universal life insurance, and additional term life insurance and any other insurance products mutually agreed to by the parties. However, the total cost of the premiums shall be borne by the employee. The following additional life insurance coverage shall be available:
 1. Universal life insurance shall be available for the employee and/or spouse from a minimum amount of \$10,000 up to the maximum provided in the policy, in \$10,000 increments.
 2. Additional term life insurance coverage shall be available: up to a maximum of \$10,000 for the employee's spouse and up to a maximum of \$5,000 for each child depending on the employee's salary.
- K. The Board shall provide free payroll deduction for up to two tax sheltered investments (under the provisions of Section 403 (b) of the IRS Code), The Central Florida Educators Federal Credit Union accounts, U.S. Savings Bond Program, and the IRS Section 125 Program. 403 (b) deductions shall be transmitted to the appropriate agency twice monthly for each of twenty (20) installments.

L. Paid Holidays and Additional Paid Days Off

1. Paid Holidays for 12-month employees shall be as follows:

10-MONTH EMPLOYEES	12-MONTH EMPLOYEES
<p><u>6 Paid Holidays</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Labor Day 2) Thanksgiving 3) Day After Thanksgiving 4) December 24 5) December 25 6) Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (celebrated) 	<p><u>6 Paid Holidays</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Independence Day 2) Labor Day 3) Thanksgiving Day 4) Day After Thanksgiving 5) December 24 6) December 25 <p><u>Additional Paid Days Off</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7) New Year's Day 8) Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (celebrated) 9) Memorial Day 10) Employee's Birthday ** <p><i>** The employee birthday is to be taken on the employee's birthday or on a date mutually agreed upon by the employee and his/her supervisor.</i></p>

Note: If a holiday or a paid day off occurs on a Saturday, employees will celebrate the holiday on the Friday immediately before the Saturday holiday. If a holiday or a paid day off occurs on a Sunday, employees will celebrate the holiday on the Monday immediately following the Sunday holiday.

If a two-day holiday or paid day off occurs on a Saturday and a Sunday, the employee will celebrate the holidays on both the Friday, immediately before and the Monday immediately following the Saturday/Sunday holidays.

Employees working on additional paid days off will receive pay for all hours worked in accordance with Article XIII.C.1

2. For employees whose jobs regularly involve scheduled work on July 4, December 24, December 25 and/or January 1, the provisions of Article XIII.C. shall apply to these specific dates, rather than those set forth in Section 1 above. Employees who are called back to work, in accordance with Article XIII.D., on these dates and/or the dates listed in Section 1. above shall be paid double time.

M. Terminal Pay

1. Per F.S.1012.61(2) 4, upon retirement an employee shall receive terminal pay equal to his/her daily rate of pay multiplied by the number of days of accumulated sick leave, according to the following formula:

Years of Service in the District	Percentage Factor
0-3	35
3.01 – 6	40
6.01 – 9	45
9.01 – 12	50
12.01 – and over	100

- a. Employees may use cumulative years of service for calculation of terminal pay if, when rehired by the District they remain employed immediately preceding retirement, for at least five years.
 - b. Consecutive years of service will be used for calculation of terminal pay in all other situations.
2. Employees will (a) notify Employment Services in writing on or before April 1 of the fiscal year in which s/he is retiring and (b) work at least 45 duty days during that fiscal year. The Superintendent may waive the above requirements in unusual circumstances. The Superintendent may waive the above timelines in mitigating circumstances.
 3. An employee who retires under the disability provisions of the Florida Retirement System or Teacher Retirement System shall be eligible for terminal pay as specified in this Contract.
 4. The Board agrees to provide terminal pay to the employee's designated beneficiary or to the estate of the employee if no beneficiary has been designated, if active service is terminated by death. Active service shall include an employee on Board-approved leave.
 5. Terminal pay shall be made available within 30 duty days of the date of retirement, or on a mutually agreed upon date.
 6. An employee who is laid off shall be compensated for his/her accumulated sick leave according to the formula in Section 1. above, if requested by the employee.
- N. Expense Allowances - Employees who are authorized and required to use their personal automobiles in the performance of their official duties shall be reimbursed at the maximum rate permitted by Florida Statutes, exclusive of mileage to and from their residence. The employee shall be reimbursed for tolls, provided a receipt was obtained and the toll road represented the most feasible route.

- O. Subject to available funds, an employee may take vocational, technical and adult education courses offered by the Board without charge for tuition if said courses are job-related and held outside the regular workday. Fees for materials and supplies shall not be waived. (See Article X, C, 5)
- P. A record of in-service activities completed by employees shall be maintained by the Board. These activities shall be provided at no cost to the employee.
- Q. The District is committed to providing continuing education for its employees. If an employee is not scheduled to receive a minimum of two days of work related training, then upon request, the employee shall be granted the equivalent of two duty days to attend training. Such training must be work related and discussed with the supervisor. The work location supervisor shall determine the appropriate course and day with input from the employee.
- R. All employees with proof of employment and picture identification or an OCPS picture identification may attend all school activities in which pupils participate, free of charge unless otherwise prohibited by a regulatory agency.
- S. Employees shall be eligible for participation in the OCPS Employees Sick Leave Bank, which rules and procedures shall be as set forth in Appendix C.
- T. Recognizing that chemical dependency, mental and/or health problems and other problems of a personal nature may contribute to misconduct and/or a decline in job performance, the parties shall continue cooperative efforts in providing an Employee Assistance Program. The Board shall continue to provide basic funds for the continuing operation of the program.

Article XVI Fringe Benefits

Effective June 30, 2024

- B. Health Insurance
 - 1. The Board agrees to provide, a health insurance program with various health plan options through the OCPS Employee Benefits Trust. A plan will be provided at no premium cost to full-time benefited employees, if the annual employee premium insurance increase is 10 percent or less. Fifty percent of the cost will be paid by the Board for half-time employees who elect coverage. One plan will be equal to or better than the current health insurance plan. Annual individual premium cost increases exceeding 10 percent over the prior year may require plan changes to maintain a no cost (to the employee) health plan option.
 - 2. **Effective June 30, 2024, for employees hired prior to July 1, 2024, the premium will be shared as follows between Board and employees for Employee Only coverage: Plan A - 95% (Board)/5% (Employee); Plans B and C - 90% Board/10% (Employee) and Plan D - 100% (Board) /0% (Employee).**

3. For employees hired on or after June 30, 2024, the premium will be shared as follows between Board and employees for Employee Only coverage: Plan A, B and C - 85% (Board)/15% (Employee) and Plan D - 100% (Board)/0% (Employee). Fifty percent of the cost will be paid by the Board for half-time employees who elect Employee Only coverage.
4. Effective June 30, 2024, employees who separate service for more than sixty (60) calendar days and return after that timeframe will only be eligible for the plans provided to new hires as outlined in Article XVI.B.3. above.
5. The program shall include hospitalization, emergency services, general medical services, and prescription drugs, and may differentiate between in- network and out-of-network coverage as specified in the Plan Document and in Sections 3 and 4 below.
 - a. The program shall include a plan with a contracted provider network a plan that provides in-network only coverage and a plan that provides both in- and out-of-network coverage. Such plan(s) are to be negotiated with the Union prior to implementation.
 - b. Mental health and chemical dependency benefits may be offered through a contracted provider network, subject to provisions spelled out in the Plan Document.
 - c. In situations of severe personal injury or life-threatening illness, a major case management review may be required after a review by a medical panel as set forth in Section 15 below.
 - d. Compliance with pre-certification and utilization review programs shall be required.
6. Employees shall be able to choose from an in-network only option OR in-network and out-of-network for doctors, hospitals and pharmacies. The **High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA)** (Plan B) product is the option with in-network and out-of-network coverage. The deductible in the **High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA)** plan (Plan B) will be \$1,750 individual/\$3,500 family in-network and \$5,000 individual/\$10,000 family out-of- network for medical. **High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA) (Plan B) complies with all federal guidelines. Members with employee only coverage must meet individual deductible before copayment and coinsurance apply. Members with dependent coverage must meet the total family deductible before copayments and coinsurance apply.**

In-network deductibles and out-of-pocket medical maximums shall accumulate together and out-of-network deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums shall accumulate separately. Deductibles paid for services rendered during the last three months of a plan year (July, August, September) shall apply toward the next plan year for all plans. In-Network coverage, Deductibles and Maximum out of pocket are on a plan year basis for all plans. In-Network deductibles apply towards the medical maximum out of pocket in compliance with the Affordable Care Act.

7. In the **High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA)** (Plan B) product the in-network co- insurance shall be 80 percent and out-of-network co-insurance shall be 70 percent of the fee schedule.

In the Local Plus, OAP In-Network (Plan A), contracted provider network shall require a **\$15** co-payment for each in-network Primary Care Physician visit. In the OAPIN (Plan C), contracted provider network shall require a **\$15** co- payment for each in-network Primary Care Physician visit. In the **High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA)** (Plan B) the contracted provider network shall require a **\$15** co-payment for each in-network Primary Care Physician visit **after the deductible has been satisfied**.

8. The employee shall be responsible for payment of all specified deductibles, co-insurance and copayments and premium costs as specified in the Plan Document.
9. The SureFit Plan shall provide a prescription plan with a \$9 charge for generic drugs for a 30-day supply; a \$60 charge for formulary drugs for a 30-day supply and a \$100 charge for drugs more than \$1,500 for a 30-day supply at participating network pharmacies. (Certain non-formulary drugs may be provided at a participating network pharmacy for a \$90 charge for a 30-day supply when medical necessity has been verified with a Prior Authorization form filed with the pharmacy benefit manager vendor.

The Local Plus OAP In-Network (Plan A) and the OAPIN (Plan C) products shall provide a prescription plan with a \$9 charge for generic drugs for a 30-day supply; a 10% coinsurance (minimum \$60) charge for formulary drugs for a 30-day supply; a 10% coinsurance (minimum \$100) for medications more than \$1,500 for a 30 day supply at participating network pharmacies. (Certain non-formulary drugs may be provided at a participating network pharmacy for 50% coinsurance/minimum \$90 co-pay charge when medical necessity has been verified with a Prior Authorization form filed with the pharmacy benefit manager vendor.)

The High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA) (Plan B) complies with HDHP regulations and requires members to satisfy the deductible prior to copayments. Once the deductible has been satisfied, the HDHP product shall provide a prescription plan with a \$9 charge for generic drugs for a 30-day supply, a 10% coinsurance (minimum \$60) charge for formulary drugs for a 30-day supply; a 10% coinsurance (minimum \$100) for medications more than \$1,500 for a 30-day supply at participating network pharmacies. (Certain non-formulary drugs may be provided at a participating network pharmacy for 50% coinsurance/minimum \$90 co-pay charge when medical necessity has been verified with a Prior Authorization form filed with the pharmacy benefit manager vendor.

10. In the **High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA) (Plan B)** product, hospice treatment in-network co-insurance shall be 80 percent and out-of-network co-insurance shall be 70 percent of the fee schedule **after the applicable deductible has been satisfied.**
11. Second opinions are covered as outlined in the plan.
12. The effective date of health plan insurance for a newly hired employee shall be the first day of the month following 59 days from the date of hire.
13. Health plan insurance coverage shall terminate at the end of the month in which employment terminated or during any unpaid leave of absence when premium payments have not been made, except that coverage shall continue through August 31 if a 10-month employee resigns or retires at the end of the previous school year.
14. An employee may apply the Board's contribution toward employee only, employee + child(ren), employee + spouse/domestic partner and employee + family coverage of health plan insurance available through twice monthly payroll deduction.
15. If an employee and his/her spouse are both employees of the Board, the Board agrees to combine their health plan insurance contributions and apply the same toward family coverage.
16. Preferred provider organization coverage for medically necessary home health care shall be as provided in the Plan Document. Medically necessary home health care services shall be provided through a contracted provider network as specified in the plan.
17. A pre-certification/utilization review program shall be utilized, requiring the submission of a written form to the third party administrator, seven business days prior to non-emergency surgery (in or out-patient). Concurrent review shall be performed during admission to a hospital. Pre-certification shall be mandatory of non-emergencies and shall be subject to a \$500 penalty if not followed. The Third-Party Administrator (TPA) must be contacted within 24 hours following any emergency admission.

18. A pre-certification/utilization review program shall be utilized, requiring the submission of a written form to the third party administrator, five business days prior to non-emergency surgery (in or out-patient). Concurrent review shall be performed during admission to a hospital. Pre-certification shall be mandatory of non-emergencies and could result in a reduction in covered benefits if not followed. The Third-Party Administrator (TPA) must be contacted within 24 hours following any emergency admission.
19. In cases involving life-threatening illnesses where a recommended experimental or investigative treatment or procedure is not covered by the Plan Document, a case management review may be requested by the affected employee.
- a. Such requests shall be referred to a medical review panel to review the recommended alternative experimental or investigative treatment or procedure. The five members of the panel shall be a representative from the Union, a representative from the Board and three medical representatives agreed to by the parties. The Union and the Board representatives shall have no voting power. These five panel members shall mutually agree on other panel members from medical specialties who might be needed to resolve each special case.
 - b. An experimental or investigative treatment or procedure may be recommended by the panel if all of the following criteria are met:
 - (1) The illness is life-threatening
 - (2) The experimental or investigative treatment or procedure is recommended as having merit by a licensed board-certified specialist, in lieu of conventional medical procedures recognized by a national medical authority such as, but not limited to, the National Institute of Health, the American Medical Association, or the Food and Drug Administration.
 - (3) The experimental or investigative treatment or procedure is conducted by a Joint Commission accredited hospital and a licensed board-certified specialist.
 - c. The panel shall make a case management recommendation to the Trustees of the Benefits Trust for final action. The Trustees may reject the recommendation if it does not meet the above criteria. The panel shall meet, deliberate and recommend and the Trustees will take final action in an expeditious manner.
- C. The SureFit health plan has an annual **\$2,500** individual/**\$5,000** family maximum out of pocket for in-network pharmacy. The Local Plus OAP In-Network (Plan A), **High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA)** (Plan B) and the OAPIN (Plan C) have an annual **\$4,000** individual/**\$8,000** family maximum out-of-pocket for in-network pharmacy. In addition, there will be a hearing aid benefit of \$3,000 per hearing aid per ear every three (3) years.

D. TeleMedicine Benefits

A telehealth program will be offered through the medical coverage which allows members to access a physician either by phone or by secure video to help treat non-emergency medical conditions. The co-pay for this service is \$0 per consultation. **The \$0 copayment only applies to the virtual provider. Virtual visits provided through a network provider will be subject to the applicable plan copayments. High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA) (Plan B) complies with all federal guidelines. Members with Employee Only coverage must meet individual deductible before copayment and coinsurance apply. Members with dependent coverage must meet the family deductible before copayments and coinsurance apply.**

The program provides treatment for minor non-emergency conditions. (See Glossary for a list of some of the non-emergency conditions covered by this program.)

E. Alternatives to Health Insurance

1. The Board agrees to provide, at no cost to employees, alternatives to health insurance. Employees who select an alternative to health insurance as set forth in Section B of this article shall have the option to enroll in a disability program providing an eligible benefit (based on the employee's annual salary not to exceed \$1,500 per month and with a 14-day elimination (waiting) period and vision insurance.
2. Eligibility for an alternative shall require that the employee has group health insurance from another source.
3. An employee may re-enroll in the health insurance program subject to the normal waiting period for new employees. The waiting period may be waived if unusual circumstances arise resulting in the employee having no group health insurance coverage.

