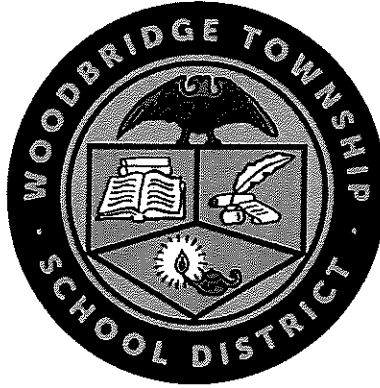




# **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS**

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**WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2028





EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND  
THE WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE PERIOD  
JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028





#### **PREAMBLE**

**This Agreement is entered into by and between the Board of Education of Woodbridge Township, New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Board" and the Woodbridge Township Education Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".**

#### **PURPOSE**

**The Board and the Association agree that the paramount purpose of this Agreement is the recognition of the rights and responsibilities of the parties concerned and formulation of procedures by which both parties may work together in good faith with regard to all matters of common concern. The Board and the Association further agree that the welfare of the children is a paramount concern in the operation of the Woodbridge Township School District and that quality education will be promoted to the fullest possible extent. The Board and the Association agree to protect the integrity of this Agreement to the fullest extent permitted by law.**





PART ONE  
COMMON PROVISIONS





## **PART ONE – COMMON PROVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **RECOGNITION**

##### **A. BARGAINING UNIT**

The Board recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all certified personnel, including teachers with provisional or emergency certification, school nurses, including the lead school nurse, all clerks and secretaries, all technical employees, all paraprofessionals, clerical aides, behavior technicians, school aides, bus attendants, athletic trainers and all attendance and transportation personnel, but excluding Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, Executive Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Executive and Confidential Secretaries to the Board Secretary, and Managerial Executives, Supervisors, and Discretionary Employees within the meaning of the Act, and all other employees.

##### **B. DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise indicated in this Agreement, terms shall be defined follows:

1. "Association" shall mean the Woodbridge Township Education Association or its designated representatives.
2. "Association Representative" shall mean the agent of the Association in any work location.
3. "Board" shall mean the Board of Education of Woodbridge Township or its designated representatives.
4. "Immediate Supervisor" shall mean the administrator of any work location.
5. "School" shall mean any work location.
6. In Part One of this Agreement, the term "Employee" shall include any member of the bargaining unit as established in Part One, I.A, except part-time health aides and school aides. It is agreed that school aides, part-time health aides, part-time paraprofessionals, clerical aides, and certified staff members whose work assignments are less than 51% of full-time certified employees are part-time employees, and they shall have no entitlement to health benefits as set forth in Part One, Article XIII (Insurance Protection). Part-time health aides and school aides shall be covered by the provisions of Part One, Article III (Grievance Procedure), Article IV (Rights of Employees), Article V (Rights, Responsibilities and Duties of the Association), Article VI (Board Rights), Article VII (Assignment and Promotion), Article VIII (Employee Files), Article XII (Protection of Employees and Property), Article XIV (Salary Payment Procedures), and Article XV (Miscellaneous Provisions).
7. Part-time non-certificated employees, with the exception of those part-time employees who are currently receiving Maximum Step, shall have no entitlement to Maximum Step.
8. The term "Teacher" shall include any member of the bargaining unit for certified personnel as certified by P.E.R.C. on November 15, 1983, except for per diem substitute teachers.
9. In Part Three of this Agreement, the term "Employee" shall include any member of the bargaining unit for transportation employees and attendance counselors as certified by P.E.R.C. on December 11, 1984, except as used in those provisions the application of which is clearly limited.
10. In Part Three of this Agreement, the term "Twelve-Month Employee" shall include all mechanics, attendance counselors and the district service manager.
11. In Part Three of this Agreement, the term "Ten-Month Employee" shall include bus drivers.

12. The term "Secretary" shall include any member of the bargaining unit for clerks and secretaries as certified by P.E.R.C. on December 6, 1984, as well as all Administrative Secretaries previously covered by the Agreement between the Board and the Association for the period July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1993.
13. In Part Five of this Agreement, the term "Employee" shall include any member of the bargaining unit for paraprofessionals as certified by P.E.R.C. on December 6, 1984, including health aides, clerical aides, and behavior technicians. The term "paraprofessional" shall include paraprofessionals and behavior technicians.
14. In Part Six of this Agreement, the term "Employee" shall include school aides, whose entitlements shall be limited to those specifically identified for those employees.
15. In Part Seven of this Agreement, the term "Employee" shall include the following: Webpage Technology and Video Production Coordinator; Field Support Technician; Webpage and Video Production Technician; and Computer Help Desk Coordinator.
16. "Service in Woodbridge" shall mean the total number of years of regular employment for the District in any combination of positions within this bargaining unit or in other contractual positions inclusive of any paid leaves of absence.
17. "District" shall mean the Woodbridge Township School District.
18. The masculine shall include the feminine; the feminine shall include the masculine.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **NEGOTIATION OF SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT**

#### **A. MEETINGS**

1. Negotiations shall begin no later than January 10 preceding the expiration of the Agreement.
2. Requests for meetings from the Association will be made to the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education.
3. Requests for meetings from the Superintendent or the Board will be made to the President of the Association or her/his designee.
4. When a request for a meeting has been made by either party, a mutually convenient date, time and place shall be set within one (1) workday of the date of request, such meeting to take place within seven (7) workdays.
5. Nothing in this Article shall preclude the parties from scheduling meetings in such manner and at such times as may be otherwise mutually agreed upon by the parties.
6. Every effort shall be made in the negotiations meetings to work toward agreement.
7. The location at which all regular and special meetings are held shall be determined at the time of the request for a meeting.
8. Employees (not to exceed seven in number) who, upon request of the Association, are excused by the Superintendent or the Board Secretary, where applicable, from their regular assignments for the purpose of attending and/or participating in negotiations meetings with representatives of the Board, shall suffer no loss of pay and benefits.

#### **B. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR NEGOTIATIONS**

All proposals and counterproposals submitted by either party in the course of negotiations shall be in writing.

### **C. CONDUCT OF NEGOTIATIONS**

1. Each party shall, upon reasonable request, furnish to the other party any available, pertinent non-confidential reports, statistics and general information concerning the District.
2. Competent professional and lay representatives or consultants may be used in negotiations by either party.
3. During negotiations, the Board and the Association will present relevant non-confidential data, exchange points of view, and make proposals and counterproposals.
4. Negotiations shall be conducted in closed sessions unless both parties agree to the contrary.
5. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a school district official from meeting with an employee organization for the purpose of hearing the views and requests of members of such organization so long as the Association is informed of the meeting and provided that any changes or modifications in terms and conditions of employment are made only through negotiations with the Association.
6. This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties.

### **D. AGREEMENT**

1. If a tentative Agreement is rejected by the Association, negotiations shall be reopened.
2. If a tentative Agreement is rejected by the Board, negotiations shall be reopened.
3. Once a written Agreement is adopted by the Association and the Board, it shall constitute a binding, legal and moral commitment on the part of both parties to do everything within their power to secure the implementation of the provisions of the Agreement.
4. Except as this Agreement shall hereinafter provide, all terms and conditions of employment applicable on the effective date of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, except that new rules or modifications of existing rules governing terms and conditions of employment shall be negotiated with the Association before they are established.
5. Employees shall comply with all existing rules, which are not in conflict with the terms of this Agreement, provided the rules are uniformly applied. Any claims involving discrimination in the application of new or existing rules shall be resolved through the grievance procedure.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

#### **A. DEFINITIONS**

1. A "grievance" is a claim by an employee, or the Association based upon the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of this Agreement, policies or administrative decisions and practices affecting an employee's terms and conditions of employment.
2. Non-tenured employees shall not have recourse to the grievance procedure regarding non-renewal in a tenurable position.
3. For purposes of this Article, the term "employee" shall also mean a group of employees having the same grievance, or the Association. In the case of a health aide or school aide, the decision of the Board shall be final.
4. A grievance to be considered must be initiated by the employee within thirty (30) calendar days of its known occurrence, unless during summer recess, in which case it is to be initiated by September 15 or within thirty (30) calendar days of its known occurrence, whichever comes later.

## **B. PROCEDURE**

1. An employee with a grievance shall first discuss it with her/his immediate supervisor either directly or through the Association's designated representative with the objective of resolving the matter informally.
2. If the aggrieved employee is not satisfied with the disposition of her/his grievance after having discussed it with her/his immediate supervisor, or if no decision has been rendered within five (5) school days after presentation of the grievance, s/he may file the grievance in writing with the Association. The Association may submit the grievance to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) school days. No grievance may be processed under this procedure at this level, or at any higher level, without the written approval of the Association.
3. If the aggrieved employee is not satisfied with the disposition of her/his grievance by the Superintendent or if no decision has been rendered within ten (10) school days after the grievance was delivered to the Superintendent s/he may request in writing that the Association submit the grievance to the Board within fifteen (15) school days. The Board or a committee thereof shall review the grievance and shall hold a hearing with the employee and render a decision in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the grievance by the Board or the date of the hearing with the employee, whichever comes later.
4. If the aggrieved employee is not satisfied with the decision of the Board, the Association may appeal the decision to binding arbitration. Notice of a demand for binding arbitration shall be filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission within thirty (30) calendar days of the last appropriate date for a decision to be rendered by the Board with copy of such notice to be sent to the Board.
  - a. The parties will arrange to have arbitration meetings held at times that would not interfere with normal operation of schools.
  - b. The arbitrator shall be without power or authority to make awards contrary to or inconsistent with the terms of the Agreement or of applicable law, rules or regulations having the force and effect of law.
  - c. The award of the arbitrator shall be binding. Only the Board, the aggrieved employee and the Association shall be given copies of the arbitrator's report of findings and award. This shall be accomplished within thirty (30) calendar days of the completion of the arbitration hearings.
  - d. The arbitrator's fee shall be shared equally by the Board and the Association.
  - e. The Board agrees that it will apply to all substantially similar situations the decision of the arbitrator.
  - f. The Association agrees that it will not bring or continue any grievance that is substantially similar to a grievance denied by the arbitrator.
5. Both parties recognize the desirability of continuous and uninterrupted operation of the instructional program during the normal school year and the avoidance of disputes that threaten to interfere with such operation. Since the parties are establishing a comprehensive grievance procedure under which unresolved disputes may be settled, the parties have removed the basic cause of work interruptions for the duration of this Agreement.

6. The Association accordingly agrees, for the duration of this Agreement, that it will not, nor will any person acting in its behalf, cause, authorize, or support, nor will any of its members take part in any strike, i.e. the concerted failure to report for duty, or willful absence of any employee of the Woodbridge Township Board of Education from his position, or stoppage of work or abstinence in whole or in part, from the full, faithful and proper performance of the employee's duties of employment for any purpose whatsoever. The above language is interpreted to mean that the Association will not sanction any "wild-cat" strikes, and the Association will immediately disavow the strike and notify the strikers to return to work.

#### **C. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Any aggrieved employee may be represented at all levels of the grievance procedure by her/himself or, at her/his option, by a representative selected or approved by the Association, except that this provision shall be limited by Section B.2, Section B.4, and Section C.2 of this Article.
2. When an employee is not represented by the Association, the Association shall be notified of the time, date, and place of any meeting with the Superintendent or hearing with the Board at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting or hearing, have an opportunity to be present and, at its option, present its views or appeal the disposition of the grievance.
3. A notice of meetings with the Superintendent where applicable, or hearings with the Board and a copy of the written decision at each step shall be mailed to the administrators involved and to the Association.
4. Hearings held under this procedure shall be conducted at a time and place that will afford a fair and reasonable opportunity for all persons, including witnesses, entitled to be present to attend.
5. When hearings are during school hours, all such employees who are present at the hearing shall be excused for that purpose with pay and benefits.
6. The fact that a grievance is raised by an employee shall not be recorded in the employee's personnel file or in any file or record utilized in the promotion process; nor shall such fact be used in any recommendations for job placement; nor shall an employee be placed in jeopardy or be the subject of reprisal or discrimination for having followed this grievance procedure.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES**

##### **A. REPRESENTATION**

As provided in N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq. the Board hereby agrees that all employees shall have the right to join with and support the Association for the purpose of engaging in all matters of representation pertaining to terms and conditions of employment with the Board. The Board recognizes the right of employees to belong or not belong to organizations of their choice.

##### **B. STATUTORY SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to deny or restrict to any employee such rights as s/he may have under New Jersey Statutes or Regulations of the Commissioner of Education or applicable laws and regulations.

**C. NONDISCRIMINATION**

1. The Board agrees not to discriminate against any employee on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, genetic information, service in the armed forces, nationality, or membership in or association with the activities of the Association.
2. The Association agrees to admit persons to membership without discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, genetic information, service in the armed forces, nationality, or membership in any other organization.

**D. DISCIPLINE, OTHER THAN DISCHARGE**

1. Disciplinary action, other than discharge, may be imposed upon any employee for just cause. However, disciplinary action, other than discharge, may be imposed upon any employee as a consequence of the employee's conduct during the first six (6) months of employment in the District without application of the just cause test and without appeal by the employee to the grievance procedure.
2. If the Board has reason to reprimand an employee, it shall be done privately and fairly.
3. Where legally and contractually permissible, disciplinary action, other than discharge, may be processed as a grievance through the procedure identified in this Agreement.

**E. DISCHARGE**

1. The Board may discharge any employee as a consequence of the employee's conduct during the first six (6) months of employment in the District without application of the just cause test and without appeal by the employee to the grievance procedure. Any such discharge shall require notice to the employee within forty-five (45) days of the employee's six (6) month anniversary date of employment.
2. Any non-certified employee who is promoted or transferred into a new non-certified employment category shall serve a six (6) month probationary period in the new position. The Board may transfer the employee back to his or her position in the prior employment category for reason of unsatisfactory performance during the six (6) month period. Any such transfer shall require notice to the employee within forty-five (45) days of the employee's six (6) month anniversary date of employment in the new position. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board retains the right to discharge any non-certified employee who is promoted or transferred into a new non-certified employment category during the six (6) month probationary period in the new position for just cause. In such a case, paragraph 3, below shall control. Additionally, the Board retains the right to non-renew any non-certified, non-tenured employee or any certified, non-tenured employee in accordance with New Jersey law, subject to paragraph 5, below.
3. The Board shall not discharge any non-certified, non-tenured employee without just cause, except as provided for in paragraph 1, above. If the Board feels there is just cause for discharge of a non-certified, non-tenured employee, the employee involved may be suspended until the Board takes action on the discharge. The employee and the Association will be notified in writing at the time of the suspension of the action being taken and that the employee is subject to discharge. The suspension shall be with pay unless the Board is otherwise authorized by law to suspend the employee without pay.

4. In the event that the Board discharges the employee, the Association shall have the right to appeal the discharge, under the terms established in the grievance procedure, starting at the Board level as described in Part One, Article III.B.3. Any employee found to be unjustly suspended or discharged shall be reinstated with full compensation for all lost time and with full restoration of all other terms and conditions of employment, minus any remuneration received outside the District during the period in question.
5. Discharge of a tenured employee by the Board shall be processed in accordance with Title 18A.
6. Any full-time non-certified employee with three or more years of service or part-time non-certified employee with five or more years of service shall not be denied renewal of contract without just cause. In the event that the Board votes to discharge a full-time non-certified employee with less than three years of service or part-time non-certified employee with less than five years of service, said employee's money damages, if any, shall be limited to the remainder of his/her employment contract for the school year in which the discharge occurred.

**F. FACILITIES**

The Board shall make reasonable efforts where physically and financially possible to provide facilities for employees to use during unassigned time. Those facilities shall be clean, sufficiently spacious, appropriately furnished and supplied, with well-functioning systems for heating and air conditioning. However, there shall be no recourse to the grievance procedure over this provision of the Agreement.

**G. HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS**

The Board will comply fully with all applicable health and safety regulations promulgated by agencies such as the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Program, the NJ Right-to-Know Program (RTK), the NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA), and the NJ Department of Education (DOE).

**ARTICLE V**

**RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**A. INFORMATION**

1. The names and addresses of all newly hired employees shall be made available to the Association by the Office of Human Resources within seven (7) workdays after they are hired.
2. Two copies of the agenda shall be mailed to the Association office within five (5) workdays of the public Board meeting and two copies of the official minutes shall be mailed when prepared.

**B. ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES**

1. The Board agrees to allow a designated, regular staff member of the Association or an off-duty Association Representative to visit the schools on Association matters, providing such representative shall, in no way, interfere with the operation of the school or the function of staff member(s) or the instructional program.
2. Upon arrival, the representative shall notify the school administrator or her/his designee that s/he is visiting the school building.

**C. ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

The Board agrees to provide release time to Association Representatives whose workday extends beyond 3:30 p.m. in order to attend up to ten (10) meetings per year of the Representative Council of the Association and five (5) meetings of the Representative Council of the Middlesex County Education Association. The Association shall provide the Board with a list of Association Representatives and a calendar of such meetings at the beginning of each school year.

**D. USE OF SCHOOLS FOR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

Association Representatives may schedule regular and special meetings in the school buildings at such times as mutually agreed upon by the Association and the Administration. The principal of the building will assign the area to be used and approve the date and time. Permission shall not be arbitrarily withheld.

**E. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

The Board encourages the use of school facilities by the Association for the promotion of staff welfare as long as it does not interfere with the educational program and the rules of the Board for the use of school facilities are enforced.

**F. BULLETIN BOARDS AND MAIL FACILITIES**

1. The rights delineated in this paragraph shall be granted exclusively to the Association.
  - a. The use of one (1) bulletin board in each faculty room. The Administration will make a reasonable effort to provide for a second bulletin board where, in the opinion of the Administration, it may practically do so.
  - b. The use of school mailboxes, where assigned.
  - c. The use of inter-school mail service in accordance with established District procedures and to the extent legally permissible.
  - d. Association Representatives shall have the right to distribute Association materials to employees providing that said distribution should in no way interfere with the operation of the school. The Association agrees that the representatives making such distribution shall do so only on the free time of the employee, i.e. unassigned time or lunchtime for teachers and break time or lunchtime for other employees.
2. Nothing contained in Section F.1 above and its subparts shall preclude or restrict the Board and Administration in their rights to use the facilities therein described.

**G. ORIENTATION**

The Association shall be the only employee organization to participate in the presentation of the annual new teacher orientation.

**H. BUILDING MEETINGS**

Upon prior request, the Association shall be given a place on the agenda of all faculty meetings called by the building principal.

**I. EXCLUSIVITY**

The rights and privileges of the Association and its representatives as set forth in this Agreement shall be granted only to the Association as the exclusive representative of the employees covered by this Agreement and to no other organizations.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **BOARD RIGHTS**

The Association agrees and recognizes that the Board reserves to itself sole jurisdiction and right, in compliance with the laws of the State of New Jersey and the rulings of the Commissioner of Education, to hire, assign, promote, transfer and direct employees covered by this Agreement or to take disciplinary action against said employees (up to and including discharge), to direct school operations, and to take whatever other actions may be necessary to accomplish the mission of the Woodbridge Township School District except as may be specifically provided by the language of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **ASSIGNMENT AND PROMOTION**

#### **A. NOTIFICATION**

One week prior to the end of the school year, teachers and paraprofessionals shall be notified of their assignment(s) for the ensuing year. In addition, teachers shall be notified of the levels, subjects, and special conditions of the classes to which they are assigned for the ensuing year. Where changes in such assignments are required, written notice to that effect shall be given forthwith.

#### **B. ANTICIPATED VACANCIES**

Lists of anticipated teacher vacancies shall be posted by May 1 of the school year preceding the year in which the vacancies are anticipated.

#### **C. NEW EMPLOYEES**

Newly hired employees shall receive their assignment(s) from the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

#### **D. VACANCIES**

1. The Administration shall post notices of all vacancies in each school, send two (2) copies of such notice to the Association, and advertise such notices on the District website. Such notices shall be posted for at least ten (10) calendar days, but no less than five (5) workdays, prior to the deadline for filing applications and shall include all pertinent data regarding the position, including the appropriate job description, qualifications, salary range, shift, location and hours. However, in the event that a vacancy occurs during the summer recess, said vacancy shall be posted only in those schools that are open and two (2) copies of the notice shall be sent to the Association.
2. In the case of non-certified employees, if selection for such vacancy is not of the most senior applicant, a liaison conference including the applicant, an Association Representative, and the Superintendent and/or his/her designee, or the Board Secretary and/or his/her designee, where applicable, may be arranged to discuss the matter.

#### **E. TRANSFERS**

1. Non-certified employees desiring to be transferred to another school or assignment may apply for a transfer at any time during the work year. Teacher requests for transfer shall be made by April 15 of the school year immediately preceding the year for which the transfer is requested.
2. An employee desiring a transfer, with the exception of a school aide, may indicate up to four assignments/schools in the order of preference on a transfer application form to be provided by the Office of Human Resources. Provisions shall be made to indicate receipt of the form by the Office of Human Resources.
3. Application for transfer does not in any way constitute administrative approval of or consent to a transfer.
4. Any employee being transferred shall be notified of such anticipated transfer at least ten (10) calendar days, but no less than five (5) workdays prior to the Board rendering a final decision regarding the transfer. In those situations, requiring immediate transfer, the ten (10) day notice shall be waived.

#### **F. PROMOTIONS**

1. Promotional vacancies shall mean an opening in any position that would result in a higher rate of pay for the employee applicant.
2. When promotional vacancies occur during the summer months, notices of such vacancies shall be sent to the Association, posted in the schools, publicized in the Sunday edition of the Star Ledger and advertised on the District website and on Woodbridge Channel 36.
3. All applications for promotion shall be acknowledged.
4. The Board will make an effort to interview in-district candidates for promotion who have the necessary qualifications and certification.
5. Unsuccessful candidates may arrange an appointment(s) with the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources to discuss the matter.

#### **G. EMERGENCY TEACHER TRANSFERS**

When a teacher is notified of an involuntary transfer on or after August 31, s/he shall be given no assignments on the workday prior to the effective date of the transfer, for the purpose of classroom setup.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **EMPLOYEE FILES**

##### **A. OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FILES**

Official employee files shall be maintained in accordance with the following procedures:

1. No derogatory material related to an employee's conduct, service, character, or personality shall be placed in the file unless it is signed by the person submitting the information and the employee has had an opportunity to review the material. Any such material shall be removed from the file no later than ten (10) years following the date on which it is placed in the file, except for formal observation reports or evaluations which shall not be removed from the file, and provided that no other derogatory material has been placed in the file within that time. However, the employee must initiate the request for removal. In addition, no material required for an active grievance or disciplinary action will be removed until completion of those proceedings is affected.

2. The employee shall be given the opportunity to acknowledge that s/he has read such material by affixing her/his signature on the actual copy to be filed with the understanding that such signature merely signifies that s/he has read the material to be filed and does not necessarily indicate agreement with its contents.
3. An employee's refusal to sign will be noted by an administrator and a witness.
4. The employee shall have the right to submit a written answer to any material filed, including but not limited to observation reports, evaluations, and annual performance reviews, and her/his answer shall be attached to the file copy. The response of the employee shall be submitted within ten (10) school days of notification that the material has been filed.
5. Employees will have the right, upon request, to review the contents of their personnel files and to make copies of any documents in it at their expense. An employee will be entitled to have an Association Representative accompany her/him during such review. An administrator or designee shall be present during such review.
6. Reasonable arrangements for the purpose of examining personnel files shall be made mutually by the Administration and the Association so that the Administration will not be overwhelmed by a deluge of employees seeking simultaneously to examine their files.
7. The employee shall indicate in a writing to be placed in her/his file that s/he has examined same.
8. Only those persons who have an official right and reason for doing so may inspect an employee's file.
9. Administrators shall place in employees' files information of a positive nature indicating competencies and achievements. Any such material received from concerned, responsible outside sources shall also be included in the employee's file.
10. The employee shall have the right to add to her/his file any additional information and material. The administrator shall be given the opportunity to acknowledge that s/he has read such materials by affixing her/his signature on the actual copy to be filed with the understanding that such signature merely signifies that s/he has read the material to be filed and does not necessarily indicate agreement with its contents.
11. Teacher observation reports/evaluations and responses to same, including all evidence, artifacts and detail, shall be included in the teacher's file in hard copy.

**B. OTHER MATERIALS**

In the event that the Board or Administration wishes to use materials such as written memos or notes which are not a part of the official personnel file in making decisions concerning the promotion of an employee, the employee shall, upon request, be shown these materials and have one week in which to make verbal and/or written comments about them. Letters in response to requests for references shall not be covered by this section.

**ARTICLE IX**

**SICK LEAVE**

**A. SEQUENCE OF USE**

1. All ten-month employees and twelve-month employees in Part Four and Part Seven and Attendance Officers in Part Three will receive, without loss of pay, ten (10) days leave per year for personal illness. Twelve-month mechanics in Part Three shall receive twelve (12) days leave per year for personal illness. Unused sick days are accumulative.

2. Twenty (20) days leave per year without loss of pay for personal illness, which are non-accumulative, shall only be available to members whose absence is caused by one of the following:

- a. Childbirth
- b. Hospitalization or other confinement to a medical facility.
- c. A serious injury or illness, which is supported by medical verification.

Requests, which meet the criteria in subsections "a." and "b.", as, identified above, shall not be denied as long as the childbirth or hospitalization occurs during the same continuous period of absence for which the request is made. Decisions of the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources on requests pursuant to subsection "c.", as identified above, shall be made based upon consistent and fair criteria and shall not be subject to appeal. The additional twenty (20) sick days shall be granted only when the employee has exhausted all other non-work days, including sick days, vacations days, personal days, comp days, etc.

3. Use of sick days shall be applied as follows:

If an employee has been continuously employed in the school system for five (5) years and had accumulated fifty (50) days leave without pay deduction for personal illness, and now such employee becomes ill for one hundred (100) days, the employee's sick leave days shall be used in the following manner and sequence:

- a. The ten (10) or twelve (12) accumulative sick leave days allowed for the current school year shall be used.
- b. The fifty (50) sick leave days which had been previously accumulated shall be used; and
- c. The twenty (20) non-accumulative sick leave days, if allowed for the current school year, shall be used at which point the employee is no longer entitled to sick leave days without pay deduction. When the employee has used all of his/her sick days, the employee may then request the Board to pay such employee each day's salary less the pay of a substitute in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:30-6. The decision as to whether such request will be granted and the extent of any such grant shall be at the sole discretion of the Board.

4. A Joint Sick Leave Bank has been established by the Board and the Association, the terms of which are included as Appendix E of the Agreement. The Bank shall supplement and in no way replace the provisions established herein.

#### **B. ACCUMULATIVE**

The total number of sick leave days without loss of pay for personal illness, which may be accumulated by an employee while continuously, employed in the Woodbridge Township School District is unlimited, except that not more than fifteen (15) sick leave days may be accumulated in any one year. For example, if a continuously employed employee is absent from employment due to personal illness for three (3) days in a given year and uses one (1) personal day, eleven (11) days sick leave only will be added for that year to such employee's accumulated sick leave days.

#### **C. LESS THAN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT**

Employees who are continuously employed, but whose employment is for fewer hours daily or for fewer days per week than would be required for full-time employment, shall be entitled to prorated leave of absence benefits as described in Part One, Article IX (Sick Leave), Article X (Temporary Leaves of Absence), and Article XI (Extended Leaves of Absence). School aides shall only be entitled to leave of absence benefits as described in Article IX (Sick Leave), paragraphs A, B, C, F, G, H, and I, and Article XI (Temporary Leaves of Absence), paragraph A and B. School aides shall also be entitled to leave of absence benefits as described in Article IX (Sick Leave), paragraphs D and E.

**D. RATE OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMPANSATION**

1. Each certified employee who retires under a state administered retirement system with at least twenty (20) years of pension credit and each non-certified employee who retires under a state administered retirement system with at least ten (10) years of pension credit shall be entitled upon retirement to supplemental compensation for accumulated sick leave days credited to such employee as of the last day of employment.
2. Supplemental compensation shall be calculated by multiplying the current daily rate of pay by the number of accumulated sick leave days, not to exceed \$15,000.

**E. PAYMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION**

1. Upon termination of employment, supplemental compensation shall be contributed on behalf of a retiree who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older as a non-elective employer contribution to a contract the retiree owns as part of a plan maintained by the Board, as described in Internal Revenue Code 403(b), provided the minimum threshold for contributions into a 403(b) account is satisfied. The minimum threshold for contribution into a 403(b) account shall be satisfied when the total value of a retiree's supplemental compensation is in excess of \$6,000. The Board and the Association agree that such retiree may not elect to receive, in lieu of such non-elective employer contribution, a cash payment from the Board for supplemental compensation.
2. Employees who are under the age of fifty-five (55) when they retire shall receive a cash payment from the Board for supplemental compensation.
3. When the total value of a retiree's supplemental compensation does not satisfy the minimum threshold for contribution into a 403(b) account as delineated in Part One, Article IX.E, Paragraph 1, such retiree shall receive a cash payment from the Board for supplemental compensation.
4. The supplemental compensation contribution or cash payment, as applicable, will be payable in one payment as follows. In the event that notice of retirement is given on or before December 1 of a given school year, the contribution or cash payment shall be made by August 1 of the following school year. In the event that notice of retirement is given after December 1 of a given school year, the contributions or cash payments shall be made by August 1 of the second year following the school year of retirement. For example, if notice is given on December 1, 2024, the contribution or cash payment shall be made by August 1, 2025. If notice is given on January 1, 2025, the contribution or cash payment shall be made by August 1, 2026. In the event the supplementary compensation is six thousand dollars (\$6,000) or less, the full amount shall be paid in one single payment by August 1 of the school year following the school year of retirement.
5. In the event of the death of a retiree who meets the requirements for compensation provided by Part One, Article IX.E., and whose supplemental compensation satisfied the minimum threshold for contribution into a 403(b) account as delineated in Part One, Article IX.E., Paragraph 1, the total supplemental compensation owing to the retiree shall be paid as a non-elective employer contribution in the month the retiree dies. The non-elective contribution can only be paid as permitted through IRS regulations.
6. In the event of the death of a retiree who meets the requirements for compensation provided by the Part One, Article IX.E., and whose supplemental compensation does not satisfy the minimum threshold for contribution into a 403(b) account as delineated in Part One, Article IX.E., Paragraph 1, the total supplemental compensation owing shall be paid to the estate of the retiree in accordance with Part One, Article IX.E., Paragraph 4.

**F. PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE**

A physician's certificate, or other appropriate documentation, must be filed with the Office of Human Resources following an absence of more than three (3) successive school days because of personal illness. The Board may, if it has cause to believe there has been an abuse of the sick leave policy, or in the opinion of the administration and consistent with the employee's rights under the law, that the employee is unable to perform his/her duties, require an examination by an independent physician. Such examination shall be at Board expense.

**G. ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS**

1. No reduction in pay shall be made for any accumulated sick days to which an employee is entitled, except as may be delineated elsewhere in this Agreement.
2. All employees shall notify the District of their use of sick leave as follows:
  - a. All certified employees shall notify the District of their use of sick leave through the designated system, according to the times designated for their assignments.
  - b. All non-certified employees (other than transportation employees and school aides) shall notify the District of their use of sick leave in the manner specified by the Superintendent or his/her designee until one (1) hour before their starting time.
  - c. School aides shall notify their assigned school of their use of sick leave at least one (1) hour before school begins.
  - d. Bus drivers, bus attendants and all other transportation personnel shall report their absences in the manner specified by the Superintendent or his/her designee no later than 6:00 a.m. or one (1) hour before the start of their shift, whichever is earlier, on the day on which they will be absent from work.
  - e. Technical employees shall report their absences to the Webpage Technology and Video Production Coordinator by voicemail or e-mail.

**H. WORKERS COMPENSATION**

1. An employee absent from school as a result of assault or personal injury arising out of and in the course of her/his employment and compensable under New Jersey Workers' Compensation laws shall be paid her/his full salary for the period of such absence up to one (1) calendar year without having such absence charged to the annual sick leave or accumulated sick leave. Any amount of salary payable pursuant to this Section shall be reduced by the taxable amount of any Workers' Compensation award for temporary disability due to the said assault or injury for the period for which such salary is paid. The Board shall have the right to have the employee examined by a physician designated by the Board for the purpose of establishing the length of time during which the employee is temporarily disabled from performing her/his duties; and, in the event that there is no adjudication in the appropriate Workers' Compensation proceeding for the period of temporary disability, the opinion of the said physician as to the said period shall control.
2. When absence arises out of or from such assault or injury, the employee shall not forfeit any personal leave to the extent permissible by law.

**I. ACCOUNTING OF ACCUMULATED LEAVE**

The Board will make available to each employee an annual accounting of accumulated sick leave by September 30, if at all possible, but no later than October 31.

**J. TRANSFER OF SICK LEAVE**

Any newly hired teacher who has an unused accumulation of sick leave days from another school district in New Jersey or from previous employment in the district shall be granted up to ten (10) days of sick leave credit, provided that proof for such accumulated sick leave is furnished to the Board within two (2) months of the date of employment.

**K. BONUS FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Employees working for the Board as of June 30, 2003 and who achieve perfect attendance in any school year shall be compensated at \$400 for 10-month employees and \$450 for 12-month employees. "Perfect attendance" shall be defined as no use of sick or personal days. Employees who commence working for the Board after June 30, 2003 shall not be entitled to this benefit.

**ARTICLE X**

**VACATIONS**

**A. VACATIONS FOR TWELVE-MONTH EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2024**

1. Vacation entitlement shall be determined by a common anniversary date of July 1.
2. Employees' entitlement for their first year of employment shall be prorated based on the number of full months worked prior to July 1. Employees shall accrue one day of vacation for each full month worked prior to July 1, not to exceed ten (10) days by the first July 1 anniversary date.
3. Employees shall be granted fifteen (15) days of vacation time after five (5) years of service in Woodbridge.
4. Employees shall be granted one additional vacation day after the completion of each of the 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> year of service in Woodbridge.