F. **Members enrolled in the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA) (Plan B) have the opportunity to make additional tax-free contributions to a Health Savings Account (HSA). An HSA allows members to put money away and withdraw it tax-free, as long as it is used for qualified medical expenses, such as deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, and more. The HSA account belongs the member, so the member retains funds at time of termination, retirement or plan change. The annual maximum HSA contribution will be adjusted each year based on federal guidelines.**

G. Life Insurance

1. The Board agrees to provide each employee regardless of age, with a term life insurance policy equal to the annual wage of each employee or seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), whichever is greater, including accidental death and dismemberment coverage. Cost of this insurance shall be paid by the Board.

2. In the event a beneficiary has not been designated by the employee, the Board shall pay the benefits under the policy equally to members of the first of the following surviving classes: spouse, children, parents, siblings, executor or administrator.
- H. The Board shall provide for the purchase of additional benefits through the provisions of IRS Section 125. If significant changes are made in these plans offered by the District, employees shall be given an opportunity to change enrollment in benefit programs in accordance with Federal regulations. Programs offered may include, but shall not be limited to, dependent medical, life, dental and vision insurance plans and flexible spending accounts.
- I. Employees shall be covered by Workers' compensation insurance as provided by Florida Statutes except as excluded under Union Leave. To be eligible for Workers' compensation an employee must be injured while carrying out his/her duties as an employee of the School Board.
1. An employee shall be granted injury-in-the-line of duty leave with pay when his/her absence results from a personal injury received in the discharge of duty. Said leave shall be limited to ten duty days or as governed by Florida Statutes and shall not be chargeable to accrued sick leave.
 2. If additional leave is needed and not granted under the provisions of Florida Statutes, the employee may elect to take accrued sick leave or to be paid under Workers' compensation. The employee may use his/her accumulated sick leave to maintain his/her current daily wage in combination with Workers' compensation benefits. In this case, the remaining sick leave balance shall be prorated.
 3. Light Duty
 - a. An employee may be offered light duty status on a temporary basis based upon a doctor's recommendation. Such employees shall experience no loss in their rate of pay, or benefits, while on light duty.
 - b. Employees who have been determined medically to be unable to return to their regular position shall be assisted in identifying and applying for positions for which they are qualified. The employee shall be given first consideration for these positions for which they qualify and apply.
 4. An employee shall be granted illness-in-the-line of duty leave with pay when his/her absence results from an illness contracted as a direct result of his/her employment, if it can be proven that the illness was not contracted from another source. Said leave shall be limited to ten duty days or as governed by Florida Statutes and shall not be chargeable to accrued sick leave. If additional leave is needed and not granted under the provisions of Florida Statutes, the employee may elect to take accrued sick leave.

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- K. The Board agrees to provide employees with the use of payroll deduction for obtaining disability insurance, flexible spending accounts, universal life insurance, and additional term life insurance and any other insurance products mutually agreed to by the parties. However, the total cost of the premiums shall be borne by the employee. The following additional life insurance coverage shall be available:
 - 1. Universal life insurance shall be available for the employee and/or spouse from a minimum amount of \$10,000 up to the maximum provided in the policy, in \$10,000 increments.
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M. Paid Holidays and Additional Paid Days Off

1. Paid Holidays for 12-month employees shall be as follows:

10-MONTH EMPLOYEES	12-MONTH EMPLOYEES
<p><u>6 Paid Holidays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Labor Day 2) Thanksgiving 3) Day After Thanksgiving 4) December 24 5) December 25 6) Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (celebrated) 	<p><u>6 Paid Holidays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Independence Day 2) Labor Day 3) Thanksgiving Day 4) Day After Thanksgiving 5) December 24 6) December 25 <p><u>Additional Paid Days Off</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7) New Year's Day 8) Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (celebrated) 9) Memorial Day 10) Employee's Birthday ** <p><i>** The employee birthday is to be taken on the employee's birthday or on a date mutually agreed upon by the employee and his/her supervisor.</i></p>

Note: If a holiday or a paid day off occurs on a Saturday, employees will celebrate the holiday on the Friday immediately before the Saturday holiday. If a holiday or a paid day off occurs on a Sunday, employees will celebrate the holiday on the Monday immediately following the Sunday holiday.

If a two-day holiday or paid day off occurs on a Saturday and a Sunday, the employee will celebrate the holidays on both the Friday, immediately before and the Monday immediately following the Saturday/Sunday holidays.

Employees working on additional paid days off will receive pay for all hours worked in accordance with Article XIII.C.1

2. For employees whose jobs regularly involve scheduled work on July 4, December 24, December 25 and/or January 1, the provisions of Article XIII.C. shall apply to these specific dates, rather than those set forth in Section 1 above. Employees who are called back to work, in accordance with Article XIII.D., on these dates and/or the dates listed in Section 1. above shall be paid double time.

N. Terminal Pay

1. Per F.S.1012.61(2) 4, upon retirement an employee shall receive terminal pay equal to his/her daily rate of pay multiplied by the number of days of accumulated sick leave, according to the following formula:

Years of Service in the District	Percentage Factor
0-3	35
3.01 – 6	40
6.01 – 9	45
9.01 – 12	50
12.01 – and over	100

- a. Employees may use cumulative years of service for calculation of terminal pay if, when rehired by the District they remain employed immediately preceding retirement, for at least five years.
 - b. Consecutive years of service will be used for calculation of terminal pay in all other situations.
2. Employees will (a) notify Employment Services in writing on or before April 1 of the fiscal year in which s/he is retiring and (b) work at least 45 duty days during that fiscal year. The Superintendent may waive the above requirements in unusual circumstances. The Superintendent may waive the above timelines in mitigating circumstances.
 3. An employee who retires under the disability provisions of the Florida Retirement System or Teacher Retirement System shall be eligible for terminal pay as specified in this Contract.
 4. The Board agrees to provide terminal pay to the employee's designated beneficiary or to the estate of the employee if no beneficiary has been designated, if active service is terminated by death. Active service shall include an employee on Board-approved leave.
 5. Terminal pay shall be made available within 30 duty days of the date of retirement, or on a mutually agreed upon date.
 6. An employee who is laid off shall be compensated for his/her accumulated sick leave according to the formula in Section 1. above, if requested by the employee.
- O. Expense Allowances - Employees who are authorized and required to use their personal automobiles in the performance of their official duties shall be reimbursed at the maximum rate permitted by Florida Statutes, exclusive of mileage to and from their residence. The employee shall be reimbursed for tolls, provided a receipt was obtained and the toll road represented the most feasible route.

- P. Subject to available funds, an employee may take vocational, technical and adult education courses offered by the Board without charge for tuition if said courses are job-related and held outside the regular workday. Fees for materials and supplies shall not be waived. (See Article X, C, 5)
- Q. A record of in-service activities completed by employees shall be maintained by the Board. These activities shall be provided at no cost to the employee.
- R. The District is committed to providing continuing education for its employees. If an employee is not scheduled to receive a minimum of two days of work related training, then upon request, the employee shall be granted the equivalent of two duty days to attend training. Such training must be work related and discussed with the supervisor. The work location supervisor shall determine the appropriate course and day with input from the employee.
- S. All employees with proof of employment and picture identification or an OCPS picture identification may attend all school activities in which pupils participate, free of charge unless otherwise prohibited by a regulatory agency.
- T. Employees shall be eligible for participation in the OCPS Employees Sick Leave Bank, which rules and procedures shall be as set forth in Appendix C.
- U. Recognizing that chemical dependency, mental and/or health problems and other problems of a personal nature may contribute to misconduct and/or a decline in job performance, the parties shall continue cooperative efforts in providing an Employee Assistance Program. The Board shall continue to provide basic funds for the continuing operation of the program.

Article XVII
Leaves of Absence

- A. General Provisions
 - 1. Leave may be granted upon request of an employee for a particular purpose or cause which shall be set forth on a form provided by the Board. If at any time the reasons given for requesting leave have changed, the employee shall be required to promptly notify the Board and the employee shall either be directed to return to duty or continue on leave.
 - 2. Leave shall be reported in quarter hour increments.
 - 3. Requests for short term leave shall be entered through Employee Self-Service.

This does not apply to position titles within work location 6221 at Transportation Services. These position titles include: Bus Operator, Bus Operator, Sub Relief Drivers, Bus Monitor, CDL Examiner, and Driver Trainer. Position titles added to work location 6221 will also be excluded. Position titles within work location 6221 must complete a certificate of absence and file it with the employee's supervisor after the employee returns to duty.

4. A certificate of absence must be completed by the employee and filed with the employee's supervisor for long term leave after the employee returns to duty.
5. An employee may be required to provide a physician's statement or other verification as to his/her absence due to illness in any situation in which it is believed that no valid grounds may have existed for the employee's absence. Before requiring such verification, the supervisor shall have notified the employee that his/her continued absence and/or any future absence(s) will require verification. Such verification shall be made within six duty days.
6. If an employee is absent from duty without authorized leave, s/he shall forfeit compensation for the time of such absence, and may be subject to disciplinary action.
7. If an employee on leave fails to return to duty upon expiration of the leave, s/he may be subject to disciplinary action.
8. Extension of Leave
 - a. A less than 12-month employee who desires an extension of leave for a part or all of the following school year must submit a request to the Superintendent in writing by April 1 of the school year for which leave was granted. In the event leave was granted after April 1, written request for an extension of the leave shall be made as soon as feasible, but in no event later than three weeks prior to the employee's first scheduled duty day in the new school year.
 - b. A 12-month employee who desires an extension of leave for part or all of the following school year must submit a request to the Superintendent in writing at least one month prior to the termination of the leave.
 - c. The District shall notify each employee on leave of this provision, by certified mail, to his/her last known address by March 15. The employee shall be required to indicate his/her intent to return, request an extension, or resign. If the employee fails to respond, s/he shall be considered to have resigned effective upon the expiration of the leave.
9. Employees who are on Board-approved long-term leave of absence shall not be allowed to be employed elsewhere unless written approval is granted by the Superintendent. Acceptance of other employment shall cancel the leave and may subject the employee to disciplinary action.
10. All long-term leaves of absence, unless specifically stipulated otherwise, shall terminate on June 30 of the fiscal year in which the leave was granted.
11. Employees whose regular work day is more or less than eight hours per day shall earn leave on a pro rata basis. For employees returning from long-term medical leave, the Board may require a doctor's statement verifying that the employee is able to return to his/her normal duties.

B. Medical Leaves

1. Each employee shall be entitled to four days of sick leave to be credited at the end of the first month of each employment year, and thereafter shall be credited with one additional day of sick leave at the end of each month of employment. However, no employee may earn, during a fiscal year, more than a total of one day of sick leave for each month of employment. Sick leave shall be cumulative from year to year.
2. Sick leave may be used for personal illness of the employee or for the illness or death of a member of his/her immediate family.
3. An employee shall be entitled to use sick leave for a medically certified period of temporary disability due to pregnancy.
4. An employee who requires sick leave of more than ten consecutive days shall be allowed to take a long-term leave of absence through the time s/he has exhausted all accrued sick leave. At that time s/he may request a long-term sick leave without pay.
5. Employees shall earn sick leave on a pro rata basis for working during the summer months in bargaining unit positions.
6. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, employees may donate sick leave to family members.

C. Civic Leave

1. Any employee subpoenaed to serve on jury duty on days scheduled for duty shall be granted leave with pay. All pay and/or fees received for serving on jury duty may be retained by the employee.
2. Any employee who is subpoenaed or summoned to testify on days scheduled for duty in matters concerning his/her employment shall be granted leave with pay for such time provided a copy of the subpoena or summons is attached to the leave request prior to taking the leave. Employees who are litigants against the Board shall be entitled to such leave, but it shall be without pay.
3. Any employee who is subpoenaed or summoned to testify on days scheduled for duty in a non-work-related matter, may be granted leave with pay, depending on the particular circumstances involved. Such requests shall be submitted to the Superintendent for review. The employee shall provide adequate documentation supporting the request.

- D. Political Leave - A personal leave of absence without pay for up to 12 weeks shall be granted to an employee for the purpose of campaigning for a public office, for which s/he has officially qualified.

E. Temporary Duty Elsewhere Leave

1. Upon prior approval by the Superintendent, leave with pay may be granted for employees to be temporarily away from their regular duties for the purpose of providing other educational services, participating in surveys, meetings, study courses and workshops; chaperoning student groups, or participating in other activities at the discretion of the Superintendent.
2. It is the intent of this provision that such leave be granted only for activities which the Board determines will serve to benefit the Orange County Public School System.

F. Personal Leave

1. Personal Leave with Pay

- a. Each year employees may be granted up to six days of their accrued sick leave as personal leave to be used for matters which cannot be scheduled outside of their regular duty day. Personal leave shall be charged to accrued sick leave and shall not be accumulated from one year to the next.
- b. Employees without accrued sick leave shall not be entitled to such leave.
- c. Except in cases of emergency or extenuating circumstances, personal leave is to be requested at least one week in advance.
- d. The employee shall not be required to divulge the reason for taking personal leave with pay, subject to subsection f. below.
- e. Employees who work less than 12 months shall not be entitled to take personal leave with pay during the first or last five duty days of their regular work year or one duty day before or after a student holiday.
- f. In cases of emergency or extenuating circumstances, to attend the graduation of a spouse, child, parent, sibling or self, to work at a voting precinct, or for the observance of a religious holiday, the restricted days as set forth above may be waived by the employee's supervisor. It is understood that in these cases the reason for the request may be required.
- g. Personal leave shall not be used for purposes of vacation.

2. Personal Leave without Pay

- a. Under special circumstances a supervisor may approve a short-term or long term personal leave without pay for an employee who has exhausted all available non-medical leave with pay.

- b. An employee may take long-term personal leave without pay to complete senior internship requirements which will allow the employee to be eligible for Florida teacher certification upon the completion of an identified program.

G. Annual Leave

- 1. Twelve-month employees shall earn annual leave as follows:
 - a. Employees shall receive credit for five days on their first anniversary date.
 - b. Additional leave dates shall be applied as follows:

Years of Service	Annual Leave Days
1 to 5 (12 mos. through 60 mos.)	10
5 to 10 (61 mos. through 120 mos.)	15
10 to 25 (121 mos. through 300 mos.)	20
Over 25 (over 300 mos.)	25

- c. An employee's anniversary of his/her date of hire shall be used as a basis for determining years of service.
- 2. Annual leave shall be credited at the close of each month. Any credited leave beyond thirty (30) days will be removed at the end of each calendar year (December 31). Each employee shall be encouraged to use accrued leave on an annual basis.
- 3. Annual leave may not be used until earned, unless approved in advance by the Superintendent.
- 4. Annual leave may be used at any time, subject to the written request of the employee and the approval of the employee's supervisor, and such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.
- 5. An employee who leaves his employment for any reason shall receive payment for all of the annual leave accrued through his/her last duty day up to a maximum of thirty (30) days.
- 6. Employees who are rehired after a break in service, shall receive credit on the schedule in 1.b. above for all years worked in benefited, related positions.

Effective July 1, 2016, former employees who are rehired in either the same position title or the same paygrade shall not earn wages less than what they are earning on the last day of their most recent termination of employment with OCPS.