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| Completion of 11 years of service in Woodbridge                    | 16 vacation days |
| Completion of 12 years of service in Woodbridge                    | 17 vacation days |
| Completion of 13 years of service in Woodbridge                    | 18 vacation days |
| Completion of 14 years of service in Woodbridge                    | 19 vacation days |
| Completion of 15 years of service in Woodbridge,<br>and thereafter | 20 vacation days |
5. Employees, whose initial hire date was prior to September 1, 2000, who reach 20 years of service in Woodbridge shall be eligible for 25 days of vacation.
6. For the purpose of calculating vacation time due, a person's length of service shall be calculated from her/his first day of employment as reflected in the payroll records. For example: If the employee takes two weeks of vacation in July or August and her/his anniversary date of hire is October 15, and s/he has completed five years of service in Woodbridge, s/he is eligible for a third week of vacation after October 15. If the employee should request the additional week of vacation between the anniversary date of hire and July 1 of the next work year, assuming the request is granted, then the employee is not again entitled to the third week of vacation until her/his anniversary date has again passed.
7. Any unused vacation days as of June 30, may not be carried forward into the following year.
8. In the case of a layoff, discharge, resignation, or retirement from employment, employees with at least six (6) months of service shall be given prorated unused and accrued vacation pay.

**B. VACATIONS FOR TWELVE-MONTH EMPLOYEES HIRED JULY 1, 2024 OR LATER**

1. Employees hired before January 1 shall receive 10 vacation days, five (5) of which may be used after fifteen (15) days and the other five (5) may be used after 90 days.
2. Employees hired on or after January 1 shall receive five (5) vacation days which may be used after fifteen (15) days.
3. Employees who have completed one year or more, but less than five years of service shall receive ten vacation days on July 1.
4. Employees who have completed between five and ten years of service shall receive fifteen vacation days on July 1.
5. Employees shall be granted one additional vacation day after the completion of each of the 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> year of service in Woodbridge.

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6. Vacations are not cumulative. Vacations must be taken in the school year in which they are awarded. Any unused vacation days as of June 30, may not be carried forward into the following year.
7. In the case of a layoff, discharge, resignation, or retirement from employment, employees with at least six (6) months of service shall receive vacation pay for any unused vacation days at the rate when accrued.

**C. OTHER VACATIONS PROVISIONS**

1. Vacation entitlement shall be based upon total service in Woodbridge.
2. The rate of vacation pay shall be the employee's regular straight time rate of pay in effect for the employee's regular job on the payday immediately preceding the employee's vacation period.
3. Vacation requests shall be submitted for approval through the employee portal.
4. Employees shall not be charged for a vacation day should that day fall on a school holiday.
5. If a holiday occurs during the calendar week in which an employee takes a vacation, the employee's vacation period shall be extended by one additional workday.
6. If due to extraordinary circumstances, some portion of an employee's vacation entitlement is not taken within the calendar year, the employee may request, in writing, permission from the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources or Board Secretary, where applicable, to take the unused vacation entitlement by January 1 of the next school year. If such circumstances prevail that the employee is unable to take those unused days or portion thereof by January 1 of the next school year, the employee may request from the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources or the Board Secretary, where applicable, payment for the unused vacation days at her/his regular rate of pay. Such payments will be made as promptly as possible, but no later than six weeks after the request is granted.

## ARTICLE XI

### TEMPORARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE

#### A. PERSONAL DAYS

1. Employees shall be entitled to five (5) personal days of absence, with the exception of School Aides who shall be limited to two (2), without loss of pay during any one (1) school year for personal reasons under the following conditions:
  - a. Any employee desiring a personal day is to advise the principal of the building to which s/he is assigned at least two (2) school days in advance of the time that s/he will be absent.
  - b. In case of emergency, the two-day notification requirement for a personal day is waived.
2. Employees requesting a personal day shall do so using the employee portal. Copies of the request for a personal day shall be forwarded to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and records of such requests shall be kept in each employee's central personnel file.
3. Employees may, on occasion, because of unanticipated events or emergencies, require the use of personal days beyond their five allocated personal days. In such cases, the employees involved may apply for additional unpaid personal days through the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.
4. Unused personal days shall be converted into accumulative sick days annually.

#### B. DEATH IN FAMILY

1. Up to five (5) workdays absence with pay shall be allowed for death in the immediate family. Immediate family shall mean: husband, wife, partner in a civil union, children, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother, father, sister, brother, the father or mother of an employee's spouse or partner in a civil union, grandparent, grandchild, or any other relative residing in the same household.
2. Up to two (2) workdays absence with pay shall be allowed for death of aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, cousin, brother-in-law, sister-in-law of an employee, or the son, daughter, brother, or sister of an employee's partner in a civil union or the spouse of any such son, daughter, brother, or sister, except for attendance at out-of-state services, in which case it shall be for three (3) days.
3. One workday absence with pay shall be allowed for the death of the grandparent, aunt or uncle of an employee's spouse or partner in a civil union, except for attendance at out-of-state services, in which case it shall be two (2) days.
4. Bereavement leave of absence shall be taken commensurate to the time of death of the relative and it must begin prior to or on the day of interment of the relative, unless interment occurs during a school recess. Bereavement leave of absence must be taken on consecutive workdays, except when it is taken on non-consecutive workdays between death and interment of the relative. A bereavement leave of absence that is begun prior to a school recess shall not continue after the school recess. For this purpose, a school recess shall be defined as a period of at least one week during which school is in recess. There is no allowance for bereavement leave if the employee is already out on unpaid leave.
5. Documented proof (obituary) shall be provided to the office of Human Resources for any death in family leave along with the appropriate form.

**C. LEGAL**

Absence without loss of pay will be allowed to comply with a subpoena or summons.

**D. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE**

In cases of absence of any employee from duty without leave as provided above, such employee shall receive no pay during such absence. The deduction of such absence shall be calculated at one two-hundredths of the annual salary for ten-month employees and one two hundred-fortieth of the annual salary for twelve-month employees for each workday of such absence. It is recognized that this clause shall not be construed to be a limitation upon any other action that the Board/Administration may choose to take.

**E. ASSOCIATION DAYS**

A total of thirty-five (35) days per contract year without loss of pay shall be granted to the Association for use by any of its authorized representatives to attend conventions, institutes, educational conferences, hearings, or meetings. Each year, the Association shall provide to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources or the Board Secretary, where applicable, a calendar of pre-scheduled events for which the use of Association days might be required and a list of representatives who might require use of Association days. Nothing herein will preclude the Association from seeking permission to use Association days for events, which are not included in the calendar, provided. No representative shall be permitted to use more than five (5) Association days. Use of Association days shall be subject to the approval of the Association President and the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

**F. SUMMER SCHOOL**

1. Teachers intending to enroll in prior-approved summer school courses as defined below shall request permission of the Superintendent or his/her designee twenty (20) days before such enrollment. If such permission is granted, which permission shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent, it shall be understood that the teacher shall be excused for not more than five (5) days during the last scheduled week of the school year to attend all sessions of the summer school.
2. For purposes of this section, a summer school course shall be defined as a District-approved course of instruction in an approved institution of higher education that begins before the end of the District's school year and generates one or more course credits.
3. Teachers who have obtained prior approval for enrollment in summer school courses as defined above in Section F.1 and have obtained approval to be excused for no more than five (5) days during the last scheduled week of the school year, will be paid the difference between their regular pay and what is paid the substitute for each day of their absence.

**G. OTHER LEAVES**

The Board may grant a leave of absence to any tenured employee.

## ARTICLE XII

### EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE

#### A. PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Board agrees to grant an unpaid leave of absence to the President of the Association or her/his designee for the purpose of performing duties for the Association. During this leave of absence, the President of the Association shall receive full salary guide credit and shall continue to accrue service in Woodbridge. The Board shall provide full family health benefits coverage to the President of the Association.

#### B. ANTICIPATED DISABILITY / SICK LEAVE ABSENSE

1. Any employee who will require an extended leave of absence due to an anticipated disability, such as pending surgery or other medical procedures, shall report that status to the Board as soon as said employee becomes aware of same. If the extended leave of absence is due to childbirth, the employee who becomes pregnant shall notify the Board at least 90 days prior to the anticipated date of delivery. At the time of notification, the employee shall submit a physician's certificate attesting to the pending disability.
2. Requests for disability/sick leave relating to anticipated disability shall include dates of onset and return from such leave.
3. An employee may request an unpaid leave of absence to prepare for an anticipated disabling event, which request must be submitted as soon as possible. Such unpaid leaves are subject to the provisions on unpaid personal leave as set forth below:
  - a. In the case of pregnancy, the employee, if she so desires, will be granted an unpaid leave to prepare for the birth of her child.
  - b. Employees whose expected date of onset of disability occurs during periods which would be disruptive to the continuity of the educational process, and who do not take unpaid personal leave prior to the disability, shall be subject to being transferred to alternative duty without loss of pay or benefits while so assigned until such time as the disability occurs.
4. The employee who anticipates a specific disabling event and who does not request unpaid leave of absence prior to the anticipated disabling event shall become entitled to applicable sick leave benefits. The Board may require certification of such disability.
5. Requests by employees for extension of sick leave benefits shall be governed by law under N.J.S.A.18A:30-6.
6. If the anticipated disabling event is childbirth, the Board shall presume that the pregnant employee becomes disabled for work four (4) weeks before the anticipated date of childbirth at which time the pregnant employee shall become eligible for sick leave benefits if she does not present a certificate attesting to her ability to work during said four week period of time. This option is granted only to employees actively employed and not to those employees on unpaid personal leave. If, as a result of the pregnancy, the employee becomes disabled prior to this four week period, said employee may use any sick leave benefits to which she is entitled providing that the employee's physician provides the Board with a certificate attesting to her inability to continue working, and the Board reserves the right to verify the employee's inability to continue working.

7. The Board may require that an employee anticipating a disabling event may be placed on sick leave if the employee's physical condition leads to unsatisfactory performance of assigned duties, and/or the continued performance of those duties impairs the employee's health. Such incapacity must be established by the following:
  - a. The Board's physician and the employee's physician agree that the employee cannot continue working.
  - b. If there is a difference of medical opinion between the Board's physician and the employee's physician, then the two physicians shall agree in good faith on a third impartial physician, who shall examine the employee and whose medical opinion shall be conclusive and binding on the issue of physical capacity to continue working.
8. If the employee's disability is caused by childbirth and such employee is receiving disability/sick leave benefits, the employee is presumed to be disabled for a recuperative period of six weeks following natural childbirth or eight weeks following caesarian childbirth, during which time such employee shall continue to receive sick leave pay to which she is entitled under the sick leave policy. This applies only to those employed prior to childbirth and not to those employees who have been out on unpaid personal leave.
  - a. If as a result of pregnancy an employee continues to be hospitalized or confined to her bed by her physician after the aforementioned recuperative period, said employee may use any sick leave benefits to which she is entitled providing that (1) the employee's physician provides the Board with a certificate attesting to her hospitalization or confinement, and (2) the Board reserves the right to verify the employee's hospitalization or confinement.
  - b. If the employee whose disability is caused by childbirth wishes to return to her duties prior to the expiration of the recuperative period, she must present medical certification of fitness to the Board. The Board reserves the right to verify her medical certification.
  - c. If the Board's physician and the employee's physician disagree as to the employee's fitness, then the two physicians shall agree in good faith on a third impartial physician who shall examine the employee, and whose medical opinion shall be conclusive and binding on the issue of the employee's fitness to return to her duties prior to the expiration of the recuperative period.
9. Upon termination of disability, an employee is no longer entitled to receive sick leave benefits for that particular disability. Unpaid personal leave for the purposes of recovery following disability may be requested and shall be subject to the provisions on unpaid personal leave, as set forth therein under Section C below.
  - a. Requests by tenured employees for personal leave prior to childbirth, following childbirth and/or adoption shall be granted for the duration of the school year in which these events occur, plus one (1) or two (2) additional school years, if requested by the employee.
  - b. Employees returning from disability/sick leaves of absence shall be governed by Sections E.1 and E.2 of this Article.
10. In no event shall the Board be obligated to extend a non-tenured employee's unpaid leave of absence beyond the contract year for which the employee is employed.
11. If an employee on personal leave shall become pregnant before the expiration of her leave of absence, she shall be able to apply for a personal leave of absence for pregnancy. The same rules, which apply to personal leaves for pregnancy, shall apply to the new request for leave of absence for pregnancy.

12. If any employee who has been granted a leave of absence for pregnancy loses her baby by reason of miscarriage, stillbirth, or death of the infant before the expiration of her leave of absence, the employee shall be restored by the Board on her request, as soon as possible, to a position as nearly the same as the position she held when her leave was granted.

**C. UNPAID PERSONAL LEAVE**

1. The Board recognizes that certain personal situations occasionally occur where an employee seeks absence from work without pay. Where this is not inconsistent with the best interests of the educational process and continuity of instruction, the Board may grant individuals unpaid personal leave. Such leave will be granted within the following guidelines:
  - a. Employees may apply for unpaid personal leave for such purposes as preparation for, or recovery from, an employee's physical disability, unique family situations, or the achievement of personal growth goals.
  - b. Mere convenience or pleasure of the employee shall not be considered as valid reasons.
2. Requests for personal leave shall be addressed in writing to the employee's immediate supervisor.
3. The request shall be submitted a minimum of 60 days prior to the onset of the requested leave. In cases of emergency, as determined by the Board, such requests may be submitted less than 60 days prior to the onset of the requested leave. Requests for personal leave that grow from emergencies shall be addressed directly to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.
4. The request shall include the reason for the petition and supportive data in accordance with administrative procedure, as well as the time period for which it is being requested.
5. The Board reserves the right to grant personal leave so that the period of leave will coincide with the established schedule for affected educational activities and other educational concerns.
6. Requests for extension of personal leave received from employees already on leave, will be treated as new requests for new leaves and judged in accordance with this policy. Such requests shall be addressed directly to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

**D. MILITARY LEAVE**

1. Military leave shall be granted to employees in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of New Jersey pertaining to the employees of school districts. If any portion of a military leave of absence for state or federal active duty or active duty for training is not paid leave pursuant to federal and/or state law, an employee on such leave shall be compensated at the rate of salary minus substitute pay. Employees returning from active military service shall be reemployed after termination of such leave of absence if such employee has been honorably discharged from service. Employees returning from military leave must notify the Office for Human Resources sixty (60) days prior to discharge. For the purpose of determining the appropriate step on the salary schedule upon which such an individual is to be placed, service prior to the leave of absence and subsequent to her/his return to employment shall be considered as continuous service in Woodbridge as though the same had not been interrupted by military leave provided, however, that a maximum of four (4) years' credit for military service for the purpose of determining the appropriate step on the salary schedule shall be granted to any employee.

2. An employee's eligibility for benefits, including unused accumulated sick leave and credits toward sabbatical eligibility, shall not be affected by a military leave of absence as provided for in this Article. For this purpose, the employee's service prior to leave of absence and subsequent to her/his return to employment shall be continuous service in Woodbridge as though the same had not been interrupted by military leave.

**E. FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Where an employee's leave of absence qualifies as leave under both the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act and the New Jersey Family Leave Act, the leave of absence used will count against the employee's entitlement under both laws.

**F. OTHER PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO LEAVES**

1. Notices shall be sent to employees returning from leave on the first day of school in September at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of school indicating the school's name and number. Where such notice is not possible or change becomes necessary, the employee shall be notified as soon as administratively possible.
2. An employee returning from a leave of absence shall receive the same salary increment as those employees within the system who have the same number of years of service credit in the District.

**G. OTHER LEAVES**

The Board may grant a leave of absence to any tenured employee covered under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:30-6 to 18A:30-7.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES AND PROPERTY**

**A. ASSAULT**

Employees shall immediately report to their immediate supervisor in writing any and all allegations of assault suffered by them in connection with their employment. Such report shall be forwarded through the administration to the Board, which shall comply with any reasonable request from the employee for information in its possession, not privileged under law, which materially relates to the incident(s) or person(s) involved. (See Appendices B&C for informational purposes)

**B. DISRUPTIVE PUPILS**

Employees shall inform the administration of any situation, condition, or occurrence, including the behavior of disruptive pupils, which may require administrative action.

**C. INDEMNIFICATION**

1. Employees shall be indemnified against civil actions brought against them in the course of their employment to the fullest extent provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6 as may be amended. (See Appendix C for informational purposes)
2. Employees shall be indemnified against criminal actions brought against them in the course of their employment to the extent provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6.1, as may be amended. (See Appendix D for informational purposes)

**D. PERSONAL PROPERTY**

1. Where there is clear evidence that an employee's personal property has been vandalized during the workday, including extra-curricular assignments, the Board may reimburse the employee for such loss to the extent that it is not covered by the employee's personal insurance policies. There shall be no further recourse to the grievance procedure for any such claim that is denied by the Board.
2. In the event that electronic equipment on loan to an employee is stolen from the workplace, the employee will not be assessed the cost of replacement.