H. Military Leave

1. Short Term

- a. An employee who is a member of the Florida National Guard shall be entitled to leave of absence with pay for all days during which s/he shall be engaged in active state duty, field exercises, or other training ordered under the provisions of the law, Florida Statute 115.07 provides the leave of absence shall not be in excess of 240 hours or 30/8 hour days at any one time.
- b. An employee who is a commissioned reserve officer or reserve enlisted personnel in the United States military or naval service or a member of the National Guard, shall be entitled to leave of absence with pay on all days during which s/he shall be engaged in field or coast defense exercises or other training ordered under the provisions of the United States military or naval training regulations for such personnel when assigned to active duty; provided that such leaves of absence shall not exceed 240 hours or 30/8hour in any one annual period.
- c. Leave with pay shall be granted for one day, for the purpose of a physical examination required for induction into the military service.
- d. Military leave shall not affect an employee's annual leave time for those positions earning annual leave.
- e. The employee shall be required to attach copies of all orders to any request for leave.
- f. The employee shall make reasonable efforts to have his/her periods of training scheduled during a time when it will cause a minimum interruption in the department or school. No employee shall be disciplined or receive a negative evaluation solely as a result of having taken military leave.

2. Long Term

Extended military leave shall be granted to an employee who is required to serve military obligations in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Employees called to active duty shall receive full pay for the first 30 days.

Employees may elect to use annual leave if applicable after the initial 30 days.

An employee granted long-term military leave shall be re-employed provided that:

1. The tour of duty is completed.

2. An application for reemployment is filed within six months following the date of discharge or release from active military duty.
3. Original eligibility for employment has been maintained.
4. Re-assignment within a reasonable time, not to exceed six months, is afforded the School Board, except as provided by law.

Military leave shall not be granted to an employee who volunteers to serve when such service is not required.

I. Bereavement Leave

1. When a death occurs in the immediate family of an employee, the employee shall be granted leave with or without pay for up to three (3) duty days to travel to and from the funeral location and attendance at the funeral for in-state activities. An employee shall be granted up to two (2) additional duty days to attend out-of-state funerals. Employees must use sick leave with or without pay for bereavement leave.
2. Immediate family is defined as spouse, same sex domestic partner, child (natural or step), mother, father, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent or grandchild.
3. Additional time may granted at the discretion of the Administrator.

Article XVIII
Duration

The provisions of the Contract shall be effective from the date of ratification by both parties and shall continue and remain in full force and effect except as modified in accordance with the provisions of this Contract through and including June 30, 2025.

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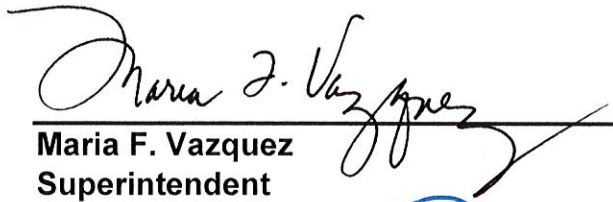
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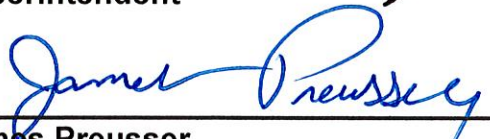
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**APPENDIX A-1
CLASSIFIED JOB TITLES AND CORRESPONDING PAYGRADES
WAGE SCHEDULE**

Confidential (not eligible for union membership) positions are included for informational purpose, only.
Classified positions employed in confidential offices are not covered by this agreement.
See Article 1, C.2. for a complete list of these exemptions.

Job Titles Displayed Alpha by Job Title		
Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Accounting Specialist	Clerical	14
Administrative Secretary	Clerical	11
Administrative Specialist	Clerical	12
Air Conditioning Technician	Maintenance	12
Air Conditioning Technician Master	Maintenance	14
Attendance/Records Clerk	Clerical	5
Auto Refinisher I	Transportation	9
Auto Refinisher II	Transportation	11
Auto Refinisher Master	Transportation	13
Braille & Tactile Materials Specialist I	Ed. Paraprofessional	17
Braille & Tactile Materials Specialist II	Ed. Paraprofessional	18
Budget Specialist	Clerical	15
Building Automation Technician Master	Maintenance	15
Building Permit Technician	Clerical	15
Building Services Technician I	Maintenance	11
Building Services Technician II	Maintenance	13
Bus Inspection Clerk	Clerical	9
Bus Monitor	Transportation	5
Bus Operator	Transportation	9
Bus Operator Lead	Transportation	12
Bus Operator, Sub Relief	Transportation	10
Bus Route Dispatcher	Clerical	11
Bus Route Specialist	Clerical	16
Cabinet Maker	Maintenance	12
Cabinet Maker Master	Maintenance	14
Carpenter	Maintenance	10
Carpenter Master	Maintenance	12
CDL Examiner	Transportation	11

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Certification Specialist	Clerical	17
Communication Specialist I (Safety and Security)	Uniformed Security	14
Communication Specialist II(Safety and Security)	Uniformed Security	16
Communication Specialist, Senior (Safety and Security)	Uniformed Security	18
Communications Technician	Maintenance	10
Communications Technician Master (Transportation)	Transportation	12
Courier Driver	Maintenance	8
Culinary/Catering Representative	Food Service	17
Custodial Crew Leader	Custodial	8
Custodial Crew Leader Master	Custodial	10
Custodial Technician	Custodial	13
Custodian	Custodial	3
Custodian Resident	Custodial	5
Customer Relations Clerk	Clerical	7
Customer Service Technician	Clerical	9
Data Quality Specialist (Alternative Education)	Clerical	18
Data Specialist, Senior, State Reporting	Clerical	18
Data Specialist, State Reporting	Clerical	12
Database Coordinator	Technology	14
Delivery Operator	Food Service	9
Delivery Operator, Lead	Food Service	12
District Records Management Specialist	Clerical	17
Draftsperson	Maintenance	13
Draftsperson Master	Maintenance	17
Driver Trainer	Transportation	11
Ed Paraprofessional Pre-K Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	3
Ed. Paraprofessional Basic Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	3
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Arabic, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Chinese, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Creole, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, French, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, German, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Haitian-Creole, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Portuguese, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Russian, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Spanish, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Urdu, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Vietnamese, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Computer Lab, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	6
Ed. Paraprofessional Exceptional Ed, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	6
Ed. Paraprofessional Phys Ed. Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	4
Ed. Paraprofessional Severely Handicapped, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	7
Ed. Paraprofessional Sign Language, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	7
Ed. Paraprofessional Title I Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	3
Educational Captionist & Sign Language Interpreter Level 1	Ed. Paraprofessional	14
Educational Captionist & Sign Language Interpreter Level 2	Ed. Paraprofessional	17
Educational Captionist & Sign Language Interpreter Level 3	Ed. Paraprofessional	18
Electrician	Maintenance	12
Electrician Master	Maintenance	14
Employment Coordinator	Clerical	11
Energy Control Scheduler	Maintenance	13
Events Coordinator (Marketing and Events)	Clerical	18
Events Coordinator (Food Service/Culinary)	Clerical	18
Executive Assistant	Clerical	15
Extended Day Clerk	Clerical	3
Facilities Controls Specialist	Clerical	18
Finance Specialist	Clerical	12
Finance Specialist II	Clerical	15
Finance/Payroll Clerk I	Clerical	7
Finance/Payroll Clerk II	Clerical	9
Finance/Payroll Clerk III	Clerical	11
Financial Aid Assistant	Clerical	8
Financial Aid Coordinator	Clerical	13
Fire Alarm Technician	Maintenance	13
Fire Alarm Technician Master	Maintenance	15
Fire Prevention Tech	Maintenance	16
Fixed Assets Specialist	Clerical	12
Fleet Parts Inventory Coordinator (Transportation)	Transportation	13
Fleet Parts Specialist	Transportation	13
Fleet Services Coordinator	Transportation	17
Fleet Technician I	Transportation	11
Fleet Technician II	Transportation	13

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Fleet Technician III	Transportation	16
Fleet Technician IV	Transportation	18
Garage Assistant	Transportation	6
General Technical Support	Technology	6
Graphic Arts Coordinator	Technology	18
Grounds/Landscaper I	Maintenance	5
Grounds/Landscaper II	Maintenance	7
Grounds/Landscaper III Crew Leader	Maintenance	9
Grounds/Landscaping Chemical Tech	Maintenance	12
Heating/Boiler Technician	Maintenance	12
Heating/Boiler Technician Master	Maintenance	14
Heavy Equipment Operator	Maintenance	13
Heavy Equipment Operator Master	Maintenance	14
Help Desk Support Representative	Technology	16
Help Desk Support Representative, Senior	Technology	18
HR Compliance Coordinator	Clerical	11
HR Compliance Coordinator, Senior	Clerical	13
Insurance Benefit Coordinator, I	Clerical	11
Insurance Benefit Coordinator, II	Clerical	12
Insurance Benefit Coordinator, Senior	Clerical	13
Insurance Benefits Systems Specialist	Clerical	16
Insurance/Benefits Clerk	Clerical	10
Irrigation Tech	Maintenance	10
Irrigation Tech M	Maintenance	12
Kitchen Services Technician I	Food Service	11
Kitchen Services Technician II	Food Service	13
Locksmith	Maintenance	11
Logistics Technician	Maintenance	15
Mail Services Clerk	Clerical	6
Materials Expeditor	Maintenance	10
Media Clerk I	Clerical	4
Media Clerk II	Clerical	5
Microcomputer Repair Technician	Technology	14
Microcomputer Repair Technician Lead	Technology	16
Mobile Culinary/Catering Representative	Food Service	18

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Network Operator	Technology	18
Nurse, LPN (Note: RN's are on Instructional pay schedule)	Ed. Paraprofessional	12
Operations & Maintenance Planner	Maintenance	16
Operations & Maintenance Safety Tech	Maintenance	16
Operations and Maintenance Scheduler	Maintenance	15
P/O Therapy Assistant	Ed. Paraprofessional	12
Painter	Maintenance	10
Painter Master	Maintenance	12
Paralegal	Clerical	18
Payroll Practitioner I	Clerical	11
Payroll Practitioner II	Clerical	13
Payroll Practitioner III	Clerical	15
Permanent Substitute, 2 yr Degree	Ed. Paraprofessional	8
Permanent Substitute, 4 yr Degree	Ed. Paraprofessional	11
Personnel Specialist	Clerical	16
Personnel/Benefits Clerk	Clerical	9
Plumber	Maintenance	10
Plumber Master	Maintenance	12
Printing Production Assistant	Clerical	8
Procurement Clerk	Clerical	10
Program Assistant, Basic, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Bilingual, Haitian/Creole, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Bilingual, Spanish, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, CTE, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, District ESE Specialist, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, ESE Post HS Employment Spec, C	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, ESE, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Horticulture, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Job Coach, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Parenting, Bilingual, Creole, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Parenting, Bilingual, Portuguese, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Parenting, Bilingual, Spanish, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Parenting, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, PASS, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Program Assistant, STEM, Certified (TIF Grant)	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Coordinator	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, CTE	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Ext Day	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Parent and Engagement Bilingual Liaison	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Parent and Engagement Bilingual Liaison, Title I	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Parent and Engagement Liaison	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Parent and Engagement Liaison, Title I	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Secondary Engagement Liaison, Title I	Clerical	13
Program Monitor, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	10
Property Auditor	Clerical	11
Purchasing Clerk	Clerical	5
Quality Assurance Tech (Facilities)	Maintenance	16
Quality Assurance Technician (Food Service)	Food Service	16
Recycling/Parking Attendant	Maintenance	3
Refrigeration Tech Master	Maintenance	14
Registrar	Clerical	7
Registrar, Bilingual, Haitian/Creole	Clerical	7
Registrar, CTE	Clerical	7
Retirement Specialist	Clerical	16
Roofer	Maintenance	10
Roofer Master	Maintenance	12
Routing and Operations Coordinator	Clerical	13
School Bookkeeper	Clerical	9
School Clerk	Clerical	4
School Food Service Assistant I	Food Service	3
School Food Service Assistant II	Food Service	4
School Food Service Assistant III	Food Service	7
School Food Service Assistant Lead	Food Service	13
School Health Assistant	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
School Secretary	Clerical	10
School Secretary/Bookkeeper	Clerical	11
Secretary	Clerical	8
Secretary, Bilingual, Spanish	Clerical	8
Section Leader	Clerical	11

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Security Attendant	Uniformed Security	3
Security Screener Specialist	Uniformed Security	12
Security Systems Technician	Uniformed Security	13
Senior Budget Specialist	Clerical	17
Senior Employment Coordinator	Clerical	13
Senior Executive Assistant	Clerical	17
Senior Finance/Payroll Specialist	Clerical	17
Senior Payroll Practitioner	Clerical	17
Site-Based Payroll Coordinator	Clerical	13
Small Engine Mechanic	Maintenance	13
Storekeeper/Warehouse Tech Master	Maintenance	10
Storekeeper/Warehouse Technician I	Maintenance	6
Storekeeper/Warehouse Technician II	Maintenance	8
Student Enrollment Specialist	Clerical	16
Student Enrollment Support Clerk	Clerical	9
Support Services Clerk II	Clerical	3
Support Services Clerk III	Clerical	6
Support Services Clerk III, Bilingual, Spanish	Clerical	6
Sustainability Specialist	Maintenance	16
Technology Inventory Specialist	Technology	11
Technology Support Representative	Technology	16
Technology Support Representative, Senior	Technology	18
Telecommunications Support Technician	Technology	11
Telecommunications Technician	Technology	11
Telecommunications Technician Master	Technology	13
Trades Tech I (Maintenance)	Maintenance	16
Trades Tech II (Maintenance)	Maintenance	17
Training Representative (Extended Day)	Clerical	17
Training Representative (Facilities Services)	Clerical	17
Training Representative (Food Service)	Clerical	17
Training Representative (Transportation)	Clerical	17
Transportation Electronics Tech	Transportation	13
Transportation Electronics Tech, Master	Transportation	15
Transportation Payroll Clerk	Clerical	10
Transportation Specialist	Transportation	16
Truck Driver Heavy	Maintenance	10

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Truck Driver Heavy Master	Maintenance	13
Uniformed Security Guard Shift Coordinator	Uniformed Security	15
Uniformed Security Officer -- District	Uniformed Security	12
Uniformed Security Officer -- ESE	Uniformed Security	12
Uniformed Security Officer -- School	Uniformed Security	12
Upholsterer and Glazier	Transportation	10
User Services Scheduler	Technology	15
Video Producer/Director	Technology	17
Video Production Assistant	Technology	11
Video Production Technician	Technology	16
Video Services Coordinator	Clerical	9
Volunteer Coordinator	Clerical	11
Webmaster	Technology	18
Welder	Maintenance	9
Welder Master	Maintenance	12
Wellness Program Coordinator	Clerical	16

**APPENDIX A-2
CLASSIFIED JOB TITLES AND CORRESPONDING PAYGRADES
WAGE SCHEDULE**

Confidential (not eligible for union membership) positions are included for informational purpose, only.
Classified positions employed in confidential offices are not covered by this agreement.
See Article 1, C.2. for a complete list of these exemptions.

Job Titles Displayed Alpha within Job Family		
Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Accounting Specialist	Clerical	14
Administrative Secretary	Clerical	11
Administrative Specialist	Clerical	12
Attendance/Records Clerk	Clerical	5
Budget Specialist	Clerical	15
Building Permit Technician	Clerical	15
Bus Inspection Clerk	Clerical	9
Bus Route Dispatcher	Clerical	11
Bus Route Specialist	Clerical	16
Certification Specialist	Clerical	17
Customer Relations Clerk	Clerical	7
Customer Service Technician	Clerical	9
Data Quality Specialist (Alternative Education)	Clerical	18
Data Specialist, Senior, State Reporting	Clerical	18
Data Specialist, State Reporting	Clerical	12
District Records Management Specialist	Clerical	17
Employment Coordinator	Clerical	11
Events Coordinator (Marketing and Events)	Clerical	18
Events Coordinator (Food Service/Culinary)	Clerical	18
Executive Assistant	Clerical	15
Extended Day Clerk	Clerical	3
Facilities Controls Specialist	Clerical	18
Finance Specialist	Clerical	12
Finance Specialist II	Clerical	15
Finance/Payroll Clerk I	Clerical	7
Finance/Payroll Clerk II	Clerical	9
Finance/Payroll Clerk III	Clerical	11
Financial Aid Assistant	Clerical	8
Financial Aid Coordinator	Clerical	13
Fixed Assets Specialist	Clerical	12

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
HR Compliance Coordinator	Clerical	11
HR Compliance Coordinator, Senior	Clerical	13
Insurance Benefit Coordinator, I	Clerical	11
Insurance Benefit Coordinator, II	Clerical	12
Insurance Benefit Coordinator, Senior	Clerical	13
Insurance Benefits Systems Specialist	Clerical	16
Insurance/Benefits Clerk	Clerical	10
Mail Services Clerk	Clerical	6
Media Clerk I	Clerical	4
Media Clerk II	Clerical	5
Paralegal	Clerical	18
Payroll Practitioner I	Clerical	11
Payroll Practitioner II	Clerical	13
Payroll Practitioner III	Clerical	15
Personnel Specialist	Clerical	16
Personnel/Benefits Clerk	Clerical	9
Printing Production Assistant	Clerical	8
Procurement Clerk	Clerical	10
Program Coordinator	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, CTE	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Ext Day	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Parent and Engagement Bilingual Liaison	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Parent and Engagement Bilingual Liaison, Title I	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Parent and Engagement Liaison	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Parent and Engagement Liaison, Title I	Clerical	13
Program Coordinator, Secondary Engagement Liaison, Title I	Clerical	13
Property Auditor	Clerical	11
Purchasing Clerk	Clerical	5
Registrar	Clerical	7
Registrar, Bilingual, Haitian/Creole	Clerical	7
Registrar, CTE	Clerical	7
Retirement Specialist	Clerical	16
Routing and Operations Coordinator	Clerical	13
School Bookkeeper	Clerical	9
School Clerk	Clerical	4
School Secretary	Clerical	10

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
School Secretary/Bookkeeper	Clerical	11
Secretary	Clerical	8
Secretary, Bilingual, Spanish	Clerical	8
Section Leader	Clerical	11
Senior Budget Specialist	Clerical	17
Senior Employment Coordinator	Clerical	13
Senior Executive Assistant	Clerical	17
Senior Finance/Payroll Specialist	Clerical	17
Senior Payroll Practitioner	Clerical	17
Site-Based Payroll Coordinator	Clerical	13
Student Enrollment Specialist	Clerical	16
Student Enrollment Support Clerk	Clerical	9
Support Services Clerk II	Clerical	3
Support Services Clerk III	Clerical	6
Support Services Clerk III, Bilingual, Spanish	Clerical	6
Training Representative (Extended Day)	Clerical	17
Training Representative (Facilities Services)	Clerical	17
Training Representative (Food Service)	Clerical	17
Training Representative (Transportation)	Clerical	17
Transportation Payroll Clerk	Clerical	10
Video Services Coordinator	Clerical	9
Volunteer Coordinator	Clerical	11
Wellness Program Coordinator	Clerical	16
Custodial Crew Leader	Custodial	8
Custodial Crew Leader Master	Custodial	10
Custodial Technician	Custodial	13
Custodian	Custodial	3
Custodian Resident	Custodial	5
Braille & Tactile Materials Specialist I	Ed. Paraprofessional	17
Braille & Tactile Materials Specialist II	Ed. Paraprofessional	18
Ed Paraprofessional Pre-K Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	3
Ed. Paraprofessional Basic Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	3
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Arabic, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Chinese, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Creole, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, French, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, German, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Haitian-Creole, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Portuguese, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Russian, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Spanish, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Urdu, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Bilingual, Vietnamese, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Ed. Paraprofessional Computer Lab, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	6
Ed. Paraprofessional Exceptional Ed, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	6
Ed. Paraprofessional Phys Ed. Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	4
Ed. Paraprofessional Severely Handicapped, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	7
Ed. Paraprofessional Sign Language, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	7
Ed. Paraprofessional Title I Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	3
Educational Captionist & Sign Language Interpreter Level 1	Ed. Paraprofessional	14
Educational Captionist & Sign Language Interpreter Level 2	Ed. Paraprofessional	17
Educational Captionist & Sign Language Interpreter Level 3	Ed. Paraprofessional	18
Nurse, LPN (Note: RN's are on Instructional pay schedule)	Ed. Paraprofessional	12
P/O Therapy Assistant	Ed. Paraprofessional	12
Permanent Substitute, 2 yr Degree	Ed. Paraprofessional	8
Permanent Substitute, 4 yr Degree	Ed. Paraprofessional	11
Program Assistant, Basic, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Bilingual, Haitian/Creole, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Bilingual, Spanish, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, CTE, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, District ESE Specialist, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, ESE Post HS Employment Spec, C	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, ESE, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Horticulture, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Job Coach, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Parenting, Bilingual, Creole, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Parenting, Bilingual, Portuguese, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Parenting, Bilingual, Spanish, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, Parenting, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, PASS, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Assistant, STEM, Certified (TIF Grant)	Ed. Paraprofessional	13
Program Monitor, Certified	Ed. Paraprofessional	10
School Health Assistant	Ed. Paraprofessional	5
Culinary/Catering Representative	Food Service	17

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Delivery Operator	Food Service	9
Delivery Operator, Lead	Food Service	12
Kitchen Services Technician I	Food Service	11
Kitchen Services Technician II	Food Service	13
Mobile Culinary/Catering Representative	Food Service	18
Quality Assurance Technician (Food Service)	Food Service	16
School Food Service Assistant I	Food Service	3
School Food Service Assistant II	Food Service	4
School Food Service Assistant III	Food Service	7
School Food Service Assistant Lead	Food Service	13
Air Conditioning Technician	Maintenance	12
Air Conditioning Technician Master	Maintenance	14
Building Automation Technician Master	Maintenance	15
Building Services Technician I	Maintenance	11
Building Services Technician II	Maintenance	13
Cabinet Maker	Maintenance	12
Cabinet Maker Master	Maintenance	14
Carpenter	Maintenance	10
Carpenter Master	Maintenance	12
Communications Technician	Maintenance	10
Courier Driver	Maintenance	8
Draftsperson	Maintenance	13
Draftsperson Master	Maintenance	17
Electrician	Maintenance	12
Electrician Master	Maintenance	14
Energy Control Scheduler	Maintenance	13
Fire Alarm Technician	Maintenance	13
Fire Alarm Technician Master	Maintenance	15
Fire Prevention Tech	Maintenance	16
Grounds/Landscaper I	Maintenance	5
Grounds/Landscaper II	Maintenance	7
Grounds/Landscaper III Crew Leader	Maintenance	9
Grounds/Landscaping Chemical Tech	Maintenance	12
Heating/Boiler Technician	Maintenance	12
Heating/Boiler Technician Master	Maintenance	14
Heavy Equipment Operator	Maintenance	13
Heavy Equipment Operator Master	Maintenance	14

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Irrigation Tech	Maintenance	10
Irrigation Tech M	Maintenance	12
Locksmith	Maintenance	11
Logistics Technician	Maintenance	15
Materials Expeditor	Maintenance	10
Operations & Maintenance Planner	Maintenance	16
Operations & Maintenance Safety Tech	Maintenance	16
Operations and Maintenance Scheduler	Maintenance	15
Painter	Maintenance	10
Painter Master	Maintenance	12
Plumber	Maintenance	10
Plumber Master	Maintenance	12
Quality Assurance Tech (Facilities)	Maintenance	16
Recycling/Parking Attendant	Maintenance	3
Refrigeration Tech Master	Maintenance	14
Roofer	Maintenance	10
Roofer Master	Maintenance	12
Small Engine Mechanic	Maintenance	13
Storekeeper/Warehouse Tech Master	Maintenance	10
Storekeeper/Warehouse Technician I	Maintenance	6
Storekeeper/Warehouse Technician II	Maintenance	8
Sustainability Specialist	Maintenance	16
Trades Tech I (Maintenance)	Maintenance	16
Trades Tech II (Maintenance)	Maintenance	17
Truck Driver Heavy	Maintenance	10
Truck Driver Heavy Master	Maintenance	13
Welder	Maintenance	9
Welder Master	Maintenance	12
Database Coordinator	Technology	14
General Technical Support	Technology	6
Graphic Arts Coordinator	Technology	18
Help Desk Support Representative	Technology	16
Help Desk Support Representative, Senior	Technology	18
Microcomputer Repair Technician	Technology	14
Microcomputer Repair Technician Lead	Technology	16
Network Operator	Technology	18
Technology Inventory Specialist	Technology	11

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Technology Support Representative	Technology	16
Technology Support Representative, Senior	Technology	18
Telecommunications Support Technician	Technology	11
Telecommunications Technician	Technology	11
Telecommunications Technician Master	Technology	13
User Services Scheduler	Technology	15
Video Producer/Director	Technology	17
Video Production Assistant	Technology	11
Video Production Technician	Technology	16
Webmaster	Technology	18
Auto Refinisher I	Transportation	9
Auto Refinisher II	Transportation	11
Auto Refinisher Master	Transportation	13
Bus Monitor	Transportation	5
Bus Operator	Transportation	9
Bus Operator Lead	Transportation	12
Bus Operator, Sub Relief	Transportation	10
CDL Examiner	Transportation	11
Communications Technician Master (Transportation)	Transportation	12
Driver Trainer	Transportation	11
Fleet Parts Inventory Coordinator (Transportation)	Transportation	13
Fleet Parts Specialist	Transportation	13
Fleet Services Coordinator	Transportation	17
Fleet Technician I	Transportation	11
Fleet Technician II	Transportation	13
Fleet Technician III	Transportation	16
Fleet Technician IV	Transportation	18
Garage Assistant	Transportation	6
Transportation Electronics Tech	Transportation	13
Transportation Electronics Tech, Master	Transportation	15
Transportation Specialist	Transportation	16
Upholsterer and Glazier	Transportation	10
Communication Specialist I (Safety and Security)	Uniformed Security	14
Communication Specialist II (Safety and Security)	Uniformed Security	16
Communication Specialist, Senior (Safety and Security)	Uniformed Security	18
Security Attendant	Uniformed Security	3
Security Screener Specialist	Uniformed Security	12

Job Title	Job Family	Job Grade
Security Systems Technician	Uniformed Security	13
Uniformed Security Guard Shift Coordinator	Uniformed Security	15
Uniformed Security Officer -- District	Uniformed Security	12
Uniformed Security Officer – ESE	Uniformed Security	12
Uniformed Security Officer – School	Uniformed Security	12

APPENDIX A-3

Classified Pay Schedule Effective July 1, 2023

Job Grade		Grade Range Minimum (Less than 1 full year of related exp)	Grade Range Minimum (1 full yr but less than 2 full yrs of related exp)	Grade Range Minimum (2 full yrs but less than 3 full yrs of related exp)	Grade Range Minimum (3 full yrs but less than 4 full yrs of related exp)	Grade Range Minimum (4 full yrs but less than 5 full yrs of related exp)	Grade Range Minimum (5 full yrs of related exp)*	Grade Range Maximum
3	N03	\$15.40	\$15.55	\$15.71	\$15.86	\$16.02	\$16.17	\$21.09
4	N04	\$15.68	\$15.84	\$15.99	\$16.15	\$16.31	\$16.46	\$21.46
5	N05	\$15.97	\$16.13	\$16.29	\$16.45	\$16.61	\$16.77	\$21.84
6	N06	\$16.27	\$16.43	\$16.60	\$16.76	\$16.92	\$17.08	\$23.11
7	N07	\$16.57	\$16.74	\$16.90	\$17.07	\$17.23	\$17.40	\$24.42
8	N08	\$16.88	\$17.05	\$17.22	\$17.39	\$17.56	\$17.72	\$25.77
9	N09	\$17.19	\$17.36	\$17.53	\$17.71	\$17.88	\$18.05	\$26.22
10	N10	\$17.42	\$17.59	\$17.77	\$17.94	\$18.12	\$18.29	\$27.69
11	N11	\$17.66	\$17.84	\$18.01	\$18.19	\$18.37	\$18.54	\$28.20
12	N12	\$17.90	\$18.08	\$18.26	\$18.44	\$18.62	\$18.80	\$31.10
13	N13	\$18.14	\$18.32	\$18.50	\$18.68	\$18.87	\$19.05	\$31.50
14	N14	\$18.34	\$18.52	\$18.71	\$18.89	\$19.07	\$19.26	\$31.82
15	N15	\$18.54	\$18.73	\$18.91	\$19.10	\$19.28	\$19.47	\$32.15
16	N16	\$18.65	\$18.84	\$19.02	\$19.21	\$19.40	\$19.58	\$36.35
17	N17	\$18.67	\$18.86	\$19.04	\$19.23	\$19.42	\$19.60	\$37.20
18	N18	\$19.75	\$19.95	\$20.15	\$20.34	\$20.54	\$20.74	\$39.73

APPENDIX B - 1 Transportation Services

General Information

- A. A bus operator's paid hours shall include all hours worked. Hours worked shall be defined as: scheduled route time, extra time, and field trips. A scheduled route time shall include pre-trips, post-trips, and all regular route time.

- B. Seniority within Transportation Services shall be defined as the total length of continuous service with the Board in a benefited position as a bus operator/monitor, and to include a CDL holder who has driven an OCPS school bus within one year of the bid process. This excludes long term leaves(s) of absence per contract. This definition shall only apply to bus operators and bus monitors and shall only be used for participating in the bid selection process. The definition of district wide seniority shall apply to all other seniority issues not pertaining to the bid selection process.

- C. The Board shall provide bus operators who are available for extra trips the opportunity for at least 30 hours of driving time per week during their regular work year, subject to the following:
 - 1. Bus operators who have more than six years of seniority must be available for daytime extra trips.
 - 2. Bus operators who have less than six years of seniority must be available for daytime extra trips, and those held on weekends and/or in the evenings.
 - 3. Bus operators who opt for inclusion under this section must do so for the full school year and will be subject to the following provisions:
 - a. Except under extenuating circumstances, bus operators opting out of the extra trip program may not re-enter the program for twelve calendar months.
 - b. Bus operators who fail to notify the extra trip office at least 48 hours in advance that they will be unable to fulfill their extra trip obligation may be removed from the extra trip program for up to twelve calendar months after three occurrences.
 - 4. Nothing herein shall preclude the assignment of non-driving duties in an effort to meet the 30 hours referenced above.
 - 5. The above provisions shall also be applicable to drivers of side-lift buses. However, drivers of side-lift buses shall be provided the opportunity for a minimum of six (6) hours per day and not be precluded from applying for extra trips.