**ARTICLE XIV**

**INSURANCE PROTECTION**

**A. MEDICAL INSURANCE**

1. Except as otherwise provided for in this Article, the Board shall provide the PPO plan as the base plan of Hospitalization, Medical Surgical and Major Medical insurance. Coverage includes the full cost of all hospital extras including anesthesiology. There shall be no lifetime limit on major medical coverage.
2. Premium contributions by employees for coverage in the Omnia, Traditional and PPO plans shall be established at 67% of the rates identified in N.J. P.L. 2011 Chapter 78 for "Year 4 of the Four Year Phase-In", hereinafter referred to as "Tier 4" rates for years one and two of the contract. Premium contributions for coverage shall be established at 60% of Tier 4 rates for years three and four of the contract. In the event that the employee elects a plan for which premiums are greater than the PPO plan, he or she will pay the full difference in premiums between the PPO and the elected plan as well as the contribution established by the Tier 4 rate.
3. Except those who waive insurance coverage under Section J of this Article, all employees shall be entitled to individual, parent/child, employee/spouse, or family coverage in the plan for which they are eligible. As of July 1, 2020, all new employees may only enroll in either the New Jersey Educators Health Plan (NJEHP) or Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) at the level of coverage that is required (subject to Chapter 44 remaining in effect.)
4. The co-payment for each office visit under the PPO plan shall not exceed \$20.00. The co-payment for an emergency room visit shall not exceed \$50.00, which co-payment shall be waived if admitted to the hospital. Under the PPO plan, there is a deductible for out-of-network and supplemental services only. The out-of-network deductible is \$300 each for two family members. Once two covered persons in a family satisfy their deductible, the other family members are not required to satisfy a deductible for the rest of that calendar year. A new deductible will apply for each calendar year.
5. Under the Traditional plan, the Major Medical annual deductible shall be \$200 per individual and \$400 per family. To satisfy the family deductible, one individual deductible must be met. The balance of the family deductible can be met by any or all of the remaining family members. The Major Medical annual out-of-pocket maximum (excluding deductible) is \$800 per individual and \$1600 per family. To satisfy the family out-of-pocket maximum, two individual out-of-pocket maximums must be met. Once the annual out-of-pocket maximum is reached, eligible expenses will be reimbursed at 100% of reasonable and customary.

6. An IRS Section 125 plan shall be maintained by the Board to permit payment of premiums and contributions to flexible spending accounts on a pre-tax basis.
7. The surgical schedule shall be the same as the surgical schedule of the School Employees' Health Benefits Program.
8. The procedure for pre-certification of in-patient hospitalization shall continue in effect.
9. In the event that 51% of the eligible employees with three or more years of service enroll in the Traditional plan, the Traditional plan shall become the basic plan and the PPO plan shall become the employee option, with the difference in cost the responsibility of the employee.
10. Coverage for mental health care shall be in accordance with the New Jersey Mental Health Parity Act and the Federal Mental Health Parity Act.
11. Employees shall have the option of joining any alternative medical plan offered by the Board. If an employee chooses a plan other than the base plan offered as outlined in paragraph A.1 above, the Board contribution shall be for no more than the eligible cost of the base plan.
12. The Board will pay the full cost of dental and vision coverage, as described in Sections B and D of this Article for any employee who retires under a state administered retirement system after 25 contracted years of service in Woodbridge. Board payment of said insurance benefits shall be made only from the age of 55 until the age of 65 of the retiree, at which time s/he will have the right to maintain the same insurance coverage at her/his expense. Anyone who is retired with less than 25 years of service and more than 20 years of service and receiving this benefit pursuant to this Article shall continue to receive this benefit.
13. Retirees, including deferred retirees, may continue to participate in the group health insurance plan in the event that their age at retirement is at least 50 years and their length of service to the district is at least 10 years. Participation shall be upon payment of premiums by the retiree, except as set forth in section A.12 above.
14. In the event a covered employee or covered retiree shall die, the Board shall continue to provide coverage for the surviving spouse, at their own expense.
15. All coverages provided shall continue in force and effect, except to the extent that they are amended by the contract language set forth in this Article. This shall not, however, restrict modifications to contract benefits that are mandated by state or federal law. Any compliance with the requirements of state or federal law shall be implemented immediately without the necessity of negotiations between the parties.

**B. DENTAL PLAN**

1. The Board will provide usual, customary, and reasonable dental fees as per classification for the individual employee and dependents.
2. There shall be a \$100.00 individual, \$200.00 family annual deductible on coverage of all basic and major restorative dental procedures. There shall be a maximum annual limit on dental coverage of \$2,000.00 per person. There shall be a maximum lifetime orthodontic benefit of \$2,000 per person.
3. Dental coverage provided by non-network providers shall be limited to the usual and customary charges, calculated by the carrier's prevailing 90th percentile.
4. 50% of all allowable charges for Dental Implants shall be covered up to a max of \$1,000 dollars annually.

**C. PRESCRIPTION PLAN**

1. The Board will provide a prescription plan for all employees and their dependents, as limited by Section A, above.

2. The co-payment for over the counter brand name prescription drugs \$25.00 and the co-payment for over the counter generic prescription drugs shall \$10.00. The co-payment for mail order brand name prescription drugs shall be \$21.00, and the co-payment for mail order generic prescription drugs shall be \$11.00. There shall be no major medical coverage for these co-payments. Retail prescriptions shall be limited to a 30-day supply; mail order maintenance prescription drugs will be limited to a 90-day supply.

**D. VISION CARE PLAN**

The Board will provide a vision care plans for all employees and their dependents, as limited by Section A, above. The basic plan shall provide an exam and lenses every calendar year, while frames are an eligible expense every other calendar year. The premium plan shall provide an exam, lenses, and frames every calendar year. Contact lenses are covered at the same frequency as lenses.

**E. EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PLAN**

The Employee Assistance Program will be posted on the School District's Intranet under the Employee Benefits page.

**F. INFORMATION**

The Board and the Association agree that they will jointly prevail upon the insurance carrier to provide complete brochures for all employees listing all insurance benefits provided under the terms of this Agreement.

**G. PROCESSING**

Personal information regarding a physician's diagnosis, the nature of an employee's illness, etc., shall not be processed by Board employees, but shall be processed exclusively by the personnel of the insurance carrier. It shall be the employee's responsibility to obtain the verification of employment from the Board Secretary's office. All further processing of all claims and follow-up thereof will be the responsibility of the employee unless informational aid is requested.

**H. AUTO INSURANCE**

The Board shall cover all damages, losses, and expenses incurred by an employee arising out of the authorized use of his/her automobile in the performance of school duties by the Non-Ownership portion of the Board's Fleet Auto Policy to the extent of \$500,000/\$1,000,000 as secondary insurance.

**I. INCOME PROTECTION INSURANCE**

The Board will provide the option of payroll deduction for the Prudential and/or AFLAC Income Protection Insurance plans for all employees. All other available insurances will be billed directly to the employee.

**J. INSURANCE WAIVER OPTION**

Employees shall be offered the option of waiving all health insurance benefits as set forth in the Agreement. Any employee who executes an appropriate waiver shall not be required to make contributions for health insurance. Once an employee makes an election to waive insurance coverage, s/he may not return at any time during that year, unless there is a family or eligibility status change as defined by COBRA regulations.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### **SALARY PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

#### **A. PAYROLL DEDUCTION AND ASSOCIATION DUES**

1. Dues for the Association shall be deducted from the pay of all employees signing authorization cards according to the State Department of Education rules.
2. The monies withheld shall be forwarded to the Association's Treasurer within two (2) workdays following the end of each pay period.
3. The Association shall indemnify and hold the Board harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, liability and expenses, including reasonable counsel fees and other legal costs and expenses, which may arise out of, or by reason of, any action taken or not taken by the Board in conformance with this provision.
4. The Association shall provide to the Board and to all non-Association members evidence of the existence of a "Demand and Return" system that is designed in compliance with the requirements of New Jersey and federal law before any deductions are made pursuant to the terms hereof.

#### **B. LIMITATIONS**

No monies shall be withheld from any employee's salary for any reason not specifically delineated elsewhere in this Agreement or in the state and/or federal statutes or order of court of competent jurisdiction.

#### **C. TAX SHELTERED ANNUITIES**

The Board will continue to make available the opportunity to have payroll deductions for a voluntary program of tax-sheltered annuities for employees. The procedure for disbursement of monies so deducted to participating investment companies shall be established by agreement among the Association, the Board and other parties as deemed necessary. Arrangement will be made for a limited increase in the number of participating investment companies.

#### **D. COMPENSATION OTHER THAN SALARY**

1. All compensation, other than regular salary, shall be paid in the following pay period after the submission of the appropriate timesheet or voucher. For example, a timesheet/voucher received on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, will be paid no later than the last day of that same month. A timesheet/voucher received on or before the last day of the month will be paid no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.
2. All timesheet and vouchers for work completed during the school year are to be submitted for payment on or before June 15 of the same school year. Timesheet and vouchers are to be readily available to employees and approved by supervisory staff in a timely manner. Timesheets and vouchers for work ending past June 15 are to be submitted as soon as possible and no later than July 31.

#### **E. SUMMER PAY**

Ten-month employees shall have the option of having 10% of their gross salary withheld from each pay between September and June. The monies withheld will be paid to the employees in four equal payments on July 15, July 31, August 15, and August 31.

**F. PAY DATES**

The pay dates for all employees shall be on the 15<sup>th</sup> and last day of each month. In the event the 15<sup>th</sup> or last day of the month falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the pay date will be on the last business day prior. The one and only exception to this will occur for the final payment in December, which will occur on the last day school is in session prior to the winter recess.

**ARTICLE XVI**

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**A. SEPARABILITY**

1. If any provision of the Agreement is or shall at any time be contrary to law, then such provision shall not be applicable, performed, or enforced, except to the extent permitted by law, and any substitute action shall be subject to appropriate consultation and negotiation with the Association.
2. In the event that any provision of the Agreement is or shall at any time be contrary to law, all other provisions of the Agreement shall continue in effect.
3. In case of any direct conflict between the express provisions of this Agreement and any Board or Administrator's policy, practice, procedure, custom or writing not incorporated in this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.
4. All provisions in the present Agreement shall remain in full force and effect except as modified by agreement.

**B. NO REPRISALS**

The Association and the Board agree that they shall not discriminate against nor engage in any reprisals or repercussions of any nature against any member of the Association, any individuals or organizations engaged in activities or in support of activities related to contractual negotiations for any Agreement or any other issue of representation. Any such reprisals or repercussions shall be prohibited and both parties agree to enjoin their members, agents, and employees to be bound by these provisions and use their best effort to ensure compliance.

**C. COMPLIANCE BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT AND MASTER AGREEMENT**

Any individual contract between the Board and an individual employee heretofore or hereafter executed, shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If an individual contract contains any provision inconsistent with this Agreement, this Agreement shall be controlling.

**D. REPRODUCTION OF THE CONTRACT**

Copies of this Agreement shall be printed at the Board's expense. The cover design and format shall be jointly approved by the Board and the Association. The Board shall provide a copy of the Agreement, upon reproduction, to each employee.

The Board through the Association shall provide newly hired employees with copies. One hundred (100) copies of the Agreement shall be provided to the Association for each year of the Agreement.

**E. SUMMER WORK SCHEDULES**

The Board and the Association may agree to modify days, hours, and schedules during the months of July and August for staff as deemed necessary or beneficial.

**F. EARLY DISMISSALS / DELAYED OPENINGS**

Early dismissal and delayed opening days shall be considered a full workday, however no half day attendance shall be available on such days.

**F. SWIPES**

All employees shall be required to swipe when entering or leaving any building for any reason, as is practical. No employee may swipe for any other employee.

**G. CAR WASH**

Employees who work regularly out of the Transportation Facility shall be entitled to an annual reimbursement of \$200 towards the cost of a monthly car wash to be paid on June 30.

**ARTICLE XVII**

**DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

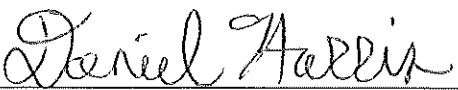
**A. DURATION PERIOD**

This contract shall be effective July 1, 2024 and shall continue in effect through June 30, 2028 subject to the Association's right to negotiate over a successor Agreement.

**B. STATUS OF INCORPORATION**

In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents, attested by their respective secretaries, and their corporate seals to be placed hereon, all on the day and year first above written.

**WOODBRIIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

By  (President)

By  (Secretary)

**WOODBRIIDGE TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

By  (President)

By  (Secretary)

**18A:16-6**

**INDEMNITY OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AGAINST CIVIL ACTIONS**

Whenever any civil action has been or shall be brought against any person holding any office, position or employment under the jurisdiction of any board of education, including any student teacher or person assigned to other professional pre-teaching field experience, for any act or omission arising out of and in the course of the performance of the duties of such office, position, employment or student teacher or other assignment to professional field experience, the board shall defray all costs of defending such action including reasonable counsel fees and expenses, together with costs of appeal, if any, and shall save harmless and protect such person from any financial loss resulting therefrom; and said board may arrange for and maintain appropriate insurance to cover all such damages, losses and expenses.

**18A:16-6.1**

**INDEMNITY OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL ACTIONS**

Should any criminal action be instituted against any such person for any such act or omission, and should such proceeding be dismissed or result in a final disposition in favor of such person, the board of education shall reimburse him/her for the cost of defending such proceeding, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses of the original hearing or trial and all appeals.

## **JOINT SICK LEAVE BANK**

### **PREAMBLE:**

The Woodbridge Township Board of Education (Board) and the Woodbridge Township Education Association (Association) recognize that there are situations when employees may encounter a serious illness or injury that incapacitates her / him or a family member for an amount of time in excess of his or her available paid leave of absence. To provide relief from financial hardship and to maintain health benefits for employees affected by a serious illness or injury, the parties agree to establish a Joint Sick Leave Bank (JSLB), under terms set forth herein.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

#### **For donors:**

A member of the bargaining unit represented by the Association may donate a maximum of eight (8) sick days from his or her accumulated sick day account as long as the donor has at least ninety (90) sick days previously accumulated. The donated days from all members of the bargaining unit will form the JSLB.

#### **For recipients:**

No bargaining unit member may use additional sick leave days from the JSLB until he or she has exhausted all paid leave of absence, including, but not limited to, vacation, sick, personal, and compensatory time. Recipients must qualify with serious illness or injury that incapacitates him or her or a family member. (Leave of absence)

There is no requirement that recipients have previously donated sick days to the JSLB in order to be eligible to receive days from the JSLB.

"Serious illness or injury" shall be defined as an illness or injury substantiated with medical evidence and requiring absence for a period of time that exceeds twenty (20) days.

### **COMMITTEE:**

A "Joint Sick Leave Bank Committee" (Committee) shall be composed of three (3) members selected by the Association President and three (3) members selected by the Board of Education. Each party shall designate a co-chairperson. Co-chairpersons shall work cooperatively to set a schedule of meetings to discuss all applications for sick days from the JSLB.

**PROCESS:**

Donations of sick days from bargaining unit members will be made in writing on a one-page application developed by the committee. The donor application shall be completed and signed by the donating bargaining unit member.

The bargaining unit member requesting sick days from the JSLB or his or her designee shall make the request in writing. The request shall be accompanied by appropriate medical documentation, which shall be submitted, to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources prior to consideration of the application by the Committee.

An application to the Committee shall be limited to not more than twenty-five (25) additional sick days. However, there shall be no restriction on the number of times an employee can make application for additional sick days.

The Committee shall review all applications for additional sick days. Applications shall require a unanimous vote of the Committee members for approval. The decision of the Committee shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

At the start of each school year, the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources for the Board and the President of the Association shall ensure that all members of the bargaining unit receive a copy of the sick day donor application. This application shall also be regularly posted on the Association bulletin board in each building and be available in the front office of each building and in the Office of Human Resources.

A donating employee may not receive compensation in any form for the donation of sick days.

Any additional sick days from the JSLB granted to a bargaining unit member shall be used during the work year in which the grant is made. A request for continuation of the leave into the next work year must be made by a separate application that will be reviewed by the JSLB.

The JSLB herein identified is established for and available only to members of the bargaining unit represented by the WTEA. Only bargaining unit members may donate sick days to this JSLB. Nothing in this agreement prevents a different Joint Sick Leave Bank from being established for and available to members of different bargaining units.

All sick days donated or received under the terms of the Joint Sick Leave Bank shall have equal value. One sick day donated by an employee shall be the equivalent of one sick day received by an employee.

Under N.J.S.A. 18A:30-6, the Board of Education shall retain the discretion to grant extended sick leave on a case-by-case basis in addition to sick leave established through the JSLB. The Board shall have sole authority to grant or deny such requests for leave.