6. In the event there are financial constraints and the Board is unable to meet the criteria set forth above, in Sections 1 and 2 above the parties shall develop a seniority based plan for scheduling hours, separate from Article X, Section E.
 7. The Board shall make a reasonable effort to notify drivers of extra trip assignments at least 48 hours in advance.
 8. The provisions of Section B above notwithstanding, it is understood that there may be county-wide activities when other drivers may be assigned required extra trips.
- D. Drivers participating in programs that run during student vacation periods will be given the first opportunity for working these additional days.
 - E. Designated Bus Operator, Sub Relief shall be scheduled for 8 hours per day during the normal school year.
 - F. Bus monitors shall be scheduled a minimum of five hours per day during the normal school year. They shall be paid at their regular hourly rate for attendance at required in-service meetings.
 - G. The Board shall attempt to maintain working hours for bus operators and monitors from one year to the next, subject to Section B.7. above.
 - H. The parties recognize that student discipline is enhanced by cooperative efforts between drivers and school-based administrators. Drivers shall refer disruptive students to the principal or designee on a referral slip provided by the Transportation Section. Drivers may make a recommendation regarding disposition of each referral. The referral slip will contain a place for the principal or designee to inform the Transportation Section of the action taken. Drivers shall be apprised of the disposition of each referral.
 - I. Drivers shall be provided forms for referring disruptive students to the principal or designee, may make a recommendation regarding disposition of each referral. Drivers shall be apprised of the disposition of each referral.
 - J. The Board shall make a reasonable effort to provide monitors on routes for severely impaired students, with priority given to buses that transport wheelchair students.
 - K. The bus operators'/bus monitors' normal school year as used herein shall be defined as that period of time covered by the traditional school calendar.
 - L. Transportation shall maintain a standard operating procedure for posting and filling open trips. This procedure shall be included in the Transportation Services Operations Handbook.

M. The Board shall provide a voucher for the purchase of uniforms for all school bus operators, lead bus operators and bus monitors on or before their first day of employment in a benefited position. The voucher for the first year shall be for a total of five (5) pieces. At least three (3) pieces shall be shirts. The remaining vouchers may be used for additional shirts, a windbreaker or a jacket. The second and subsequent vouchers will be issued during the annual Fall Conference. These vouchers shall be for a total of four (4) pieces, two of which may be substituted for a windbreaker or a jacket.

N. Tool Allowance

The Board shall provide a tool allowance for employees in the following job titles: auto refinisher I; auto refinisher II; auto refinisher master; fleet technician I; fleet technician II; fleet technician III; fleet technician IV; transportation electronics tech; and transportation electronics tech, master.

The tool allowance in the annual amount of \$350 runs from July 1 through June 30. Tools will be purchased through the approved mobile provider. Any tool purchases during the annual period in excess of \$350 are the responsibility of the employee. There is no carryover of unused tool allowance at the end of the annual period.

O. Shoe Allowance

The Board shall provide a shoe allowance for employees in the following job titles: auto refinisher I; auto refinisher II; auto refinisher master; fleet technician I; fleet technician II; fleet technician III; fleet technician IV; transportation electronics tech; transportation electronics tech, master; and upholsterer and glazier.

The shoe allowance in the annual amount of \$125 runs from July 1 through June 30. Safety shoes will be purchased through the current uniform vendor. Any shoe purchases during the annual period in excess of \$125 are the responsibility of the employee. There is no carryover of unused shoe allowance at the end of the annual period.

P. Transportation shall maintain a standard operating procedure for summer employment. This procedure shall be included in the Transportation Services Operations Handbook.

Q. Assignments for additional hours and/or routes shall be made exclusively by management, dispatchers and/or the field trip clerks. No classified employee other than those authorized herein shall assign additional hours and/or routes to another classified employee, except in emergency situations.

APPENDIX B - 2 Transportation Services

Route Bid Process

The Route Bid process as outlined below applies to bus operators and monitors. It does not apply to summer routes.

1. During the school year all open routes shall be posted for bidding four times. Management reserves the right to change the frequency of bids or the months in which the bids are done. In the event of such a change, employees will be given at least a month's advance notification that the change will occur and provided the new bid information. Notification will include posting to the Transportation website, postings in employee lounges/break rooms and notification to OESPA.

An open route includes:

- Newly created routes
- Routes vacated by retirement or termination
- Routes vacated by previous bid
- Routes whose bus operator or bus monitor is on an extended long term leave, no longer receiving payment from OCPS payroll or sick bank and FMLA eligibility has expired.

2. A list of bid dates shall be posted prior to the beginning of preplanning. Simultaneously, a copy of these dates shall be provided to the union. The OESPA President (or his/her designee) may attend and observe the bid process.

All route postings shall include the route number, bus number, manager, parking location, approximate route time, schools served and location of stops. The routes shall remain posted for at least 5 duty days and close at 4:00 pm on the 5th duty day.

3. All routes are subject to change by the routing department based on management decisions regarding the level of service to be provided, program changes, changes in student riders, as well as the additions and deletions of stops that have a safety or financial impact to the District. Upon completion of the aforementioned route changes, the bus operators and bus monitors shall be given no less than two (2) duty days to complete dry runs prior to taking over the route, except in emergency situations.

4. Routes shall be awarded to the employee with the most seniority. For the bidding process the seniority date used is the first day in a benefited position as a bus operator/monitor. If the employee has a break in service with transportation, the employee's seniority for the bidding process will change to reflect his/her new benefited date as a bus operator/monitor. In case of a seniority "tie", a deck of cards will be used to determine the winner. A card will be drawn for each bidder and the winner shall be determined by the highest card. Aces and jokers shall be removed from the deck.
5. Bus operators and monitors who bid shall be notified of their bid result within five duty days after the bid process closes. Once the employee has been awarded a bid he/she must take the route and remain with that route until the next open bid.
6. New bus operators and bus monitors will be administratively placed, when possible, on a vacant route. The probationary bus operator or bus monitor may bid on the next open route bid. Any administratively assigned open routes will be posted. Assignments for probationary bus monitors may change due to the IEP requirement of the student(s) and management's need to serve such student(s).
7. Awarded bids will not take effect until the successful bidder has completed the seating chart, registration cards, student safety referrals and cleaned their bus for their current route. Bus operators or bus monitors who are awarded bids during the FEFP count period shall remain on their routes until the close of the count period. Upon award of the bid, the bus operator or bus monitor is to familiarize themselves with the route and shall be given no less than two (2) duty days to complete dry runs, except in emergency situations, prior to taking over the route. Bus operators must use a school bus when completing dry runs. This allows the bus operator to observe and report conditions and hazards to the school bus.
8. Bus operators or bus monitors who are on an extended leave of absence or worker's compensation leave shall not be permitted to bid on a route until they return to work full duty with no restrictions that would keep them from performing all the essential functions of their job responsibilities as a bus operator and/or bus monitor.
9. If routes are consolidated by the routing department due to reduction in service needs, the bus operator or bus monitor with the most seniority will be given the consolidated route. The bus operator or bus monitor removed after route consolidation will be required to bid on the next available cycle. Upon consolidation of the routes, the bus operator or bus monitor is to familiarize themselves with the route and shall be given no less than two (2) duty days to complete dry runs prior to taking over the route, except in emergency situations.

10. If a route becomes available after the last bid in April, it will be filled by a permanent substitute for the remainder of the school year. The route shall then be posted in accordance with item 1 of this procedure, for the beginning of the next school year.
11. Management reserves the right to reassign either a driver, a monitor or both to another route based on the operational needs, allocations, organizational changes at the work location, a change in the student(s) assignment or school needs, the employee's need for additional training, or any other job performance related matter.

A managerial reassignment shall not be done in a punitive manner. The employee shall be provided notice of at least 48 hours prior to such change. If the reassigned route has fewer hours, the employee shall be kept whole for the bid route hours, provided he/she accepts extra work assignments that make up the difference. If the employee refuses extra work assignments, the employee's work hours will be adjusted to the hours of the reassigned route. The employee shall be allowed to bid a new route at the next bid cycle, in accordance with the route bid process.

A meeting shall be held between the supervisor and the employee explaining the need for the route change. If the supervisor is not available, another member of management may meet with the employee to explain the change.

APPENDIX C SICK LEAVE BANK

The OCPS Employees Sick Leave Bank, hereinafter referred to as the SLB, is designed to ease the financial impact of serious illness, accident or injury. Although not an exclusive list, typical usage would be for heart attack, cancer, serious automobile accident or major surgery. Serious illness shall be defined as being hospitalized, homebound under psychiatric care, temporarily totally disabled, and/or not able to perform the majority of the Activities of Daily Living (ADL). This definition shall be applicable to all references to illness/accident/injury throughout this appendix.

A. Membership

1. The SLB shall have two enrollment periods yearly, during the first 30 calendar days of the first and second semesters.
2. Any employee with one or more years of service and having at least six days accrued sick leave may enroll in the SLB. The employee shall complete a SLB enrollment form and contribute one sick leave day to the SLB at the time of enrollment. Membership is effective immediately following the close of the enrollment period. The six days accrual may occur at any time during the enrollment period.
3. Sick leave days contributed to the SLB shall be deducted from the accrued sick leave balance of the member. Such days shall not be returned except as a benefit as set forth in Section C.
4. All members shall contribute an additional sick leave day if the balance of the SLB is diminished below 300 days. Assessment shall be automatic and each member shall be sent a notice of such. If a member is unable to contribute an assessed day, assessment will occur as soon as a sick leave day is earned unless a member is receiving benefits from the SLB.
5. Members who are retiring shall be permitted to donate any portion of their unused sick leave days to the SLB.
6. Any member who wishes to discontinue membership in the SLB may do so during any enrollment period by submitting a withdrawal form prior to the end of the enrollment period. Receipt of the withdrawal form shall terminate all rights and obligations under the rules of the SLB as of the end of the enrollment period.
7. If the SLB cannot maintain a balance of at least 300 days after replenishment, it will be terminated when the total number of days has been exhausted.
8. Members shall not have to pay back in any manner the number of days used from the SLB except as outlined in the Abuse of Benefits Section and Eligibility Section.

B. Administration and Governance

1. A SLB Committee designated by the Superintendent will administer the SLB and determine the validity of claims against the SLB. The SLB Committee shall include health care professionals (two non-voting) from the plans in the Benefits Trust, the CTA president and designee, the OESPA president and designee, and two District administrators. Such determination shall be expedited in cases of extreme hardship.
 - a. Step 1: The initial decision is made by a designee(s) of the committee and sent to the employee.
 - b. Step 2: If the claim of the member is denied, an employee may request, in writing, an appeal of the decision within five duty days of receipt of the denial. Such decisions will be appealed to the full Committee. The decision of the full Committee is final.
2. Quarterly reports of usage of the SLB shall be available to members. A copy shall be provided to the Union and the Fringe Benefits Committee. The report shall include the number of days used and the reasons for usage.

C. Eligibility for Benefits

1. A member shall be eligible for benefits for any single illness/accident/injury following 15 duty days of absence within a thirty duty day period.
2. Subject to Section A.7. above, a member may draw from the SLB up to a maximum of 100 paid sick leave days per twelve-month period commencing on the first day of paid sick leave from the SLB. The lifetime maximum for any one illness, accident or injury shall be 100 days.
3. In the event a member draws a total of 100 days over any period of time from the SLB, such members shall reinstate their membership by re-establishing eligibility per section A.2.
4. Illness or conditions which were known to exist prior to an employee becoming a SLB member shall not be covered for the first twelve months of membership.
5. A member shall be eligible for the use of sick leave from the SLB if the member is on Workers' Compensation. Sick leave days drawn from the SLB shall be prorated downward according to the percentage of the daily rate not paid through Workers' Compensation.
6. The SLB will not provide benefits to those members having surgery which is not medically necessary, as defined by the OCPS medical plans.
7. The SLB shall not provide benefits for normal maternity-related cases where being homebound is recommended as a precaution to bring the pregnancy to full term.

8. When an employee is notified of eligibility for benefits under a disability retirement plan and applies for the same within 20 workdays, SLB benefits shall continue until retirement benefits begin, subject to Section B.2 above. If the employee does not apply for retirement benefits, SLB benefits shall cease as of the 21st day.
 9. If active service is terminated by death, SLB benefits shall cease upon the day that death occurs.
 10. The SLB shall not cover any unauthorized leaves.
- D. Use of Benefits - A member may receive benefits from the SLB to cover an extended absence as follows:
1. All accumulated sick leave must first be expended, except that an application for SLB days may be submitted at any time during an illness.
 2. Any sick leave drawn from the SLB must be used for a member's personal illness, accident or injury and shall only be for days which would normally be scheduled for duty during their primary contracted term/year.
 3. A written request must be made to the appropriate District department and received within 90 calendar days of the first day for which SLB days could have been drawn. The request shall have attached a doctor's statement on a form provided by the appropriate District department, attesting to the member's extended illness, accident or injury and stating the probable date the member will be able to return to work. The applicant will bear the cost of obtaining the medical statement. A second medical statement may be requested, prior to the SLB Committee rendering a decision as to the number of days to be granted.
 4. A member who has submitted all the required documents to request benefits shall be notified of the status of the request following review by designee(s) of the SLB committee meeting.
- E. Abuse of Benefits
1. Reported abuse of the SLB shall be investigated by the Superintendent or his designee and, on a finding of wrong doing, the member shall be denied and/or shall repay all of the sick days drawn from the SLB. A requirement for repayment shall be subject to the grievance procedure, however, the arbitrator shall limit his decision to whether or not the finding was justified. The decision shall not be split.
 2. Proven abuse of the SLB shall result in permanent termination of membership from the SLB.
 3. Alleged abuse of the Bank may be considered grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Article XII.

APPENDIX D

ELECTRONIC MONITORING

The parties agree that Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) systems, or similar devices may be used to monitor district vehicles. Such devices shall be calibrated at least twice per year to ensure its accuracy for purposes of determining speed and/or location. The checks shall be at least three (3) months apart and documented showing the method used to certify accuracy (methodology, procedures, traceability and technical skills) along with the name, position and qualifications of the individual conducting the calibration.

Information obtained from any of the above mentioned devices may be used for disciplinary purposes, however, the parties agree to follow the steps outlined below, and amend the Safe Driver Plan, accordingly.

1. When an employee is suspected of a driving related infraction where discipline may result, and a GPS, AVL or any other similar device is the sole means of confirming the employee committed the infraction, disciplinary actions may be up to, but shall not exceed a written reprimand. The employee shall not receive points for this reprimand. This reprimand shall remain valid for one year from the date the reprimand is issued.
2. If the employee incurs another infraction within the one year period after issuance of the discipline described above, the Safe Driver Plan will be applied starting with the second infraction.
3. If the employee is not charged with another infraction within the one year period of this initial discipline, the reprimand shall be appended with a notice which states it is no longer relevant for disciplinary purposes.

In cases where an electronic monitoring device is used as corroborating documentation, the Safe Driver Plan will take effect.

APPENDIX E
SAFE DRIVER PLAN

Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act (OTETA) Employees

INTRODUCTION:

The School Board of Orange County wishes to ensure that it provides the safest means of transportation possible for its students and employees and for this purpose has adopted this Safe Driver Plan. Every employee covered by this Plan is expected to establish and maintain an overall driving record, which exemplifies careful driving habits.

WHO IS COVERED:

This Safe Driver Plan covers all employees who operate a District-owned/leased vehicle, hereinafter referred to as a District vehicle, and are covered by the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act (OTETA). It applies to both the driving of the District vehicle as well as the employee's personal vehicle. One facet of this Plan involves the monitoring of the driving records of these employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Safe Driver Plan is effective October 1, 1996. Any points accumulated since August 1, 1995 will be converted to the point system incorporated herein.

HOW THE PLAN WORKS:

This Safe Driver Plan is based on a point system, whereby points are applied to a variety of driving violations. The accumulation of a certain number of points within a specific time period may result in disciplinary action against the employee. For employees covered by this Plan, it does not matter whether the points were assigned for violations involving the District vehicle, or the employee's personal vehicle. If the DMV changes its point system to reflect an upward or downward adjustment, or adds to or deletes violations currently listed, the Plan shall be adjusted in the same manner.

Covered employees are required to report all infractions in their personal vehicles, as well as District vehicles. Failure to do so may result in additional points, which increases the potential for disciplinary action.

VIOLATION CATEGORIES:

The following is a list of violations and the number of points to be assigned. It is understood that neither a citation from a law enforcement officer nor a conviction of a traffic offense/crime is necessarily required for a determination that points be assessed by the District.

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. At-fault incident driving a District vehicle, involving any other vehicle and/or physical property resulting in damage of less than \$500 but more than \$100 whether or not students are on board (without citation)	1
2. At-fault accident driving a District vehicle, involving any other vehicle and/or physical property resulting in damage of \$500 or more, whether or not students are on board. (without citation) *	3
3. Improper backing	3
4. Crossing private property to avoid a traffic control device (traffic light, stop sign, etc.)	3
5. Failure to observe any traffic control device or sign	4
6. Improper lane change	3
7. Failure to have vehicle under control	3
8. Careless driving	3
9. Driving on wrong side of road when no extenuating circumstances exist	3
10. Improper turn	3
11. Failure to yield-entering through highway	3
12. Failure to yield right-of-way	3
13. Speeding-15 miles per hour or less over legal limit	3
14. Following too close	3
15. Improper passing	3
16. Driving wrong way on a one-way street	3
17. Any other moving violation not listed herein	3
18. Reckless driving	4
19. Speeding-more than 15 miles per hour over legal limit	4
20. Passing a school bus when red lights are flashing and when the stop arm is out	4
21. At-fault accident (citation required)	4
22. Unlawful speeding resulting in accident	6
23. Failure to stop or yield the right-of-way at a railroad crossing	6
24. Failure to report an accident or any violation involving District vehicle by the end of your work shift*	**
25. Failure to report accident or any other violation involving personal vehicle within 72 hours of their next scheduled work day*	**
26. Leaving the scene of an accident	6
27. Driving while impaired (DWI), driving under the influence (alcohol or narcotics/drugs), or driving with unlawful blood alcohol level (DUBAL)	10

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Points</u>
28. Knowingly driving a District and/or personal vehicle without a valid driver's license or with improper license (revoked or suspended)	10
29. Failure to report immediately to the supervisor a known revocation or suspension of driver's license	10
30. Falsification of an accident report	10
31. At-fault accident resulting in fatality	10
32. Failure to observe any other established driving law or regulation	***
* Revised per agreement between OCPS and OESPA, dated February 25, 1998 This covers all accidents/violations, whether or not they are listed herein. Reporting must be to the immediate supervisor or his/her designee. Time limits may be waived only when extenuating circumstances exist.	
** The same number of points as the violation not reported will be assigned.	
*** Points will be assessed in the manner used by the Florida Division of Motor Vehicles	

REVIEW:

Upon request by the employee, a joint committee of peers and managers shall be convened to review violations covered by items 1, 2, 24, 25 and 28 above, as well as any other violations for which no citation is given.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

The following forms of disciplinary action will be taken based upon the accumulation of points within the specified time period. It is understood that counseling, remedial training, and/or defensive driving may be required at the discretion of the District.

<u>Number of Points</u>	<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Disciplinary Action</u>
1. 2-3 points within	24-month period	Verbal reprimand
2. 4-5 points within	24-month period	Written reprimand
3. 6-7 points within	24-month period	One day suspension without pay
4. 8-9 points within	24-month period	Three day suspension without pay
5. 10 points within	12-month period	Dismissal
6. 10-13 points within	24- month period	Five day suspension without pay
7. 14 points within	24-month period	Dismissal

It is understood that implementation of the above does not in any way preclude the taking of disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, for violations not specifically listed in this Safe Driver Plan, nor for violation of any expressed work rule, order, policy and/or reasonable management expectation. The School Board reserves the right to take disciplinary action up to and including dismissal when it considers the offense serious enough, especially when the occupants' safety and welfare are at risk, and/or in cases of restriction, suspension or revocation of a driver's license.

Employees who are dismissed under this Safe Driver Plan may re-apply for employment into non-driving positions. However, there shall be no obligation on the part of the School Board to provide employment in another position.

ADMINISTRATION:

Overall administration of this Safe Driver Plan is the responsibility of each deputy/associate superintendent or his/her designee. Documentation received from the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles will be received by the Transportation Department and forwarded to the applicable work location. Each work location will be responsible for maintenance of records and any necessary follow-up action.

PRINT YOUR FULL NAME: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NO.: _____



I hereby acknowledge receipt of this SAFE DRIVER PLAN established by the School Board of Orange County in regard to accidents, driving violations and District regulations, and understand that I am responsible for reading and understanding its contents. I also understand that my personal driving record will be considered as part of this SAFE DRIVER PLAN.

Date

Signature

Work location name/number

SSN

APPENDIX F

Safe Driver Plan

Non-Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act (Non-OTETA) Employees

INTRODUCTION:

The School Board of Orange County wishes to ensure that it provides the safest means of transportation possible for its students and employees, and for this purpose has adopted this Safe Driver Plan. Every employee covered by this plan is expected to establish and maintain a valid Florida driver's license.

WHO IS COVERED:

This Safe Driver Plan covers all employees who operate a District owned/leased vehicle, hereinafter referred to as a District vehicle. One facet of this plan involves the monitoring of the driving records of these employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Safe Driver Plan is effective at the date of ratification by the parties.

HOW THE PLAN WORKS:

All Non-OTETA employees driving a county vehicle will be issued a county permit based on a current and valid Florida driver's license. This Safe Driver Plan shall reflect the same point system as that used by the Florida Division of Motor Vehicles, hereinafter referred to as the DMV. If the DMV changes its point system to reflect an upward or downward adjustment, or adds to or deletes violation currently listed, the Plan shall be adjusted in the same manner. Covered employees are required to report any citations in their district vehicles at the time of the occurrence, no later than the end of their duty day. Accidents in a district vehicle must be reported immediately to the work location supervisor/designee.

VIOLATION CATEGORIES:

The following is used by the DMV and will be used by the District:

- 12 points within 12 months—30 days suspension of license
- 18 points within 18 months—3 months suspension of license
- 24 points within 24 months—1 year suspension of license

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

Employees, whose license are suspended, cancelled or revoked, must forfeit their county permit to their supervisor. If the employee's job description requires a valid Florida driver's license in order to perform their duties and their license is suspended, cancelled or revoked, the loss of driving privileges will result in the following:

APPENDIX G

Memorandum(s) of Understanding (MOUs) and Letter(s) of Understanding

The following pages include the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Letters of Understanding (LOUs) executed by the parties.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #10
Transportation Combo Routes
August 9, 2023

Timeframe for Combo Routes Program for 2023-24

The Combo Routes Pilot Program will begin August 10, 2023, and expires May 24, 2024.

Definition of Combo Route:

A bus driver or bus monitor is entitled to combo pay at the direction of a manager, section lead or dispatcher, in one of the following circumstances:

- Driver absence
- Delay greater than twenty (20) minutes
- Bus breakdown
- Accident
- Open Route/No assigned driver
- Other circumstance deemed to be an emergency, as determined by a manager

The following circumstances do not apply:

- Double Backs which are a regular part of a driver's/monitor's bid awarded or assigned route
- Field Trips
- Middays
- After School Programs
- Saturday School

Eligible Positions

Combo pay is awarded when a bus operator or bus monitor transports students outside of his/her bid awarded route, for the circumstances outlined above. In the event a bus monitor's bid awarded route becomes a "monitor not required" route and the bus monitor does not secure a "monitor required" route during subsequent bid periods, the monitor will remain on the original bid awarded route. The bus monitor must bid on a monitor-required route at the next scheduled bid.

Driver Trainers and CDL Examiners who transport students for the circumstances outlined above are eligible for combo pay as defined below, if they transport students outside their assigned route for the day.

Temporary bus operators are defined as: new drivers assigned a route after a bid period, new bus operators who were not successful during a bid period, or bus operators whose route is deleted. These drivers are eligible for combo pay as defined above.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #10
Transportation Combo Routes
August 9, 2023

Assignment of Employees

Bus operators, bus monitors, driver trainers and CDL examiners shall only be assigned combo routes by a manager, section lead (as approved by a manager) or Dispatch (emergencies only with subsequent approval by a manager).

Bus operators and bus monitors must keep one or more of their assigned runs in order to be eligible for combo pay.

Compensation

Compensation shall be paid at a flat fee of \$25 for morning combo(s) routes and/or \$25 for afternoon combo(s) routes with a maximum of \$50 per day.

Method of Payment

Bus operators, bus monitors, driver trainers and CDL examiners shall submit the completed TS-7B to his/her manager at the end of the last day of each work week (Wednesday) or no later than the end of the next business day (Thursday). Failure to timely submit the TS-7B may result in a delay in payment.

Training

Management agrees to provide implementation training for all relevant parties prior to implementation of the combo routes pilot program.

Review of 2023-24 Combo Routes Pilot Program

The parties agree to meet to review implementation of the 2023-24 Combo Routes Program 30, 60, and 120 days after initial implementation. Through mutual agreement, the parties may modify this pilot program based on the implementation review.

This MOU expires June 30, 2024.

For School Board of Orange County, Florida:

For Orange Education Support Professionals
Association:



Leigh Ann Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations



Ronald Pollard
President

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #11
Mentor Program for School Secretary and School Secretary/Bookkeeper
Positions
August 9, 2023

Previously, the District advised OESPA of the District's intent to implement a mentor program for the school secretary and school secretary/bookkeeper positions. The implementation of this program is in response to the number of employees in these positions with less than two (2) years of experience in the role. Currently, 36.6 percent (36.6%) of employees in these positions have less than two (2) years of experience. The initial implementation occurred during the later months of the 2022-23 school year.

The District will seek volunteers in the same positions with at least five (5) years of experience in the position. The mentoring activities will focus on several areas including Kelly Education and substitutes, payroll, human resources, budget/finance, internal accounts (school secretary/bookkeeper only), procurement, grants, operations, and communications within the school and with external customers.

The District will provide a stipend to the volunteer mentors based on the time spent mentoring those new to the roles of school secretary and school secretary/bookkeeper. A mentor may have no more than two (2) mentees. The mentors and mentees will complete a log outlining the type (telephone, email, Microsoft Teams or face-to-face) and time spent for each mentoring session. The mentor will submit the completed logs on a biweekly basis to the designated learning community contact who will calculate the time spent. Total time for mentor/mentee sessions shall be limited to two and one-half (2 ½) hours per week. For each two and one-half hours (2 ½) spent in mentoring activities, the mentor will receive \$35. The stipend is retroactive to the implementation of the mentor program for the 2023-24 school year.

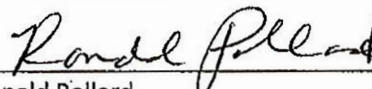
This MOU expires June 30, 2024.

For School Board of Orange County, Florida:

For Orange Education Support Professionals
Association:



Leigh Ann Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations



Ronald Pollard
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August 9, 2023

Mr. Ron Pollard, President
Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (OESPA)
5122 Edgewater Drive, Suite 100
Orlando, Florida 32810

RE: Interpreter Services

Dear Mr. Pollard:

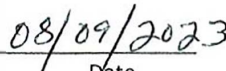
Pursuant to our discussion on July 26, 2023, the School Board of Orange County, Florida (hereinafter the "District") provides this Letter of Understanding (LOU) to the Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (hereinafter the "Union"). This document memorializes our discussion during bargaining with respect to the interpreter services working group. The District and the Union mutually agree to the following:

- Within five (5) days of execution of this LOU, the District and the Union will identify committee representatives to include equal members of the District and the Union including the District's Chief Negotiator and the Union President to serve as co-chairs
 - Number of committee representatives will not exceed five (5) members for each party; the co-chairs are in addition to the five (5) representatives identified by the parties
 - Schedule meeting days/times between the parties
- The first meeting shall be no later than September 8, 2023
- Meet to discuss interpreter services needed by parents/legal guardians and the community
- Discuss strategies for providing interpreter services needed by parents/legal guardians and the community
- Prepare recommendations for review and evaluation by the OESPA Collaborative Bargaining Leadership Team (CBLT) by March 29, 2024
- This LOU expires June 30, 2024

Regards,

LeighAnn Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations


Union


Date


District


Date



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August 9, 2023

Mr. Ron Pollard, President
Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (OESPA)
5122 Edgewater Drive, Suite 100
Orlando, Florida 32810

RE: Safe Driver Plan

Dear Mr. Pollard:

Pursuant to our discussion on July 24, 2023, the School Board of Orange County, Florida (hereinafter the "District") provides this Letter of Understanding (LOU) to the Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (hereinafter the "Union"). This document memorializes our discussion during bargaining with respect to the Safe Driver Plan as outlined in Appendix E. The District and the Union mutually agree to the following:

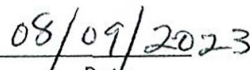
- Within five (5) days of execution of this LOU, the District and the Union will identify committee representatives to include equal members of the District and the Union including the District's Chief Negotiator and the Union President to serve as co-chairs
 - Number of committee representatives will not exceed five (5) members for each party; the co-chairs are in addition to the five (5) representatives identified by the parties
 - Schedule meeting days/times between the parties
- The first meeting shall be no later than September 1, 2023
- Meet to make recommendations for revision of Appendix E, Safe Driver Plan, OTETA
 - Address impact of lack of citations
 - Identify process for assessment of points
- Develop proposed revisions to the Safe Driver Plan, OTETA for presentation to Collaborative Bargaining Leadership Team
- This LOU expires June 30, 2024

Participation in this committee does not waive any bargaining rights for either party.

Regards,

LeighAnn Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations


Union


Date


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August 9, 2023

Mr. Ron Pollard, President
Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (OESPA)
5122 Edgewater Drive, Suite 100
Orlando, Florida 32810

RE: School-Based Security Positions Allocation and Responsibilities

Dear Mr. Pollard:

Pursuant to our discussion on July 24, 2023, the School Board of Orange County, Florida (hereinafter the "District") provides this Letter of Understanding (LOU) to the Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (hereinafter the "Union"). This document memorializes our discussion during bargaining with respect to the school-based security positions allocation and responsibilities working group. The District and the Union mutually agree to the following:

- Within five (5) days of execution of this LOU, the District and the Union will identify committee representatives to include equal members of the District and the Union including the District's Chief Negotiator and the Union President to serve as co-chairs
 - Number of committee representatives will not exceed five (5) members for each party; the co-chairs are in addition to the five (5) representatives identified by the parties
 - Schedule meeting days/times between the parties
- The first meeting shall be no later than September 15, 2023
- Meet to discuss statutory and District requirements for school safety
- Discuss strategies for developing school-based security position allocations and responsibilities
- Prepare recommendations for District Executive Leadership for future security positions allocations and responsibilities by December 31, 2023
- This LOU expires June 30, 2024

Regards,

LeighAnn Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations



Union

Date



District

8/9/2023

Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #12
Mental Health Parity for 2023-24
August 21, 2023

In 2010, the District opted-out of complying with the Mental Health Parity Act. The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023 requires implementation of Mental Health; however, the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the delayed implementation until the 2024-25 plan year because of a two-year bargaining agreement.