PART TWO  
NON-SUPERVISORY,  
CERTIFIES PERSONNEL





## **PART TWO – NON-SUPERVISORY, CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **WORK YEAR**

##### **A. WORK YEAR**

1. The following shall be the teacher work year:
  - a. 180 instructional days to match the student calendar
  - b. One teacher planning day prior to the start of school
  - c. Two in-service days to be scheduled during the school year
  - d. A two-day workshop of new teachers shall be scheduled prior to Labor Day. New teachers hired after the two-day workshop shall be required to attend the two-day sessions scheduled for the following school year.
2. School Counselors, Mainstream Facilitators, Student Assistant Counselors, Curriculum Specialists, Lead School District Nurse, and members of the Child Study Team shall report five workdays before the teachers' first day of work. They shall work until June 30 unless there are more than five days after the end of the students' school year in which case they shall only work five days after the end of the students' school year.
3. Employees shall have a work shift of five hours the day before Thanksgiving and the last workday before both the winter and spring recess.

##### **B. SCHOOL CALENDAR**

1. The parties recognize the authority and duty of the Board pursuant to New Jersey law to promulgate a school calendar.
2. As in the past, the Board shall schedule holidays and vacation periods consistent with the educational needs of the District.
3. School calendars shall be forwarded, in writing, to all employees and the Association within ten school days after adoption by the Board.
4. If changes in any adopted calendars are contemplated, employees and the Association will be given ten school days written notice, except in cases of emergency.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **TEACHING HOURS AND TEACHING LOAD**

##### **A. ELEMENTARY TEACHER'S WORKDAY**

1. Full-time elementary teachers shall report to their assigned stations no later than 8:45 am and shall commence their teaching duties at 9:05 am.
2. Elementary teachers are herein guaranteed a lunch period of not less than fifty (50) minutes. In the event of a delayed opening or an unscheduled early dismissal, lunch period shall be reduced by twenty-five (25) minutes.
3. The workday for elementary teachers shall end at 3:30 pm except as set forth in Sections C.1 and C.2 below. However, when circumstances and the educational needs of the students require that the workday begin at a different time, e.g. tutorial instruction, etc., such workday shall not exceed six hours and forty-five minutes (6 hrs. 45 minutes) in duration. The addition of ten (10) minutes to the workday effective with the 2012-2013 school year shall involve non-instructional duties only.

4. All elementary teachers shall be guaranteed five (5) preparation periods of a thirty (30) minute duration per week, except that, where administratively possible, all elementary teachers shall be guaranteed one (1) preparation period of thirty (30) minutes duration per day. On any full school day that an elementary teacher is not given a preparation period, s/he shall be guaranteed one break from instruction of at least fifteen (15) minutes.
5. There shall be four (4) elementary parent conference days.
  - a. Two (2) parent conference days shall be scheduled Wednesday and Friday from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm for the Fall semester
  - b. Two (2) parent conference days shall be scheduled Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for the fall semester
  - c. On all parent conference days, students shall be dismissed no later than 1:10 pm.
6. Elementary class lists shall be made available prior to the last day of school with the understanding that these lists may be revised prior to the opening day of school. Copies of these lists shall be made available to the school nurse and all special area teachers at the same time.
7. A schedule of assignment of paraprofessionals shall be posted in the school office available to teachers.
8. In the event that an elementary class exceeds thirty (30) students for a period of more than ten (10) school days without the class being supplied with either an additional teacher or a paraprofessional, then the teacher in whose class this occurs shall, on the eleventh school day, receive overload pay determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Teacher's annual salary}}{30 \times 200} =$$

The daily rate per additional student above thirty (30) for each day that said student(s) is/are in the classroom applies until such time as another teacher or paraprofessional is also in the classroom or until such time as the teaching load reduces to thirty (30) students or less.

#### **B. SECONDARY TEACHERS' WORK DAY**

1. High School
  - a. Full-time high school teachers shall report to their assigned stations no later than 7:30 am.
  - b. The workday for high school teachers shall end at 2:30 pm, except as set forth in Sections C.1 and C.2 below.
  - c. When circumstances and the educational needs of the students require that the workday for high school teachers begin at a different time, e.g. detention, tutorial instruction, etc., such workday shall not exceed seven (7) hours duration. The addition of ten (10) minutes to the workday effective with the 2012-2013 school year shall involve non-instructional duties only.
  - d. High school teachers are herein guaranteed a duty-free lunch period equal to that of the students.
  - e. Every high school teacher shall be guaranteed a daily preparation period, except for early dismissal days and delayed opening days on which there shall be no guarantee of a preparation period.

- f. With the exception of special education teachers, high school teachers shall not teach more than two (2) subject areas nor more than three (3) preparations during any semester. In the event that this is not possible, the teacher shall be relieved of any duty prior to the first class period, as well as homeroom.
  - g. High school teachers shall not be required to teach more than two (2) consecutive classes without either a lunch break or a preparation period.
  - h. No high school teacher shall be required to teach more than five (5) blocks per year or three (3) blocks per semester. No teacher shall be assigned to teach more than three (3) blocks for more than ninety (90) instructional days. No teacher shall be given more than one (1) block per year of assigned duties. However, a high school teacher may volunteer to teach up to six (6) blocks per year or a middle school teacher may volunteer to teach up to five (5) periods with a corresponding reduction in assigned duties and with compensation as outlined in Article V D.4.
  - i. High school teachers who are assigned as computer liaisons shall teach only four (4) blocks per year and shall have no assigned duties.
2. Middle School
- a. Full-time middle school teachers shall be on duty at their assigned stations no later than 8:05 am.
  - b. The workday for middle school teachers shall end at 3:05 pm, except as set forth in Sections C.1 and C.2 below.
  - c. When circumstances and the educational needs of the students require that the workday for middle school teachers begin at a different time, e.g. detention, tutorial instruction, etc., such workday shall not exceed seven (7) hours duration. The addition of ten (10) minutes to the workday effective with the 2012-2013 school year shall involve non-instructional duties only.
  - d. Middle school teachers are guaranteed a duty-free lunch period equal to that of the students, but not less than thirty (30) minutes.
  - e. Every middle school teacher shall be guaranteed a daily preparation period every day and a second preparation period every other day, except for early dismissal days and delayed opening days on which there shall be no guarantee of a preparation period.
  - f. With the exception of special education teachers, middle school teachers shall not teach more than two (2) subject areas nor more than three (3) preparations during any marking period. In the event that this is not possible, the teacher shall be relieved of any duty prior to the first class period, as well as homeroom. In the event that any middle school teacher (including special education teachers) is assigned four or more preparations daily, s/he shall also be relieved of an assigned duty.
  - g. Middle school teachers shall not be required to teach more than three (3) consecutive classes without either a lunch break or a preparation period.
  - h. No middle school teacher shall be required to teach more than four (4) periods per day. No teacher shall be given more than one (1) period per year of assigned duties. However, a teacher may volunteer to teach up to five (5) periods per year with a corresponding reduction in assigned duties and with compensation as outlined in Article V D.4.
  - i. Middle school teachers who are assigned as computer liaisons shall teach only three (3) periods per year and shall have no assigned duties.
3. Teachers of secondary English classes shall have a teaching load not to exceed one hundred thirty (130) pupils. This may be modified for educational purposes only, as it may apply to large group instructional programs, team-teaching programs, and approved experimental programs.

4. Teachers assigned to bus duty will be relieved of a homeroom assignment.
5. Morning announcement coordinators in secondary schools shall be free of other duties during the homeroom period.

**C. MEETINGS**

1. Teachers may leave the building at the end of the school day as soon as all buses have cleared the school grounds, but no later than 15 minutes after dismissal, unless requested to remain for teacher meetings, in-service training programs or extra help for pupils and/or parent conferences. For the purposes of student safety and supervision, some staff may be required to remain until all students have left the campus. Such meetings, programs and conferences shall be limited as follows:
  - a. In no case shall teachers be required to remain for more than two (2) sixty (60) minute teacher meetings per month, except in emergencies. Meetings shall commence no later than when the last bus has departed the campus, but may end no later than 75 minutes after dismissal.
  - b. In no case shall teachers be required to remain for more than two (2) hours of in-service training per month, to a maximum of ten (10) hours per year. In-service training shall be defined to include state mandated programs and preparation for new instructional programs. In-service training does not include such activities as curriculum work, test writing, lesson planning, etc.
  - c. Pupils and parents are encouraged to seek help and assistance at a time that is mutually acceptable.
  - d. Except in emergencies, meetings and programs which take place after the regular school day, and which require teacher attendance shall not be called on any day immediately preceding any day upon which teacher attendance is not required at school.
  - e. Except in emergencies, teachers shall be given a schedule of any required meetings or programs by the first day of each month and at least two (2) days prior to any pupil or parent conference.
2. Paragraph C.1 and subsections a. through e. shall not apply to child study team members and student assistance counselors.
3. Duties which teachers, including child study team members, curriculum specialists, and student assistance counselors, are required to perform beyond the school day shall be equally distributed and, with the exception of parents' night, no teacher shall be required to perform more than two (2) per year.
4. Teacher preparation periods shall be generally used for the following purposes, at the teacher's discretion: planning lessons; grading/evaluating papers; completing required reports; working on curriculum projects; preparing equipment and materials for class; taking reasonable rest periods; study and professional reading; conference with staff and/or parents; observing other teachers with that teacher's permission; providing extra help to pupils.

**D. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Teachers will not be required to make written excuses for an occasional tardiness. Habitual lateness is not herein condoned and should be discouraged through conferences with the appropriate administrative authority. In no case shall this function be delegated to a clerk or secretary.

2. Teachers may leave the school building during their lunch periods and, with administrative permission, during their preparation periods. If the administrator or her/his designee is not available to grant prior permission, the teacher leaving the building will complete an appropriate form, and the completed form shall be filed with the administrator's secretary.
3. The principal or her/his designee shall work with teachers to order supplies for the beginning of each school year. Teachers shall be informed of deliveries as soon as possible after their arrival.
4. Curriculum-related field trips shall be approved by the principal whose decision shall be governed by the following guidelines:
  - a. When a field trip lasts for the entire school day, the Board shall provide a qualified substitute for classes not participating in the trip.
  - b. When a field trip lasts for less than a full day, class coverage will be provided at Board expense.
5. Child Study Teams, Curriculum Specialists, Lead School District Nurse and Student Assistance Counselors.
  - a. The workday for Child Study Team members, Lead School District Nurse, and Curriculum Specialists shall be from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, with one hour for lunch. The workday for Student Assistance Counselors shall be from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm, with one (1) hour for lunch.
  - b. Members of Child Study Teams, Curriculum Specialists, and Student Assistance Counselors shall work the same number of hours as classroom teachers on the last student day of the school year.
6. The workday for the Speech/Language Specialists shall be seven and one-half hours, scheduled between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, with one (1) hour for lunch.
7. The workday of School Counselors shall be the same as teachers throughout the work year. When working on voucher during the summer session, the workday for School Counselors shall be consistent with regular summer hours as determined by the Board prior to the commencement of the summer session each year.
8. When students are dismissed early due to excessive heat, teachers shall be excused one-half hour after student dismissal time.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **NON-TEACHING DUTIES**

##### **A. CAFETERIA DUTY**

Cafeteria duty shall be assigned on a voluntary basis to the extent that this is possible. No teacher shall be involuntarily assigned cafeteria duty for more than two consecutive years. Every attempt shall be made to distribute this assignment equally among all teachers.

##### **B. TRANSPORTATION**

Teachers shall not be required to drive students except as prescribed by law. A teacher may do so voluntarily, however, with the approval of her/his principal or immediate supervisor. S/he shall be compensated in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and the regulations promulgated thereunder for the use of her/his own automobile.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES**

#### **A. SALARY SCHEDULE CREDIT**

1. The Board and the Superintendent reserve the right to negotiate the degree to which credit shall be granted, if any, for prior teaching experience. A new teacher entering the District may be placed on the appropriate guide at the discretion of the Superintendent and the Board. However, no teacher shall be given more salary guide credit than s/he has earned through actual teacher experience.
2. The Board will allow up to four (4) years credit on the salary guide for teachers who have taken leave for military service, the Peace Corps, or the VISTA program.
3. The Board, within its sole discretion, may credit nurses for years of service, prior to their hire date, when determining which step on the salary guide to place them upon hire. Moreover, such credit for years of service may include work performed in the private sector and/or similar work performed for any employer other than a board of education.

#### **B. REPLACEMENT TEACHERS**

At the time a replacement teacher is hired, s/he shall be informed of her/his status as a replacement teacher.

#### **C. CERIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

1. The Board shall reimburse Speech/Language Specialists for the cost of maintaining certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and/or licensure as speech pathologists by the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs.
2. The Board shall reimburse school nurses for the cost of maintaining certification as a school nurse and for the cost of membership in the New Jersey State School Nurses Association.
3. The Board shall reimburse athletic trainers for the cost of maintaining certification as an athletic trainer.
4. The Board shall reimburse swim coaches for the cost of maintaining lifeguard certification.
5. The District will provide professional development activities on the in-service day to Speech/Language Specialists and Athletic Trainers that qualify toward the continuing education credits necessary for their license renewal.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **SALARIES**

#### **A. TEACHER SALARIES**

1. Teachers' salaries shall be established in accordance with the provisions of this Article and the Teachers' Salary Schedule.
2. To be eligible for an annual increment, a teacher must have been employed a minimum of ninety (90) school days in the preceding school year. An annual teacher reappointment does not guarantee an increment.
3. Full-time School Counselors and Mainstream Facilitators shall be paid according to the teachers' salary schedule plus an additional six and a half (6.5) percent. This six and a half

(6.5) percent shall be included as part of the annual base salary for pension purposes and shall be paid along with the annual base salary in twenty (20) equal payments.

4. The Lead Nurse and Child Study Team members, including School Social Workers, Learning Disability Teacher Consultants, School Psychologists, and Student Assistance Counselors shall be paid according to the Teachers' Salary Schedule plus an additional fifteen (15) percent.
5. Speech/Language Specialists shall be paid according to the Teachers' Salary Schedule plus an additional five (5) percent.
6. School Nurses shall be paid according to the Teachers' Salary Schedule plus an additional one (1) percent for the additional work required for their participation in 504 committees.
7. The regular hourly rate for teachers shall increase to \$50.00 effective July 1, 2024; \$51.00 effective July 1, 2025; \$53.00 effective July 1, 2026; and \$55.00 effective July 1, 2027.

**B. COACHING SALARIES**

1. The coaches' salaries shall be established in accordance with the Coaches' Salary Schedule.
2. The coaches shall receive payment as follows:
  - a. Fall sports coaches shall receive three equal paychecks during the months of September, October, and November.
  - b. Winter sports coaches shall receive three equal paychecks during the months of January, February, and March.
  - c. Spring sports coaches shall receive three equal paychecks during the months of April, May, and June.
3. The work of coaches of fall sports during the months of July and August shall be provided on a voluntary basis without compensation.

**C. EXTRA-CURRICULAR SALARIES**

1. Extra-curricular activities shall be decided by the Administration. The extra-curricular advisors' salaries shall be established in accordance with the Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule.
2. Advisors of extra-curricular activities shall be paid by January 31 and June 30 as follows:
  - a. First semester activities – January 31.
  - b. Second semester activities – June 30.
  - c. Full-year activities – One-half pay on January 31; one-half pay on June 30.
3. Elementary teachers may be delegated the additional duty of safety patrol supervisor or student council advisor for the additional salary as set forth in the Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule.

**D. CLASS COVERAGE**

1. Teachers shall be paid the Regular Hourly Rate for the coverage of classes of any absent teacher.
2. Elementary teachers shall be paid using the regular hourly rate for the coverages of classes of an absent teacher. On days that this occurs, elementary teachers will be paid an additional half-hour, for work completed outside of the school day.
3. In emergencies, where regular substitutes are not available and a middle school teacher volunteers to teach a fifth class, the teacher will be paid the regular hourly rate. Middle school teachers will be paid an additional half-hour for work and preparation completed outside of the school day.
4. In emergencies, where regular substitutes are not available and a high school teacher volunteers to teach a sixth class, the teacher will be paid the regular hourly rate. High school

teachers will be paid an additional half-hour for work and preparation completed outside of the school day.

5. In emergencies where regular substitutes are not available and two classes are combined for the day or a major part thereof, the teacher in charge shall be paid the base rate for a state certified substitute in addition to her/his regular salary. If the class is divided between two or more teachers, each teacher shall receive a proportionate amount of that rate in addition to her/his regular salary.
6. In emergencies where regular substitutes are not available for Child Study Team members, Speech/Language Specialists, and School Counselors who are on leave, the staff member obtaining that case load shall be paid the base rate for a state certified substitute in addition to her/his regular salary. If the caseload is divided between two or more staff members, each shall receive a proportionate amount of that rate in addition to her/his regular salary.

**E. HOME INSTRUCTION**

Teachers who are assigned to after-school home instruction shall be paid at the Regular Hourly Rate.

**F. TRANSPORTATION**

When Board supplied transportation is not available and where no other provisions for payment are stipulated, all teachers who use their own automobiles for school business and have received prior approval for such use shall be compensated in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

**G. PART TIME TEACHERS**

1. Part-time teachers shall be paid based on this Article and a proration of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.
2. With the permission of the Board, teachers assigned to positions in kindergarten, middle school, high school, and special areas may elect to engage in job sharing, which shall permit two teachers with assignments in the categories identified above to each perform separate parts of one full-time teaching assignment and to reach agreement upon the appropriate division of the salary and benefits package. Both the Board and the Association must approve any such agreement. This provision in no way reduces the level of compensation or benefits to which part-time employees who are not covered by a job sharing agreement are entitled. The decision to establish or to deny job-sharing agreements is discretionary on the part of the Board and shall not be the basis for a grievance. The cost to the Board for salary and benefits for the two employees covered by a job sharing agreement shall be no greater than the cost to the Board for employing one employee in that job.

**H. GENERAL**

All teachers shall satisfactorily complete all items on their annual clearance forms prior to receiving their final paychecks for the school year.

**I. ATTENDANCE OF COURT HEARINGS**

1. Child Study Team members who are required to attend court hearings or prepare for testimony outside the regular workday shall be compensated at the rate of \$75 per day.
2. Child Study Team members who are required to attend court hearings or prepare for testimony during the summer recess shall be compensated at the rate of \$400 per day.

**J. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PANEL (SciP)**

The teacher member of the School Improvement Panel in each school shall receive a stipend of \$1800 per year. In the event that there is more than one teacher member of the School Improvement Panel, they shall share the stipend equally.

**K. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL I&RS COMMITTEE**

The teacher member of the I&RS committee in each elementary school shall receive a stipend of \$2,500 per year. In the event that there is more than one teacher member of the I&RS committee, they shall share the stipend equally.

**L. ADVANCED PLACEMENT REVIEW**

1. Teachers of Advanced Placement courses under the block schedule may be assigned to conduct review sessions for their students in preparation for the Advanced Placement test.
2. Sessions shall be scheduled at the discretion of the teacher at convenient times outside of regular instructional hours.
3. A stipend of \$300 shall be paid for conducting an Advanced Placement review session of six hours. A stipend of \$600 shall be paid for conducting an Advanced Placement review session of twelve hours or more.

**M. JUNIOR ROTC**

Compensation for Junior ROTC shall include a stipend for the position of Senior Army Instructor in the amount of \$6,500 per year and for the position of Army Instructor of \$4,500 per year.

**N. ASSIGNMENT DIFFERENTIAL FOR SCHOOL NURSES**

When school nurses who are based in one building, work in a second school building during any school day, they shall receive a daily pay differential of \$60 for each day that they actually work in two or more different buildings. This differential shall not apply to any nurse hired as a "travelling" or "floating" nurse.

**O. COMPUTER LIAISONS**

Teachers assigned as computer liaisons in high schools, shall receive an annual stipend of \$2,500. Teachers assigned as computer liaisons in middle schools shall receive an annual stipend of \$2,100. Elementary computer liaisons shall receive an annual stipend of \$1,900.

**P. MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBJECT AREA LEADERS / GUIDANCE STAFF LEADERS**

Subject area leaders and guidance staff leaders in the middle schools shall receive an annual stipend of \$1,375.

**Q. MIDDLE SCHOOL TESTING COORDINATOR**

Testing coordinators in the middle schools shall receive an annual stipend of \$750.

**R. SPORTS PHYSICAL STIPEND FOR NURSES**

Secondary school nurses assigned to perform sports physicals shall receive an annual stipend of \$550.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **SUMMER WORK**

#### **A. POSTING**

Extended School Year Program openings shall be publicized before the preceding June 1.

#### **B. CRITERIA**

The Board retains the right to appoint teachers from within or without the District to the summer Extended School Year Program positions. Current teaching staff members who apply may be interviewed.

#### **C. SALARY**

1. All teachers covered by this Agreement shall, if appointed to employment as a teacher in any summer program, be paid at the Regular Hourly Rate.
2. Nurses required to assist in physical examinations during summer months shall be paid at the Regular Hourly Rate.
3. The band director and his/her assistants who staff Board authorized practice sessions during the summer shall be paid at the Regular Hourly Rate.
4. At the discretion of the Director of Special Services, the district may employ a group of Child Study Team Members and Speech/Language Specialists to work during the summer months. Positions shall be filled based upon seniority as a Child Study Team member and will be limited by the amount of staff needed for the summer programs. This summer work shall be considered optional. Should an employee choose to work during the summer, the requirements shall be that the employee work a total of two weeks during the months of July and August, as scheduled by the Director of Special Services or a designee, and agreed upon by the employee. The workday for the summer shall consist of five, seven-hour days or four, eight and three quarter hour days should the summer program run only four days per week. Compensation for this summer work shall be paid as a stipend at five (5) percent of the employee's base salary. An employee may choose to work an additional two weeks during the summer, and receive an additional five (5) percent stipend, however no employee shall be granted four weeks before all other employees have been given the opportunity to work the two weeks. Any additional Child Study Team or Speech/Language Specialist work that is performed during the summer recess shall be compensated at the rate of \$450 per day.
5. Each principal may assign the school nurse in his/her school to work up to two additional days during the summer recess, to be paid at his/her daily rate.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION**

#### **A. TEACHER SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION**

1. The supervisory program for teachers of the District shall consist of five (5) phases:
  - a. Classroom visitation and observation.
  - b. follow-up conference with teacher and observer.
  - c. Annual evaluation report (tenured staff).

- d. Tenure recommendation to Superintendent.
- e. Tenure recommendation by Superintendent to the Board.

**B. CLASSROOM VISITATION AND OBSERVATION**

1. It shall be the administrative procedure that all teachers be visited and observed by an administrator. The observer, with the teacher, shall hold follow-up conferences as soon as possible, but in any event, no later than three (3) school days after each visit. As a result of each visit and conference, the observer shall complete a report on the approved District form.
2. Problems caused by classroom interruptions, other than classroom visitations and observations, both by teachers and administrators, should be discussed at each building level and effective practices established to overcome said problem.
3. The observer is to submit one copy of the form to the teacher observed, a second copy to the principal's office, a third copy to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources for the teacher's District personnel file, and a fourth copy to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.
4. The teacher may submit a self-evaluation for each observation on a form identical to that used by the observer prior to the follow-up conference. This self-evaluation shall be attached to the official observation form and shall be placed in the teacher's District personnel file.
5. Tenured teachers should be visited at least once each year by a representative of the administration. These reports of the observations and conferences for tenured teachers shall be used as a basis for the annual evaluation reports to be made by the building principal.
6. If an administrator observes a teacher or class for more than 15 minutes, the observation shall be written.
7. First-year teachers shall receive the District evaluation and observation forms and procedures prior to the beginning of the first observation.
8. No teacher shall be required to sign an incomplete observation report or annual evaluation report.

**C. FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE**

1. Conferences might relate to the observation/evaluation in areas including, but not limited to, varied techniques of instruction, varied activities utilized, depth of lesson plans and their execution, organization and management of the class and classroom, full utilization of class time, degree of maximum pupil participation, classroom atmosphere, motivating techniques, maximum use of equipment, supplies and materials and other instructional techniques as they might relate to specific subject areas.
2. Observers should be prepared to offer constructive suggestions, where necessary, for improved teaching techniques, for new and varied resource materials, for class organization, for improved lesson planning, for meeting the needs of individuals as well as the group, and for the proper implementation and completion of minimum curriculum standards.
3. Conferences should result in growth and learning by the teacher.
4. When teacher discipline is being contemplated by an administrator, the teacher shall have the right to have an Association Representative present during the conference.

**D. ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORTS (TENURED)**

Annual evaluation of tenured teachers shall be processed in the prescribed manner noted above, but such reports shall be submitted by June 1 of each school year.

**E. ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORTS (NON-TENURED)**

1. Annual evaluation reports shall be completed by the building principal (or the designated administrator) by April 1 of each school year. One copy shall be given to the teacher, a second to be filed in the teacher's building personnel file, a third copy to be sent to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources for placement in the teacher's District personnel file, and a fourth copy to be sent to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.
2. District administrators may be called upon to assist in the development of evaluation reports and will be expected to review the evaluation reports upon completion.
3. Principals shall be expected to confer with non-tenured teachers regarding their annual evaluation prior to placing the report on file.
4. Teachers' signatures on each evaluation report shall indicate that such conference was held and that they are familiar with the contents of the evaluation. Such a signature shall not mean that the teacher necessarily approved the contents of the report. Evaluations will continue to be signed in ink by the evaluator and teacher being evaluated.

**F. OTHER PROCEDURES IN SUPERVISORY PROGRAMS**

1. Teachers will be given a copy of any class visit or evaluation report prepared by their supervisor at the conference for the purpose of discussion. No such report shall be submitted to central administration, placed in a teacher's file, or otherwise acted upon until the teacher has had a conference with the observer.
2. All monitoring or observation of the work performance of a teacher will be conducted openly, with full knowledge of the teacher. Surreptitious use of public address or audio systems and similar surveillance devices shall not be permitted.
3. Because of the confidential nature of observation and evaluation procedures, information on evaluations, observations and conferences shall be accessible to no party except the building and central administrators, the supervisor, the department head and/or coordinator, the teacher involved and the Board, if necessary.
4. Only authorized clerical personnel shall prepare such reports.
5. Classroom supervision shall be regarded by all parties concerned as a means to assist in improving instruction, not as a means to harass the parties being observed and evaluated.
6. All supervisors and administrators, directly or indirectly responsible for the supervision of a teacher, shall have the right to visit classrooms or other activities under the teacher's jurisdiction at any time.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**FAIR DISMISSAL PROCEDURE**

**A. NOTIFICATION OF STATUS**

A non-tenured teacher will be informed of the Superintendent's recommendation as to whether s/he has been granted tenure at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of her/his probationary period and shall be informed in writing of the final action of the Board on the granting or denial of her/his tenure at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of her/his probationary period.

**B. REASONS**

A non-tenured teacher who is not granted a contract may request a meeting with the Superintendent who shall arrange such a meeting with the teacher within ten (10) school days after the receipt of such a request. The teacher shall be shown any rating forms that have been completed by the administration. If s/he so chooses, s/he may be accompanied by an Association Representative.

**ARTICLE IX**

**TEACHER-ADMINISTRATION LIAISON**

**A. TEACHER LIAISON COMMITTEES**

1. Members of the Teacher Liaison Committee in each school shall be nominated in an open meeting of the faculty each September.
2. A ballot shall be prepared of all nominees by a member of the clerical staff under the joint supervision of the principal and an Association Representative. Within one week, a secret ballot election shall be conducted under the joint supervision of the principal and an Association Representative.
3. At least one Association Representative shall be an ex-officio member of the Teacher Liaison Committee.
4. The Teacher Liaison Committee shall consist of not less than three, nor more than eight, teachers in each school.
5. The committee may convene meetings as often as once each month.
6. The Superintendent and the Association President shall be sent copies of the minutes of the meetings from each building.

**B. COMMUNICATION**

1. The principal of each school shall meet with the Association Representative at the request of either party to discuss school operation and questions relating to the implementation of this Agreement.
2. Proposed changes in existing procedures and new procedures for the school relevant to this Agreement shall be the subject for discussion at such meetings.
3. Procedures adopted or maintained by any principal shall not be inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE X**

**INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEES**

**A. DEFINITION**

Instructional Committees shall include any committee established by the Board or the Administration of which any teacher is a member for the purpose of studying any aspect of the District or other issues pertinent to public education.

**B. MEMBERSHIP**

The Association President may submit a list of no more than three (3) names of teachers who have credentials appropriate to the subject under study to the Superintendent for consideration for appointment for each Instructional Committee. The Superintendent shall appoint one (1) or more of the teachers on the list to the committee for which the list was prepared. In the event that the Superintendent finds no teacher on the list to be acceptable for appointment, the Association President shall submit another list of three (3) names. The Superintendent shall then appoint one (1) or more teachers from the combined lists to the committee.

**ARTICLE XI**

**SABBATICAL LEAVE**

**A. PURPOSE**

1. Sabbatical leaves may be granted for the basic purpose of helping to improve the competence of teachers who receive the leaves, and thereby to help improve the quality of instruction in the District. In no way is this to be interpreted as a reward, remuneration, or compensation, or a type of terminal leave.
2. Sabbatical leaves will be granted for full-time graduate study with an accredited institution for the duration of the leave, or for traveling which is in conjunction with an educational program of an accredited college or university.

**B. REQUIREMENTS**

1. The applicant must have a minimum of seven (7) years of service in Woodbridge.
2. Each recipient of a leave must agree to serve a minimum of two (2) years within the District after her/his return from the sabbatical.

**C. APPLICATION**

1. Application forms are to be obtained from the Superintendent's office but are to be returned to the applicant's immediate supervisor. The applicant shall agree to comply with all the provisions of this Agreement.
2. All applications must be completed listing the purpose of leave, the institution at which the study is to be taken, etc.
3. Applications for a full year's leave must be completed by December 1 of the year preceding the school year in which the leave is granted.
4. All applicants shall receive written notice from the Superintendent's office indicating either acceptance or rejection within one week after the final adoption of the budget, but not later than April 15.
5. If an application is disapproved and the teacher wishes to apply again the following year or at any other time, a new application must be timely filed with the Superintendent's office.
6. Any changes in the use of sabbatical time after the application has been approved must be sent in writing to the Superintendent's office.

**D. BENEFITS**

1. The teacher shall receive a full year leave at 60% of his/her annual salary.
2. The teacher shall retain all rights, such as tenure, pension, increments and health benefits.

3. If a sabbatical is interrupted by a serious accident or illness causing the teacher to drop out of the approved sabbatical program, the teacher shall be eligible for sick leave benefits commencing with the date of disability. Sick leave benefits shall be based on full salary pursuant to the sick leave provision as set forth in this Agreement under Part One, Article IX.
  - a. The Administration shall be notified of the accident or illness in writing within ten (10) days of the occurrence with a statement from a licensed physician stating the nature and extent of the illness or accident.
  - b. Should the teacher's condition improve so that s/he is fully recovered, and the recovery is certified by a licensed physician, the teacher shall return to full-time teaching status, assigned by the Superintendent, to the nearest appropriate position to that which s/he had before the sabbatical began until the new school year at which time s/he will be given an appropriate position.

**E. SUBSEQUENT LEAVES**

Once the leave is granted, such persons do not again become eligible for a sabbatical leave until an additional seven (7) years shall have elapsed. The seven (7) years shall be counted from the date of completion of the prior-approved sabbatical leave.

**F. RETURN**

A teacher must guarantee a minimum of two (2) years of service upon return from a sabbatical leave. In the event said teacher does not complete two (2) years of service, said teacher shall repay the Board all monies received from the Board during the leave period. The Board may make changes to this requirement upon the recommendation of the Superintendent for such reasons as serious illness or other extenuating circumstances.

**G. TRANSFER NOTICE**

Ten (10) days notice of intention to transfer, where applicable, shall be given to teachers returning from sabbatical leave.

**H. EMPLOYMENT**

If granted a leave, no other full-time position will be taken by the teacher during this time for the purpose of earning money, except for grants and/or awards given by a college or foundation.

**I. RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

1. A minimum of two (2) sabbaticals per year shall be granted if there are:
  - a. Qualified candidates as determined according to the criteria set forth in Section J below.
  - b. Funds are available as determined by the Board.
2. Teachers granted leaves for study shall be required to file transcripts with the Superintendent upon returning to the District.
3. It shall be understood that there shall be a moratorium on sabbaticals for the length of this contract.

**J. ELECTION OF APPLICANTS**

1. The following factors will be considered in determining the recommendation of approval of sabbatical leaves:
  - a. Worthiness of proposed purpose.
  - b. Seniority.

- c. Availability of competent replacement.
- d. The number or percentage selected from a particular building.
- 2. Where applicants appear to have identical qualifications, the following factors also must be taken into consideration:
  - a. Evidence of prior interest in self-improvement.
  - b. Evidence of teaching interest and dedication to the profession.
- 3. The Superintendent may use the above listed criteria as well as other factors in selecting candidates. S/he may, at her/his discretion, appoint a screening committee to assist.

**K. SALARY PAYMENTS**

- 1. All regular salary deductions, such as taxes, pension contributions, etc. will be deducted from the payments received by the teacher. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund, the pension deduction, based upon the full contractual salary received at the time the leave is begun, shall continue for the duration of the leave.
- 2. Before beginning a sabbatical leave, the teacher will notify the Superintendent's office in writing where paychecks should be sent.
- 3. Teachers granted sabbatical leaves shall be paid sixty (60) percent salary less the deductions for taxes, pension, etc. for all regular pay periods established by the Board.
- 4. The final decision in granting a sabbatical shall be made by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent, and the action of the Board shall be by resolution.

**ARTICLE XII**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**A. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Teachers are encouraged to join professional organizations of their choice with the understanding that it will be at no cost to the district.

**B. TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS**

- 1. All teachers holding permanent or regular certification shall be eligible for tuition reimbursement. Reimbursement will be made under the following conditions:
  - a. Approval of the course to be taken must be obtained from the Office of Human Resources prior to starting the course. Approved criteria shall be uniformly applied to all applicants.
  - b. Courses taken must be related to the current teaching assignment of the teacher.
  - c. All courses eligible for tuition reimbursement must be successfully completed, i.e. achievement of a grade of "C" or better.
  - d. Tuition reimbursement shall be limited to a maximum of \$3,000 per year. Official transcripts for all reimbursable courses must be filed in the Office of Human within 30 days of completion of the course and shall be paid within 45 days of receipt.