Cigna has offered to add Total Behavioral Health effective October 1, 2023, which would comply with Mental Health Parity.

The current copayments and coinsurance will remain the same; however, the current limitations for outpatient visits and autism coverage will be eliminated effective October 1, 2023.

Currently, the mental/behavioral health benefits include the following:

- Visits 1-5: \$0 copay
- Visits 6-10: \$10 copay
- Visits 11-20: \$20 copay
- Visits 21+: no coverage
- Therapeutic services for autism have an annual/lifetime cap

The new program includes the following:

- Visits 1-5: same as current program
- Visits 6-10: same as current program
- Visits 11+: \$20 copay with no cap on number of visits
- No annual/lifetime cap for therapeutic services for autism

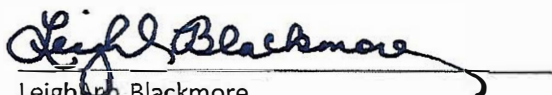
There is no increase to premiums for these plan changes.

This Memorandum of Understanding expires September 30, 2024. The District health plan will continue to comply with Mental Health Parity after the expiration date.

Execution of this MOU is contingent on execution by all bargaining units.

For School Board of Orange County, Florida:

For Orange Education Support Professionals
Association:



Leigh Ann Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations



Ronald Pollard
President

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #13
Transportation Perfect Attendance Bonus
August 29, 2023

To incent Bus Operators* and Bus Monitors to achieve perfect attendance, which ultimately ensures the reliable transport of the students of OCPS to and from school, the Transportation Department conducted a three-year pilot of the Perfect Attendance Bonus, hereafter referred to as "Bonus". The purpose of this Bonus was to decrease absenteeism, reward perfect attendance and retain Bus Operators and Bus Monitors. The District wishes to extend this pilot Bonus program for the 2023-24 school year.

The description and eligibility criteria of this Bonus are outlined below:

- This Bonus program is an additional one-year pilot. It will commence with the first marking period of the 2023-24 school year. It will sunset on the last duty day of the fourth marking period for the 2023-24 school year
- The Transportation Department will evaluate this pilot program at the end of the 2023-24 school year
- The total amount of the Bonus will not exceed \$1,500, payable after the employee's last paycheck of the school year
- The ability to earn the \$1,500 Bonus will be divided into four (4) marking periods. These marking periods shall be defined by the school calendar
- For each marking period where the employee has perfect attendance, s/he will receive \$300. If the employee achieves perfect attendance for all four (4) quarters, the employee will receive an additional \$300 bonus for the year. To be eligible for the end-of-year, \$300 bonus, the employee must have perfect attendance for all four marking periods
- Perfect attendance calculations will be re-set at the end of each marking period to allow Bus Operators and Bus Monitors four (4) opportunities throughout the school year to earn up to \$1,500
- The calculation for perfect attendance shall begin on the first day of the first marking period and end on the last day of the last marking period for the school year. New employees will have to complete a full marking period with perfect attendance to receive a bonus
- To receive this Bonus, Bus Operators and Bus Monitors must remain in an active driver and/or monitor position for the entire marking period. They must be in an active employment status when the Bonus is paid to receive the Bonus
- Absences that will NOT count against perfect attendance are limited to:
 - Jury Duty Leave
 - Court Subpoenaed Leave
 - Military Leave
 - District Sponsored Temporary Duty Elsewhere, TDY (i.e. Emerging Leaders Academy)
 - Union Leave
 - Discretionary Leave (Superintendent approved or Districtwide Shutdown)
 - Bereavement Leave (with proper documentation from the employee before the bonus is paid)
 - Light Duty (Worker's Comp)
 - High School, College, University or Technical College Graduation Ceremonies (where the Bus Operator or Bus Monitor is the parent or legal guardian of the graduate)

All other leave will count as an absence and the employee will be ineligible for the Bonus for the marking period in which the leave was taken.

* Bus Operators shall include: Bus Operators, CDL Examiners, Driver Trainers, and Bus Operators, Sub-Relief

This MOU expires June 30, 2024.

For School Board of Orange County, Florida:



Leigh Ann Blackmore, Director, Labor Relations

For Orange Education Support Professionals

Association:


Ronald Pollard, President

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #13
Transportation Perfect Attendance Bonus
August 29, 2023

CBLT Members:

<p><i>Alpha Pollard</i></p> <p><i>Mylande Anderson</i></p> <p><i>Maryann Colon</i></p> <p><i>Theresa</i></p> <p><i>Theresa Hartin Mills</i></p> <p><i>Ernest Jean Bzeta</i></p>	<p><i>John X. [unclear]</i></p> <p><i>Garrison Jean Charles</i></p> <p><i>Clyde [unclear]</i></p> <p><i>[unclear]</i></p> <p><i>[unclear]</i></p> <p><i>[unclear]</i></p>

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #14
Transportation Safe Driver Bonus
August 29, 2023

To encourage safe driving habits both on the job and in private vehicles, which ultimately ensures the reliable transport of the students of OCPS to and from school, the Transportation Department wishes to continue implementation of a Safe Driver Bonus Program for the 2023-24 school year. The purpose of this Bonus is to reward Bus Operators, CDL Examiners, Driver Trainers and Bus Operators, Sub-Relief for practicing safe driving habits. The District wishes to provide this Bonus program for the 2023-24 school year.

The description and eligibility criteria of this Bonus are outlined below:

- This Bonus program is a one-year pilot. It will commence with the first marking period of the 2023-24 school year. It will sunset on the last duty day of the fourth marking period for the 2023-24 school year
- The Transportation Department will evaluate this pilot program at the end of the 2023-24 school year
- The total amount of the Bonus will not exceed \$300, payable after the employee's last paycheck of the school year
- The ability to earn the \$300 Bonus will be divided into four (4) marking periods. These marking periods shall be defined by the school calendar
- For each marking period where the employee accrues zero points and/or discipline under the Safe Driver Plan, s/he will receive \$50. If the employee accrues zero points and/or discipline under the Safe Driver Plan for all four (4) quarters, the employee will receive an additional \$100 bonus for the year. To be eligible for the end-of-year, \$100 bonus, the employee must accrue zero points and/or discipline for all four marking periods
- Safe Driver Bonus calculations will be re-set at the end of each marking period to allow Bus Operators, CDL Examiners, Driver Trainers and Bus Operators, Sub-Relief four (4) opportunities throughout the school year to earn up to \$300
- The calculation for the Safe Driver Bonus shall begin on the first day of the first marking period and end on the last day of the last marking period for the school year. New employees will have to complete a full marking period with zero points and/or discipline to receive a bonus
- To receive this Bonus, Bus Operators, CDL Examiners, Driver Trainers and Bus Operators, Sub-Relief must remain in an active driver position for the entire marking period. They must be in an active employment status when the Bonus is paid to receive the Bonus

This MOU expires June 30, 2024.

For School Board of Orange County, Florida:



LeighAnn Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations

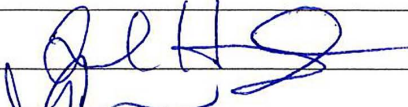
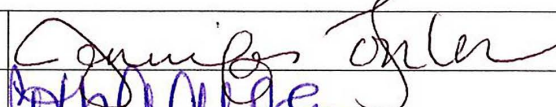
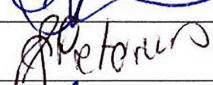
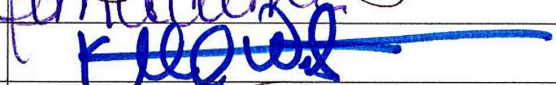

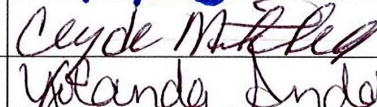
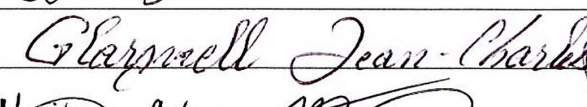
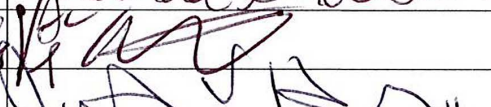

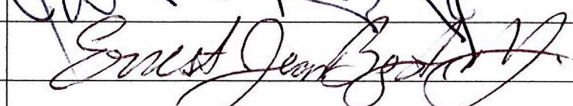
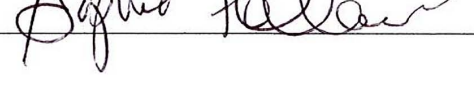
For Orange Education Support Professionals
Association:



Ronald Pollard
President

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #14
Transaportation Safe Driver Bonus
August 29, 2023

CBLT Members:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #15
Sustainability Champion Recognition Program for 2023-24
August 29, 2023

The OCPS Office of Sustainability works to inspire action among staff and students to improve the environment, reduce district costs, and make a positive social impact in our community. The OCPS Sustainability Plan 2030 provides the overarching tool to organize and communicate the objectives, indicators and strategies necessary for the district to achieve its sustainability goals.

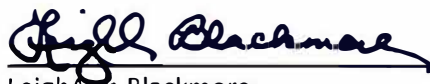
In an effort to reach these goals, the District established the Sustainability Champion Recognition Program. Employees nominate an individual or a team by submitting an application for recognition through a Google Form. The Sustainability Office evaluated the nominations and identified four (4) recipients for recognition as Sustainability Champions. Based on this evaluation, recipients will receive monetary awards as follows:

1st Place	\$3,000.00 *
2nd Place	\$2,000.00 *
3rd Place	\$1,000.00 *
4th Place	\$500.00 *

* The amount noted will be reduced by the employer portion of the FICA and Medicare taxes. The remaining amount is considered a bonus and will be subject to employee taxes including Federal withholding, FICA and Medicare.

This MOU expires June 30, 2024.

For School Board of Orange County, Florida:



LeighAnn Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations

For Orange Education Support Professionals
Association:



Ronald Pollard
President

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #15
Sustainability Champion Recognition Program for 2023-24
August 29, 2023

CBLT Members:

Angela Pallard	W. S. Hight
Yolanda Anderson	Clyde Mitchell
Marlyn Colon	FLORIAN
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Theresa Hester Miles	J. L. H.
Ernest Gomboto	



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August 29, 2023

Mr. Ron Pollard, President
Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (OESPA)
5122 Edgewater Drive, Suite 100
Orlando, Florida 32810

RE: Adjustment to Transportation Restrictions in Individual Education Plans

Dear Mr. Pollard:

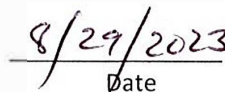
Pursuant to our discussion on July 26, 2023, the School Board of Orange County, Florida (hereinafter the "District") provides this Letter of Understanding (LOU) to the Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (hereinafter the "Union"). This document memorializes our discussion during bargaining with respect to the adjustment to transportation restrictions in Individual Education Plans (IEPs). The District and the Union mutually agree to the following:

- Any adjustments in transportation restrictions including but not limited to removal of a bus monitor and/or restraints, school personnel will secure input from Transportation Services prior to the IEP meeting
- Transportation Services will provide to the Executive Leader, Exceptional Student Education, a list of contacts for school personnel to secure input prior to IEP meetings
- In the event an employee believes a change in transportation restrictions is inappropriate, the employee may contact the Exceptional Student Education department

Regards,

LeighAnn Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations


Union


Date


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Date



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August 29, 2023

Mr. Ron Pollard, President
Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (OESPA)
5122 Edgewater Drive, Suite 100
Orlando, Florida 32810

RE: Custodial Allocations at Elementary Schools

Dear Mr. Pollard:

Pursuant to our discussion on July 24, 2023, the School Board of Orange County, Florida (hereinafter the "District") provides this Letter of Understanding (LOU) to the Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (hereinafter the "Union"). This document memorializes our discussion during bargaining with respect to custodial allocations to elementary schools. The District and the Union mutually agree to the following:

- §447.209, Florida Statutes, provides that it is the right of a public employer to set standards of services
- These standards of service include the allocation of positions across the organization
- As of July 1, 2023, the District allocates a minimum of four (4) custodial positions to each elementary school regardless of square footage
- To the extent the District reduces the current allocation, the District will provide timely notification to the Union of such change

Regards,

LeighAnn Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations

Ronald Pollard
Union

8/29/2023
Date

LeighAnn Blackmore
District

8/29/2023
Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #16

**Stipend for Educational Captionist & Sign Language Interpreter Levels 1, 2 and 3
August 29, 2023**

The District, like much of the nation, is experiencing a shortage of Educational Captionist & Sign Language Interpreter (Levels 1, 2, and 3) which impacts the services provided to students.


To offset the additional work related to the shortage, the District will provide a stipend in the amount of \$3,500(Level 1), \$5,000(Level 2) and \$6,500(Level 3) for the 2023-24 school year.

The stipend will be paid bi-weekly and is retroactive to the employee’s first duty day of the 2023-24 school year.

This MOU expires June 30, 2024.

For School Board of Orange County, Florida:

For Orange Education Support Professionals
Association:



LeighAnn Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations

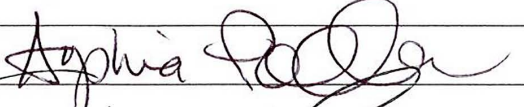
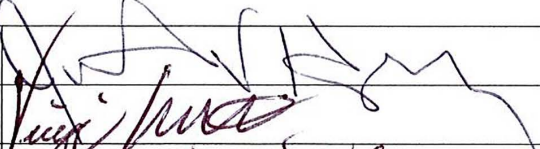
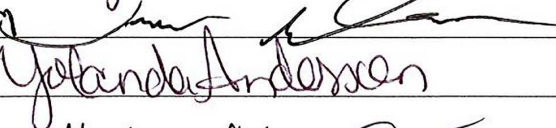
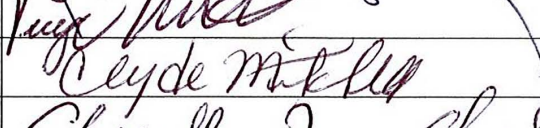
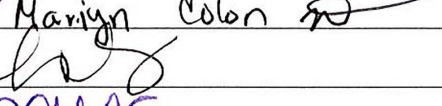

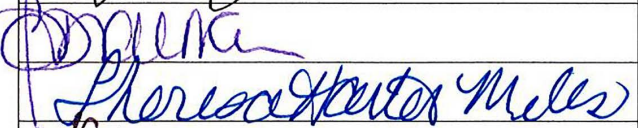
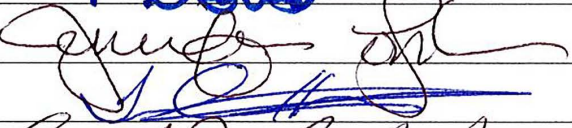
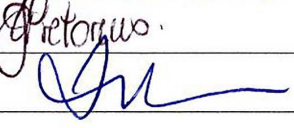


Ronald Pollard
President

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #16

Stipend for Educational Captionist & Sign Language Interpreter Levels 1, 2 and 3
August 29, 2023

CBLT Members:



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August 29, 2023

Mr. Ron Pollard, President
Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (OESPA)
5122 Edgewater Drive, Suite 100
Orlando, Florida 32810

RE: Communication Clarifying Intent of Article IX.A.1.c.