**C. CURRICULUM COMMITTEES**

- 1. Curriculum committees may be established by the Administration for the purpose of continual improvement of the instructional program.
- 2. Teachers shall be selected by the Superintendent, and/or her/his designee, for all workshops, based upon their recognized skills and areas of assignment as well as the need for developing a balanced team for the project.

3. Committees may be held on Saturdays, in summer months, during scheduled recesses, or during the regular school day, as deemed necessary by the Board.
4. Teachers shall be compensated at the Regular Hourly Rate for approved workshop time when scheduled on other than a regular school day.
5. It shall not be mandatory for a teacher to serve as a chairperson for a curriculum committee.

#### **D. IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS**

1. Teachers with permanent certification may apply toward salary schedule credit for approved in-service courses that do not offer college or university credit. Teachers with a Bachelor's Degree and certification may apply such credits toward the Bachelor's Degree plus 32 hours, as limited by the "Degree Differentials" provision on page Two-23. Those with a Master's Degree and certification may apply such credits toward a Master's Degree plus 32 hours, as limited by the "Degree Differentials" provision on page Two-23. In order to receive credit, the teacher must have successfully completed the course, have attended at least 80% of the total sessions and have demonstrated satisfactory growth through participation and contributions to the course.
2. In-service education is defined as any approved professional study, course of study, curriculum workshop, lectures or committee work sponsored by the District, which will contribute to the improvement of assignments in which the teachers are involved. Such courses are intended for the improvement of the educational program, and, therefore, the best-qualified instructors will be sought.
3. Schedule of Maximum Credits for Approved In-service Credit:
  - a. Planned In-service Courses:
    - (1) Five (5) two-hour sessions, 1 credit.
    - (2) Ten (10) two-hour sessions, 2 credits.
    - (3) Fifteen (15) two-hour sessions, 3 credits.
  - b. Curriculum Study Committees
    - (1) Ten (10) two-hour sessions, 1 credit.
    - (2) Twenty (20) two-hour sessions, 2 credits.
4. All curriculum and professional study committees must be approved by the Superintendent prior to their organization before authorization of in-service credit may be considered. Meetings of supervisors, coordinators, department, or building faculties shall be considered as part of the duties and responsibilities of the teacher. Since professional staff members will pay no tuition for District sponsored courses, and since such courses may not be classified as graduate courses, such salary credit will be allowed toward total credits required in moving from one salary schedule to another.
5. When a teacher serves as an instructor or coordinator of any activity for which in-service credit is offered, s/he shall be compensated at the rate of \$48 per hour.
6. It shall not be mandatory for a teacher to serve as an instructor or coordinator for a curriculum or professional study committee.
7. The Board shall offer in-service courses each semester, if possible.

#### **E. DEGREE DIFFERENTIALS**

Teachers shall be paid salary differentials for advanced study as set forth on the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

**F. PROFESSIONAL LEAVE**

1. Absence without loss of pay will be allowed for professional visitations, educational conferences and conventions when approved by the principal and the Superintendent.
2. Teachers who apply for professional leave shall submit at the time of application an estimate of their professional leave expenses. When and if the leave is granted, the teacher will be informed of the amount approved for expenses. Every effort will be made to approve all reasonable expenses for professional leaves.
3. The Board will make every effort to provide significant access to professional days for teachers, with appropriate reimbursement of expenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all such reimbursements shall be made in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

**G. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. The Professional Development Committee shall be composed of four (4) classroom teachers elected by the teachers of the district and two (2) administrative staff members appointed by the Superintendent of Schools.
2. The committee shall assess in-service needs and professional development opportunities. The committee shall also plan and implement professional development programs in accordance with the standards of the State of New Jersey at the recommendation of the Board. The committee shall present its plan to the Middlesex County Professional Development Committee for its review and recommendation.
3. Teachers who serve on the committee shall receive release time for their committee work.
4. Teachers may apply to participate in professional development experiences other than those approved by the New Jersey Standards Board and the Middlesex County Standards Board as part of their professional development program and in fulfillment of the required 100 hours of continuing education. No application of such a request shall be arbitrarily denied.
5. Teachers who serve on the committee or who provide professional development training to others shall receive hour for hour credit for their committee work or training activities toward their 100-hour requirement.

**H. MENTORING**

A mentor shall be required to attend no more than six (6) hours of training in order to qualify as a mentor. Once a teacher qualifies as a mentor, this qualification remains in effect for five (5) years from the date of training. After five years, the teacher must requalify as a mentor by attending training provided by the district.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

**A. ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

1. Teachers shall be expected to plan and execute appropriate teaching units or daily lesson plans utilizing a variety of materials and methods of presentation within the limits imposed by law, the State Board of Education regulations, District policies and regulations and Board-approved curricula. These plans are to be submitted in writing to the appropriate administrator for approval by Friday afternoon preceding implementation.

2. At the direction of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, there will be periodic reviews of the need for modifications to the lesson plan format. When modifications are deemed necessary, a committee will be formed to make recommended changes.
3. When handling controversial issues, the teacher may express her/his own personal position on that particular issue as long as s/he makes it clear that it is only her/his opinion.

**B. PARENT / TEACHER COMMUNICATION**

The teacher shall, in accordance with Board policy, inform parents through conferences, report cards, failure notification and/or progress reports of the standing of children who are doing unsatisfactory work.

**C. STUDENT FOLDERS**

The frequency of submission of folders containing student work to parents shall be determined by the administration of each elementary school based upon District guidelines.

**D. SUBSTITUTE MATERIALS**

Teachers shall supply to substitutes obtained by the administration the following material as appropriate to the particular situation in each school:

- a. An up-to-date seating chart or arrangement for each class.
- b. A current lesson plan for each class relating to the unit of study presently under assignment to pupils.
- c. A copy of textbook(s) and necessary related teaching materials required for successful conduct of the lesson.
- d. A set of instructions for the substitute.
- e. The names of students in each class who might be called upon for assistance.
- f. The teacher's daily schedule.
- g. Organization of any specialized groupings within classes or levels.

**ARTICLE XIV**

**BOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES**

**A. TEXTBOOKS**

1. The Board shall provide textbooks in sufficient numbers and other equipment and materials as prescribed within curriculum guidelines.
2. Each teacher shall be provided with one (1) copy of all teacher's manuals and one textbook for each different teaching assignment.
3. All textbooks (more than ten (10) copies for any basic subject) shall be adopted by the Board, as prescribed by law, after a representative teachers' committee has received at least three (3) available and suitable texts for the specific subject and submitted their recommendation to the Superintendent for recommendation to the Board. The administration shall provide the necessary forms and procedures to assist with any textbook adoption. All textbook adoption committee work should be presented to the Superintendent with copies of the textbooks no later than May 1 of each school year if the adopted textbook is expected to be available by September 1 of the school year.
4. Textbooks for all levels and all grades shall not be collected prior to one (1) day before the end of the school year nor before the last final examination for any subject or curriculum experience area.

**B. TELEPHONE**

A telephone line shall be placed in the office of the school nurse.

**ARTICLE XV**

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

**A. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Athletic trainers shall be paid according to the teacher's salary guide plus an additional ten (10) percent.
2. Athletic Trainers shall receive the same health benefits as other full-time employees in the collective bargaining unit.
3. Athletic Trainers shall have a thirty-five (35) hour work week, exclusive of the holidays identified for twelve-month employees in Part Three of the Agreement.
4. The workweek for Athletic Trainers may be scheduled flexibly to accommodate the needs of the athletic program.
5. Athletic Trainers shall be entitled to the same leave of absence rights as other full time employees in the collective bargaining unit.
6. Athletic Trainers shall be entitled to receive Maximum Step compensation as identified within this contract.
7. Newly hired Athletic Trainers shall be hired at Step 1.
8. Athletic Trainers shall progress one step on the salary schedule for each year in which they are employed in the District.
9. Athletic Trainers shall be reimbursed for the use of their automobile during the workday in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
10. In the event they are required to work on any of the holidays identified for twelve-month employees in Part III of the agreement, they will receive 1/200<sup>th</sup> for each day worked.
11. As assigned by the principal or athletic director, athletic trainers shall be required to report to work during the summer for athletic practices which begin prior to the start of the school year and are consistent with the NJSIAA "First Practice" dates. In no case shall this assigned work be greater than 20 days.  
If a team practiced and the trainer was not available on a day, a sick/personal day would need to be used. If no practices were scheduled on a day, the trainer would not need to use a sick/personal day for that day.

| CERTIFIED STAFF |         |           |         |          |         |          |         |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| 2024-2025       |         | 2025-2026 |         | 2026-27  |         | 2027-28  |         |
| STEP            | SALARY  | STEP      | SALARY  | STEP     | SALARY  | STEP     | SALARY  |
| STEP #17        | 109,869 | STEP #17  | 112,719 | STEP #17 | 115,519 | STEP #17 | 117,969 |
| STEP #16        | 102,706 | STEP #16  | 104,706 | STEP #16 | 107,106 | STEP #16 | 109,806 |
| STEP #15        | 93,580  | STEP #15  | 95,580  | STEP #15 | 97,980  | STEP #15 | 100,880 |
| STEP #14        | 86,412  | STEP #14  | 88,012  | STEP #14 | 89,712  | STEP #14 | 92,912  |
| STEP #13        | 81,716  | STEP #13  | 82,716  | STEP #13 | 84,716  | STEP #13 | 87,916  |
| STEP #12        | 77,719  | STEP #12  | 79,419  | STEP #12 | 81,119  | STEP #12 | 83,719  |
| STEP #11        | 75,371  | STEP #11  | 77,071  | STEP #11 | 78,771  | STEP #11 | 80,771  |
| STEP #10        | 73,611  | STEP #10  | 75,311  | STEP #10 | 77,011  | STEP #10 | 79,011  |
| STEP #9         | 71,849  | STEP #9   | 73,549  | STEP #9  | 75,249  | STEP #9  | 77,249  |
| STEP #8         | 70,088  | STEP #8   | 71,788  | STEP #8  | 73,488  | STEP #8  | 75,488  |
| STEP #7         | 68,327  | STEP #7   | 70,027  | STEP #7  | 71,727  | STEP #7  | 73,727  |
| STEP #6         | 66,467  | STEP #6   | 68,267  | STEP #6  | 70,067  | STEP #6  | 72,067  |
| STEP #5         | 64,720  | STEP #5   | 66,520  | STEP #5  | 68,320  | STEP #5  | 70,420  |
| STEP #4         | 63,380  | STEP #4   | 65,380  | STEP #4  | 67,380  | STEP #4  | 69,380  |
| STEP #3         | 62,250  | STEP #3   | 64,250  | STEP #3  | 66,250  | STEP #3  | 68,250  |
| STEP #2         | 61,093  | STEP #2   | 63,093  | STEP #2  | 65,093  | STEP #2  | 67,093  |
| STEP #1         | 60,031  | STEP #1   | 62,031  | STEP #1  | 64,031  | STEP #1  | 66,031  |

### STEP MOVEMENT

All step movement from year to year is diagonally up and to the right in each year of the agreement.

Step movement for mid-year hires requires employment for at least ninety (90) workdays in a given school year.

### SALARY DIFFERENTIALS

- Lead Nurse and Child Study Team Members (School Social Workers, Learning Disability Teaching Consultants, School Psychologists, and Student Assistance Counselors) receive a 15% salary differential.
- Athletic Trainers receive a 10% salary differential.
- School Counselors and Mainstream Facilitators receive a 6.5% salary differential.
- Speech/Language Specialists receive a 5% salary differential.
- School Nurses receive a 1% salary differential.

## DEGREE DIFFERENTIAL

MA - \$7,000

DOCTORATE - \$13,000

- Employees with BA+16 as of October 21, 2021 will receive \$1,500 until completion of the Masters. No additional employees eligible for BA+16.
- Employees with a BA+32 as of October 21, 2021 will receive \$2,500 until completion of the Masters. No additional employees eligible for BA+32.

## MAXIMUM STEP

Employees who have completed the requisite years of service in Woodbridge shall receive "maximum step" compensation as listed below. Those hired prior to February 1 shall have that school year included in the number of years completed. Those hired on February 1 or later shall not have that year included for maximum step compensation.

|                                                               |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| • Completed 17 <sup>th</sup> , starting 18 <sup>th</sup> year | \$500   |
| • Completed 18 <sup>th</sup> , starting 19 <sup>th</sup> year | \$750   |
| • Completed 19 <sup>th</sup> , starting 20 <sup>th</sup> year | \$1,000 |
| • Completed 20 <sup>th</sup> , starting 21 <sup>st</sup> year | \$2,000 |
| • Completed 21 <sup>st</sup> , starting 22 <sup>nd</sup> year | \$3,000 |
| • Completed 22 <sup>nd</sup> , starting 23 <sup>rd</sup> year | \$4,000 |
| • Completed 23 <sup>rd</sup> , starting 24 <sup>th</sup> year | \$5,000 |
| • Completed 24 <sup>th</sup> , starting 25 <sup>th</sup> year | \$6,000 |
| • Completed 25 <sup>th</sup> , starting 26 <sup>th</sup> year | \$7,500 |

These salary increases shall be considered base salary and constitute and be paid as part of the regular salary. These salary increases shall be in addition to any other salary increase provided under the terms of this Agreement and shall not be considered as "one-time only payments".

## COACHES SALARY SCHEDULE

There shall be five categories of head coaches as follows:

|                |                                                                                                                 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Head Coach I-A | Football                                                                                                        |
| Head Coach I   | Basketball, Wrestling                                                                                           |
| Head Coach II  | Baseball, Ice Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Swim                                                                    |
| Head Coach III | Bowling, Cross Country, Track (Winter & Spring), Volleyball (Boys & Girls)                                      |
| Head Coach IV  | Cheer (per season), Golf, Tennis                                                                                |
| Head Coach V   | Middle School Intramurals (Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheer, Softball, Track (Winter & Spring), Volleyball) |

The rates for coaches are as follows:

|                |          |                |         |
|----------------|----------|----------------|---------|
| Head Coach I-A | \$13,250 | Head Coach III | \$8,500 |
| Assistant I-A  | \$8,750  | Assistant III  | \$5,750 |
| Head Coach I   | \$10,500 | Head Coach IV  | \$6,500 |
| Assistant I    | \$7,000  | Assistant IV   | \$4,500 |
| Head Coach II  | \$9,250  | Head Coach V   | \$2,750 |
| Assistant II   | \$6,250  |                |         |

### OTHER STIPENDS, DIFFERENTIALS, AND RATES IN PART TWO OF THE CONTRACT

#### ANNUAL STIPENDS

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| ScIP                                       | \$ 1,800 |
| Elementary I&RS Committee                  | \$ 2,500 |
| Six Hour AP Review Session                 | \$ 300   |
| Twelve + Hour AP Review Session            | \$ 600   |
| JROTC Senior Instructor                    | \$ 6,500 |
| JROTC Instructor                           | \$ 4,500 |
| Computer Liaison - High School             | \$ 2,500 |
| Computer Liaison - Middle School           | \$ 2,100 |
| Computer Liaison - Elementary School       | \$ 1,900 |
| Middle School Subject Area Leader          | \$ 1,375 |
| Middle School Guidance Staff Leader        | \$ 1,375 |
| Middle School Testing Coordinator          | \$ 750   |
| Secondary Nurse Sports Physical Assignment | \$ 550   |

#### TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Maximum Reimbursement per Year | \$ 3,000 |
|--------------------------------|----------|

#### DAILY STIPENDS AND DIFFERENTIALS

|                                                      |        |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Attendance of Court Hearing During the School Year   | \$ 75  |
| Attendance of Court Hearing During the Summer Recess | \$ 400 |
| Nurse Working in a Second Building                   | \$ 60  |

#### CHILD STUDY TEAM / SPEECH/LANGUAGE SPECIALIST SUMMER WORK

|                                                             |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Child Study Team / Speech/Language Specialist Daily Rate    | \$ 450       |
| Child Study Team / Speech/Language Specialist Two Week Rate | 5% of Salary |

#### IN-SERVICE HOURLY RATE

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| In-Service Instructor Hourly Rate | \$ 54 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|

#### REGULAR (TEACHER) HOURLY RATE

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Regular Hourly Rate - Year #1 2024-25 | \$ 50 |
| Regular Hourly Rate - Year #2 2025-26 | \$ 51 |
| Regular Hourly Rate - Year #3 2026-27 | \$ 53 |
| Regular Hourly Rate - Year #4 2027-28 | \$ 55 |

## EXTRACURRICULAR STIPENDS

### BAND

|                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Band Director - High School             | \$ 8,225 |
| Band Director - Assistant - High School | \$ 4,225 |
| Color Guard Director - High School      | \$ 4,225 |
| Percussion Advisor - High School        | \$ 4,225 |
| Drill Team Director - High School       | \$ 3,775 |
| Band Director - Middle School           | \$ 2,150 |
| Band Director - Elementary School*      | \$ 475   |

### CHORUS

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Chorus Director - High School        | \$ 4,500 |
| Chorus Director - Middle School      | \$ 2,150 |
| Chorus Director - Elementary School* | \$ 475   |