Dear Mr. Pollard:

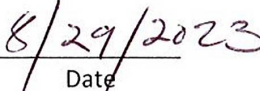
Pursuant to our discussion on July 24, 2023, the School Board of Orange County, Florida (hereinafter the "District") provides this Letter of Understanding (LOU) to the Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (hereinafter the "Union"). This document memorializes our discussion during bargaining with respect to the application of the language contained within Article IX.A.1.c. The District and the Union mutually agree to the following:

- At the start of the first, and prior to the second, third and fourth marking periods of the 2023-24 school year, the District will issue a memorandum to principals and assistant principals outlining the parties intent with respect to the application of the language contained within Article IX.A.1.c
- The District will share a copy of the communications with the Union
- This LOU expires June 30, 2024

Regards,

LeighAnn Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations


Union


Date


District


Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #17
Sign-On and Referral Bonuses for Select Positions
August 29, 2023

The Orange Education Support Professionals Association, the Orange County School Board and the Superintendent recognize the difficulty experienced in filling select positions within the support employee group. In response, the parties agree to provide sign-on bonuses in the designated amounts for all new hires in the select positions and referral bonuses for any current classified employee who refers a new hire in the select positions.

Sign-On Bonus

Provide a \$2,000 sign-on bonus for new hires in the following select positions: bus operator; educational captionist, sign language interpreter I; educational captionist, sign language interpreter II; and educational captionist, sign language interpreter III; school food service assistant I; school food service assistant II; school food service assistant III; and school food service assistant lead.

Provide a \$3,000 sign-on bonus for new hires in the following select positions: fleet technician I; fleet technician II; fleet technician III; and fleet technician IV.

Referral Bonus

Provide a \$200 referral bonus to any current classified employee who refers new hires in the following select positions: bus operator; educational captionist, sign language interpreter I; educational captionist, sign language interpreter II; and educational captionist, sign language interpreter III; school food service assistant I; school food service assistant II; school food service assistant III; and school food service assistant lead.

Provide a \$300 referral bonus to any current classified employee who refers new hires in the following select positions: fleet technician I; fleet technician II; fleet technician III; and fleet technician IV.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #17
Sign-On and Referral Bonuses for Select Positions
August 29, 2023

Distribution of Bonuses

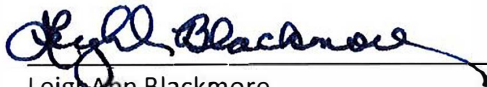
The sign-on bonuses will be distributed to all eligible, full-time, benefited support personnel hired in the select positions identified above between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. The bonus will be distributed in two (2) equal payments following (1) completion of the onboarding and training requirements and (2) at the end of the school year, if still employed. For those hired on or after March 1, 2024, those new hires will receive the second payment in January 2025. All eligible, full-time, benefited support personnel must have an active employment status on the date the bonus is paid.

The referral bonuses will be distributed to any classified employee who refers a new hire for the select positions. The District will commence distribution of the referral bonuses no later than November 1, 2023. The referral bonuses will be paid on the same schedule as the sign-on bonuses.

This MOU expires June 30, 2024.

For School Board of Orange County, Florida:

For Orange Education Support Professionals
Association:



Leigh Ann Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations



Ronald Pollard
President

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #17
Sign-On and Referral Bonuses for Select Positions
August 29, 2023

CBLT Members:

John	John
Alphaillard	Andrew
Vince Miller	Yulanda Andersen
Marilyn Colon	Glennell Jean - Charles
Clyde Mitchell	Bob
Ernest Jean Sptov	BOUNCE
Theresa Horton	KLAW
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November 9, 2023

Mr. Ron Pollard, President
Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (OESPA)
5122 Edgewater Drive, Suite 100
Orlando, Florida 32810

RE: 2023-24 Wage Increases and Health Insurance Benefits

Dear Mr. Pollard:


Pursuant to our discussion on November 9, 2023, the School Board of Orange County, Florida (hereinafter the "District") provides this Letter of Understanding (LOU) to the Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (hereinafter the "Union"). This document memorializes our discussion during bargaining with respect to the 2023-24 Wage Increases and Health Insurance Benefits. The District and the Union agree to the following:

- In the event that another bargaining unit receives a wage increase greater than nine percent (9%) of payroll for the 2023-24 School Year, the parties agree to provide the same increase to eligible classified employees
- This LOU excludes promotional increases within OCPS and any other increases due to an internal position change
- This LOU excludes any contractual obligation with any other bargaining unit relative to supplements
- In the event that the District implements health insurance changes other than those negotiated with OESPA, the parties agree to implement those same health insurance changes for eligible classified employees
- This LOU expires June 30, 2024

Regards,

LeighAnn Blackmore, MHR
Director, Labor Relations


Union


Date:


District


Date:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #18
Bonus for Select Classified Personnel Assigned to Self-Contained Classrooms
November 9, 2023

The parties recognize the many challenges faced by classified personnel assigned in the ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and EBD (Emotional/Behavioral Disability) self-contained units. Among these challenges are the ability to address behaviors exhibited by the students. To address these challenges:

- any classified employee regularly assigned to a self-contained unit with at least one student identified as ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) or EBD (Emotional/Behavioral Disability) will receive a one-time \$2,000 bonus.

All eligible classified employees must have an active employment status on the date the bonus is paid, except those employees who retire between the date of execution of the memorandum of understanding and the date(s) of payout who otherwise are eligible to receive the bonus will be included. This bonus will be prorated for classified personnel who begin after the first day of attendance for students or who retire prior to the last day of attendance for students. The date of distribution to be determined within fifteen (15) days of execution of this MOU.

This MOU expires June 30, 2024.

For School Board of Orange County, Florida:

For Orange Education Support Professionals
Association:



Leigh Ann Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations



Ronald Pollard
President

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #18
Bonus for Select Classified Personnel Assigned to Self-Contained Classrooms
November 9, 2023

CBLT Members:

<i>Ernest Jean Bostick Jr.</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>Mariyam Colon</i>	<i>Jalandra Anderson</i>
<i>Sophia Pollard</i>	<i>Ashley Pollard</i>
<i>Melissa Griffith</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
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<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Stephen Ray</i>
<i>Clyde Mitchell</i>	<i>Rivers Lewis</i>
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<i>Scott Lindsey</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>



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November 9, 2023

Mr. Ron Pollard, President
Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (OESPA)
5122 Edgewater Drive, Suite 100
Orlando, Florida 32810

RE: Paraprofessionals/Program Assistants Assigned to Magnolia School and Silver Pines Academy K-12

Dear Mr. Pollard:

Pursuant to our discussion on November 9, 2023, the School Board of Orange County, Florida (hereinafter the "District") provides this Letter of Understanding (LOU) to the Orange Educational Support Professionals Association (hereinafter the "Union"). This document memorializes our discussion during bargaining with respect to Paraprofessionals/Program Assistants Assigned to Magnolia School and Silver Pines Academy K-12. The District and the Union mutually agree to the following:

- Within five (5) days of execution of this LOU, the District and the Union will identify committee representatives to include equal members of the District and the Union including the District's Chief Negotiator and the Union President to serve as co-chairs
 - Number of committee representatives will not exceed five (5) members for each party; the co-chairs are in addition to the five (5) representatives identified by the parties
 - Schedule meeting days/times between the parties
- The first meeting shall be no later than December 5, 2023
- Meet to discuss the services provided and students served at Magnolia School and Silver Pines Academy K-12
- Gain an understanding of the unique conditions at Magnolia School and Silver Pines Academy K-12
- Review the staffing models at Magnolia School and Silver Pines Academy K-12
- Develop strategies to address the unique needs/skills of paraprofessionals and program assistants assigned to Magnolia School and Silver Pines Academy K-12
- This LOU expires June 30, 2024

Participation in this committee does not waive any bargaining rights for either party.

Regards,

LeighAnn Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations


Union


Date


District


Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #19
Retention Bonus for Education Support Employees
November 9, 2023

Retention Bonus for Education Support Employees

The Orange Education Support Professionals Association, the Orange County School Board and the Superintendent recognize and value the work performed by the education support personnel of Orange County Public Schools and wish to demonstrate their appreciation by awarding educational support personnel with a four-year retention bonus. This bonus will be funded through the ESSER III/American Rescue Plan funding through 2023-24 and with General Funds for 2024-25.

This bonus as outlined below will be distributed to all eligible, education support personnel based on cumulative years of District employment in a benefited position with the District as of the initial date of payout for each year of the four-year program. All eligible, education support personnel must have an active employment status on the date(s) the bonus is paid. Those employees who retire between the date of execution of the memorandum of understanding and the date(s) of payout who otherwise are eligible to receive the bonus will be included.

The bonus is scheduled to be paid in four (4) annual installments. The District will distribute the bonus during the 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 school years. The dates of distribution are as follows, subject to ratification:

2021-22	First check of April depending on the employee's payroll cycle
2022-23	Mid-year 2022-23
2023-24	August 2023 *
2024-25	January 2025 depending on the employee's payroll cycle

For 2021-22 and 2022-23:

	2 – 4 Years	5 – 9 Years	10 – 14 Years	15 - 19 Years	20 - 24 Years	25 - 29 Years	30+ Years
Bonus	250	500	1,000	1,425	1,900	2,375	2,850

For 2023-24 * and 2024-25:

	2 – 4 Years	5 – 9 Years	10 – 14 Years	15 - 19 Years	20 - 24 Years	25 - 29 Years	30+ Years
Bonus	313	625	1,250	1,781	2,375	2,969	3,563

* Employees eligible for additional bonus dollars for 2023-24 will receive the additional bonus dollars in January 2024

Memorandum of Understanding #19 dated November 9, 2023, replaces Memorandum of Understanding #5 – AMENDED dated March 21, 2022, and reflects extension of the retention bonus program from 2023-24 to 2024-25.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #19
Retention Bonus for Education Support Employees
November 9, 2023

This MOU expires June 30, 2025.

For School Board of Orange County, Florida:

For Orange Education Support Professionals
Association:



Leigh Ann Blackmore
Director, Labor Relations



Ronald Pollard
President

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #19
Retention Bonus for Education Support Employees
November 9, 2023

CBLT Members:

<i>Ernest Leal Jr.</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>Marissa Colon</i>	<i>Yulanda Anderson</i>
<i>Angela [Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
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<i>Scott Lindsey</i>	

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ANNUAL WAGES: Amount earned in bargaining unit positions; hourly rate times the number of hours scheduled for the year.

ANNIVERSARY DATE: The date on which an employee was hired into a benefited position. For purposes of computing annual leave, the last day of the month during which the anniversary date falls shall be used.

BOARD (OR SCHOOL BOARD): Except where obvious by the context, appropriate administrative staff who may be delegated the authority and responsibility to implement this agreement.

DOMESTIC PARTNER: For insurance coverage purposes, a domestic partner shall meet the following criteria:

- a. Age eighteen (18) years of age or older
- b. Same Sex
- c. Not blood-related
- d. The length required joint financial responsibility and co-habitation is twelve (12) months. The length of co-habitation is waived for first time domestic partner applicants; however no domestic partner may be covered within twelve (12) months of another domestic partner being covered.

DIRECTIVE: A statement of performance expectation by an administrator and is not considered to be a form of discipline. After two years, at the request of the employee, a directive shall be appended with a notice that recency has expired.

EMPLOYEE: All employees in the bargaining unit as certified by Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC).

EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER ORGANIZATION HEALTH PLAN: A health plan that requires benefits to be provided within a specified network of facilities and providers. Coverage for out-of-network services is only provided for out-of-area emergencies.

FORMULARY DRUGS: A list of both generic and brand name drugs, within therapeutic categories that are preferred by the District's health plan. Preference is determined by the pharmacy benefit manager, who chooses formulary drugs that are medically safe and cost effective. A team including pharmacists and physicians meet to review the formulary and make changes as necessary.

JOB MARKET VALUE: The calculated midpoint of the paygrade range (minimum to maximum) which represents an approximation of the average hourly pay rate for the position based on external market comparisons and internal equity.

MD Live: A TeleMedicine Program offered by CIGNA that provides physician consultations for certain illnesses either by phone or by online video. Examples of minor, non-emergency conditions treatable under MD Live include, but are not limited to:

Adult Medical Conditions

Acne	Gout	Rashes
Allergies	Headache	Sinus infection
Bronchitis	Infections	Sore throat
Cold and flu	Joint aches and pains	Sunburn
Fever	Nausea and vomiting	Urinary tract infection
Gout	Pink eye	

Child Medical Conditions:

Cold and flu	Constipation
Ear infection	Fever
Nausea and vomiting	Pink eye

NEW EMPLOYEE: An employee who is hired or newly rehired to the District. The period an employee shall be considered new is from the date of hire through his/her anniversary date, presuming there is no break in service.

NON-FORMULARY DRUGS: Drugs that are not covered under the plan. Certain brand-name and non-formulary drugs may be provided at a participating network pharmacy if medical necessity has been determined by a pharmacy benefits management clinical therapeutic committee and the member's physician has provided documented usage and failure or an adverse reaction of generic and/or brand-name in formulary medications in order to verify medical necessity.

RELATED POSITION: A position within the same job family.

RETIREMENT:

Normal Retirement

FRS Pension Plan Members

Six (6) years of service and age 62 or at least 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age that apply for and receive distributions.

F.S. 121.021(29) (a) 1. 2. and F.S. 112.0801

FRS Investment Plan Members

Six (6) years of service and age 62 or at least 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age and eligible to receive distribution.

F.S. 121.021(29) (a) 1. 2. and F.S. 112.0801

Early Retirement

FRS Pension Plan Members

If you are vested and have not reached your normal retirement date, you may elect to take early retirement. If you do, the amount of your benefit will be reduced by 5 percent for each year between your age at retirement and your normal retirement age.

FS 121.021 (30)

FRS Investment Plan Members

Employees that are at least age 59 1/2 with six years of service or at least 30 years of service, regardless of age.

Vesting

F.S. 121.021 (45) (a)

The guarantee that a member is eligible to receive a future retirement benefit upon completion of the required years of creditable service for the employee's class of membership, even though the member may have terminated covered employment before reaching normal or early retirement date. (Pension plan six years or investment plan, one year for regular class)

SENIORITY (NON-TRANSPORTATION): The total length of continuous service with the Board in a benefited position, exclusive of long term leave(s) of absence. Seniority shall be district-wide.

SENIORITY (TRANSPORTATION): The total length of continuous service with the Board in a benefited position as a bus operator/monitor, exclusive of long term leaves(s) of absence. This definition shall only apply to bus operators and bus monitors and shall only be used for participating in the bid selection process. The definition of district wide seniority shall apply to all other seniority issues not pertaining to the bid selection process.

STUDENT HOLIDAY: A weekday during the student calendar year, when students are not required to be in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT: The Superintendent or District level personnel to whom the Superintendent may delegate a responsibility in this Contract.

SUPERVISOR: The non-unit managerial employee with supervisory responsibility over employees. Used synonymously with "principal."

TERMINAL PAY: Payment an employee receives upon retirement equal to their daily rate of pay multiplied by the number of days of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the formula in Article XVI.K.1.

WORK LOCATION: Work location is normally defined as the singular site where an employee reports to work at the start of the workday. For Facility Services Trades, Central Support and Food and Nutrition Services work location assignments may include the Magic Way center, or several sites within the geographic area assigned to an employee.

OCPS EEO Non-Discrimination Statement

The School Board of Orange County, Florida, does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities, on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other reason prohibited by law. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities.

The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies, reports of alleged violations, concerns about compliance and/or the grievance procedure(s), etc.:

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