### YEARBOOK

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Yearbook Advisor - High School             | \$ 5,050 |
| Yearbook Advisor - Assistant - High School | \$ 3,150 |
| Yearbook - Financial Advisor - High School | \$ 2,150 |
| Yearbook Advisor - Middle School           | \$ 2,150 |
| Yearbook Advisor - Elementary School       | \$ 1,275 |

### NEWSPAPER

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Newspaper Advisor - High School             | \$ 3,775 |
| Newspaper Advisor - Assistant - High School | \$ 2,775 |
| Newspaper Advisor - Middle School           | \$ 1,850 |

### LITERARY MAGAZINE

|                                                                          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Literary Magazine Advisor - High School                                  | \$ 3,775 |
| Literary Magazine Advisor - Assistant High School                        | \$ 2,525 |
| Literary Magazine (Districtwide) Advisor - Elementary School             | \$ 5,675 |
| Literary Magazine (Districtwide) Advisor - Assistant - Elementary School | \$ 3,775 |

### SCHOOL PLAY

|                                                                                 |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| School Play - Director - Musical                                                | \$ 5,675 |
| School Play - Director - Drama                                                  | \$ 4,500 |
| School Play - Orchestra Director - Musical                                      | \$ 3,150 |
| School Play - Vocal Director - Musical                                          | \$ 3,150 |
| School Play - Choreographer - Musical                                           | \$ 2,275 |
| School Play - Costume Director                                                  | \$ 2,275 |
| School Play - Set Design / Technical Director / Stage Crew / Production Manager | \$ 2,275 |
| School Play - Set Construction                                                  | \$ 2,275 |
| School Play - Make-Up Advisor                                                   | \$ 1,550 |
| School Play - Sales and Publicity                                               | \$ 1,550 |

### SENIOR PROM, JUNIOR COTILLION, & EIGHTH GRADE DANCE

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Senior Prom Advisor                  | \$ 2,275 |
| Senior Prom Advisor - Assistant      | \$ 1,650 |
| Senior Masquerade Advisor            | \$ 1,650 |
| Junior Cotillion Advisor             | \$ 1,850 |
| Junior Cotillion Advisor - Assistant | \$ 1,500 |
| 8th Grade Dance Advisor              | \$ 1,275 |

### STUDENT COUNCIL

|                                                   |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Student Council Advisor - High School             | \$ 4,500 |
| Student Council Advisor - Assistant - High School | \$ 3,150 |
| Student Council Advisor - Middle School           | \$ 2,150 |
| Student Council Advisor - Elementary School       | \$ 1,275 |

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| National Honor Society Advisor - High School | \$ 3,150 |
| Junior NHS Advisor - Middle School           | \$ 1,850 |
| NHS Advisor - Elementary School*             | \$ 475   |

### CLASS ADVISORS

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Senior Class Advisor    | \$ 4,500 |
| Senior Class Treasurer  | \$ 2,775 |
| Junior Class Advisor    | \$ 3,150 |
| Sophomore Class Advisor | \$ 2,775 |
| Freshman Class Advisor  | \$ 2,525 |

### FINANCIAL

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Custodian of School Monies - High School | \$ 6,500 |
|------------------------------------------|----------|

### OTHER

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Art Services Advisor - High School        | \$ 3,150 |
| Community Service Advisor - Middle School | \$ 2,150 |
| Sidekicks Advisor - Middle School         | \$ 1,850 |
| Safety Patrol Advisor - Elementary School | \$ 1,275 |
| Track Meet Advisor - Elementary School    | \$ 475   |

### DISTRICTWIDE & SCHOOL BASED CLUBS

|                                                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Districtwide Club Advisor - High School, Middle School | \$ 3,150 |
| Interest Club Advisor - High School, Middle School     | \$ 1,275 |

### HOURLY RATE - INTRAMURALS

|                                                                      |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Intramurals Advisors - High School, Middle School, Elementary School | \$ 32 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

\* For these activities, the amount indicated is per school, limit three per person for each activity



PART THREE  
TRANSPORTATION &  
ATTENDANCE PERSONNEL





## **PART THREE – TRANSPORTATION AND ATTENDANCE PERSONNEL**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **WORK YEAR**

##### **A. TEN-MONTH EMPLOYEES**

School bus drivers and bus attendants shall work 180 school days plus an additional two days prior to the opening of school plus one additional in-service days during the year.

##### **B. TWELVE-MONTH EMPLOYEES**

1. The work year for twelve-month employees shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30, which shall include three in-service days.
2. Attendance Counselors shall not be required to work during fall, winter, or spring recess.
3. The District Service Manager and Mechanics shall only be required to work two days during the fall and spring recesses as agreed upon by the Supervisor of Transportation and only the last two business days prior to December 31 during the winter recess. They may be asked to work additional days due to employee vacation schedules or other reasons. Should this occur, the employee shall be entitled to one compensatory day for each day worked above two.
4. The following shall be paid holidays for all twelve-month employees:  
INDEPENDENCE DAY; LABOR DAY; ELECTION DAY; VETERANS DAY; THANKSGIVING DAY;  
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING; CHRISTMAS EVE; CHRISTMAS DAY; NEW YEAR'S EVE;  
NEW YEAR'S DAY; MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY; PRESIDENTS DAY; MEMORIAL DAY;  
JUNETEENTH
5. Employees shall also be entitled to three floating holidays, which may be used at any time during the school year.
6. For holidays that fall on a weekend, the corresponding Monday or Friday shall be used as a replacement.
7. For each holiday, as identified above, that school is in session, and for each day that falls on a non-work workday, full time employees shall receive either overtime as detailed later in this section or one compensatory day to be scheduled by agreement with the immediate supervisor.
8. Employees shall have a work shift of five hours the day before Thanksgiving and the last workday before both the winter and spring recess and on December 30, when December 31 falls on a Saturday.
9. Employees, hired prior to September 1, 2000, shall receive their birthday as a holiday. In the event that an employee's birthday falls on a non-work day, the employee shall be entitled to one compensatory day, but shall not be entitled to the benefit as set forth in paragraph 5 above.
10. When school is adjourned to adjust for unused inclement weather days, employees shall not be required to report to work.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **WORK SCHEDULE**

##### **A. TWELVE-MONTH EMPLOYEE WORKDAY**

1. The regular workweek for the District Service Manager and Mechanics shall consist of five, eight-hour workdays, Monday through Friday.

2. The regular workday shall consist of eight (8) consecutive hours of work within a 24-hour period.
3. All employees shall be scheduled for a regular work shift with a regular starting and ending time. Eight consecutive hours of work shall constitute a work shift. References to consecutive hours of work in the Article shall be generally construed to exclude lunch periods.
4. Each work shift shall include a lunch period to be scheduled, whenever possible, in the middle of that shift.
5. Employees shall have two (2) work breaks of fifteen (15) minutes each.
6. All employees shall be granted a ten (10) minute personal clean-up period prior to the end of each work shift. Work schedules shall be arranged so employees may take advantage of this provision. The employer shall make the required facilities available. Clean-up time must be spent in the work facility.
7. Work schedules showing the employee's shifts, workdays and hours shall be made available to employees.
8. Each employee is to sign time-in and time-out at the designated time log.
9. When students are dismissed early due to excessive heat, mechanics shall be dismissed 60 minutes after student dismissal. However, on a rotating basis, two mechanics shall be assigned to stay until the end of the regular work shift.

**B. TEN-MONTH EMPLOYEE WORKDAY**

1. The regular workday for full-time bus driver positions hired prior to October 1, 2023, shall consist of eight (8) consecutive hours within a 24-hour period. This shall include an unpaid lunch period of no less than one (1) hour and no more than two (2) hours, to be scheduled near the middle of the workday. The regular workday for full-time bus driver positions hired October 1, 2023 or later shall consist of eight (8) hours of work between the hours of 6:00 AM and 5:00 PM as assigned by the Supervisor of Transportation. Drivers will be required to drive to and may also be assigned to work inside school buildings during the middle of the day.
2. The regular workday for part-time bus drivers shall consist of five and one half (5-1/2) working hours within a 24-hour period, including an assigned morning and afternoon run. All mid-day and mail runs will be in addition to the regular contracted compensation. The contracted compensation for five and one-half (5-1/2) hour drivers shall be increased within thirty (30) days after said drivers are assigned new regular runs. Should such assignments be withdrawn from the drivers, their contracted compensation shall be appropriately reduced. However, in no case shall the contracted compensation be for fewer than five and one-half (5-1/2) hours per day, unless agreed to by the driver.
3. The regular workday shall be established prior to the beginning of the school year.
4. In the event that there are increases in the work assignments during the course of the year, the increases shall be given to the most senior employee who is assigned fewer than eight (8) hours per day and who desires such an increase, where administratively possible.  
The total number of hours constituting the basic workday, once established, shall not be reduced during the work year unless negotiated with the Association.
5. The regular workday shall be construed to exclude one hour for lunch.
6. Employees shall have two (2) work breaks of fifteen (15) minutes each.
7. All employees shall be granted a ten (10) minute personal clean-up period prior to the end of each work shift.
8. Bus drivers shall not be required to perform regular late runs on the last workday before the winter recess.
9. The regular work schedule for bus attendants shall be for five and a half (5.5) hours per day between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm.

**C. BUS ATTENDANT OVERTIME RATES**

1. Compensation for any work performed in excess of seven (7) hours in one day or performed on Saturday shall be at the appropriate overtime rate.
2. The overtime rate for Sundays and holidays set forth in Article I.B.4 above shall be double the regular hourly rate. Otherwise, the overtime rate shall be one and one-half (1-1/2) times the regular hourly rate.

**D. BUS DRIVER / MECHANICS OVERTIME RATES**

1. Time and one-half the employee's regular hourly rate of pay shall be paid for work under any of the following conditions, but compensation shall not be paid twice for the same hours:
  - a. All work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in any workday.
  - b. All work performed on Saturday (except Building Inspection-Assigned Overtime Provision for building checks.)
  - c. All work performed before or after any scheduled work shift.
2. Double time shall be paid for work on holidays as set forth in Article I.B.4 above.
3. Double time shall be paid on Sundays.
4. If compensatory time off is used as the method of paying employees for overtime work, the overtime rate of pay shall be one and one-half (1-1/2) hours compensatory time for each hour of overtime worked. Overtime shall be in the form of one and one-half time pay, except where the employer and employee agree that it shall be in the form of compensatory time. Compensatory time, if applicable, is to be taken within sixty (60) days.

**E. BUS DRIVER / MECHANICS OVERTIME DISTRIBUTION**

1. Overtime work for twelve-month employees shall be distributed equally to employees working within the same job classification. The distribution of overtime shall be equalized over each six (6) month period beginning on the first day of the calendar month following the effective date of this Agreement, or on the first day of any calendar month after this Agreement becomes effective. On each occasion, the opportunity to work overtime shall be offered to the employee within the job classification who has the least number of overtime hours to his credit at the time. If this employee does not accept this assignment, the employee with the next fewest number of overtime hours to his/her credit shall be offered the assignment. This procedure shall be followed until the required employees have been selected for the overtime work. A record of the overtime hours worked by each employee shall be available to the Association on request.
2. Overtime work for bus drivers shall be distributed based on a seniority rotation, as practiced. Rotation shall not be required in the case of an emergency. Drivers who accept overtime and cancel less than 48 hours prior to the assignment on two occasions in a school year will be skipped one rotation.

**F. OTHER BUS DRIVER / MECHANICS OVERTIME PROVISION**

1. Any employee called to work outside of her/his regularly scheduled shift shall be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours at the appropriate overtime rate.
2. If the call-time work assignment and the employee's regular shift overlap, the employee shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate until s/he completes two (2) hours work. The employee shall then be paid for the balance of her/his regular work shift at the appropriate rate.
3. Employees assigned to building inspection shall be compensated at the appropriate overtime rate. The Supervisor of Transportation shall determine length of overtime.

4. Overtime work shall be voluntary, except in emergencies. There shall be no discrimination against any employee who declines to work overtime.
5. Approved overtime shall be authorized by the Superintendent or his appointed designee(s) in accordance with Board policy. Except in the case of an emergency, employees shall receive forty-eight (48) hours advance notice of scheduled overtime.
6. All other necessary and emergency overtime shall be approved by the Supervisor of Transportation or his/her designee.
7. If an employee does not work the day prior to a weekend or holiday, that employee will forfeit the overtime opportunity, and it will be given to the next person in line.

**G. MEETINGS**

1. Twelve-month employees shall be required to attend active shooter training as well as up to two (2) additional hours of in-service/faculty meetings per year. Except in emergencies, meetings and programs which take place after the regular workday, and which require attendance shall not be called on any day immediately preceding any day upon which attendance is not required at work. Except in emergencies, employees shall be given a schedule of any required meetings or programs by the first day of each month and at least one week in advance.
2. Ten-month employees shall be required to attend active shooter training each year. All additional meeting/in-service shall be compensated at the employee's hourly rate. Except in emergencies, meetings and programs which take place after the regular workday, and which require attendance shall not be called on any day immediately preceding any day upon which attendance is not required at work. Except in emergencies, employees shall be given a schedule of any required meetings or programs by the first day of each month and at least one week in advance.

**ARTICLE III**

**EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES**

**A. LICENSE**

Bus drivers and mechanics shall be reimbursed the cost of the renewal of the Commercial Driver's License, cost of fingerprints, and DOT physicals (up to \$120.00).

**B. PLACEMENT ON THE SALARY GUIDE**

If an employee returns to employment in the District after voluntarily terminating her/his employment, s/he shall be given half credit for her/his previous experience. Additional credit may be given at the discretion of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources based on the specific benefits to the district.

**C. NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT AND SALARY**

All employees shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year no later than May 15 for the following school year.

**D. TRANSPORTATION**

1. Employees shall not be required to drive students or to use their personal automobile for Board business. Employees shall be compensated for mileage for any voluntary, authorized use of their automobile in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

2. The Board shall cover all damages, losses, and expenses incurred by an employee arising out of the authorized use of her/his automobile in the performance of school duties by the non-ownership portion of the Board's fleet auto policy to the extent of \$500,000/\$1,000,000 as secondary insurance.

**E. HAZARDOUS JOBS**

The Board will pay for all medical examinations for employees who are required to take such examinations due to health hazards, on approval of the Board Secretary.

**F. REPORTING TO WORK**

All bus drivers, bus attendants, and all other transportation personnel must report their absences no later than 6:00 a.m. or one (1) hour before the start of their shift, whichever is earlier, on the day on which they are unavailable for work.

**G. WEIGHT LIMIT ON MAIL**

Bus drivers shall not be required to pick up or deliver any parcel weighing more than twenty (20) pounds.

**H. BUS DRIVER VACANCIES**

The most senior bus driver who works fewer than eight (8) hours per day will be appointed to any vacancy for an eight (8) hour position, should the Board decide to fill the vacancy, as long as the bus driver's performance has been consistently rated as satisfactory during his/her contractual employment.

**ARTICLE IV**

**SENIORITY**

**A. DEFINITION**

The term seniority shall mean an employee's length of continuous service with the employer since her/his date of hire.

**B. SENIORITY LIST**

A seniority list showing the continuous service of each employee will be available to the Association upon request. Length of continuous service as a substitute bus driver in the district immediately prior to employment under contract will serve as the first tiebreaker in cases of a tie in seniority. The second tiebreaker shall be by lottery.

**C. LAY OFF**

If it becomes necessary to lay off employees for reason of reduction in force, employees shall be laid off in the reverse order of their seniority within each job category based upon district seniority.

**D. RECALL**

Employees who have more than six months of service shall be recalled from layoff according to their seniority within the job classification being recalled. No substitute employee shall be hired until employees on layoff status have been given the opportunity to return to their job(s).

**E. REDUCTION IN FORCE**

Any non-tenured employee having suffered loss of employment in the District as a result of reduction in force who is subsequently recalled within 18 months of the date on which the employee was terminated by reason of reduction in force shall:

- a. Be placed on the step of the salary guide such employee would have occupied but for the reduction in force;
- b. Be credited with unused sick leave accumulated during pre-reduction in force service; and
- c. Be credited with such pre-reduction in force service for purposes of vacation benefits and subsequent seniority calculations.

**F. BUMPING**

1. The bumping rights of a twelve-month employee shall be limited to that job category, except that s/he shall maintain any bumping rights, which s/he acquired in a previously held tenurable position.
2. In the event it becomes necessary to lay off attendance counselors, bus attendants, or bus drivers, they shall be laid off in the reverse order of their seniority within their job classification only.

**ARTICLE V**

**SALARIES**

**A. SALARY SCHEDULES**

1. The salary of each employee is set forth in Part Three, Salary Schedules, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**B. TEN-MONTH EMPLOYEE DIFFERENTIALS**

1. Driver-trainers and Attendant-trainers shall receive a differential of \$1.20 per hour effective July 1, 2021 for that time during which they are training another driver or attendant. For the purpose of calculating the rate for time worked in training beyond the regular workday, the appropriate overtime rate shall be applied to the hourly rate inclusive of the differential.
2. Bus drivers shall receive a differential of \$1.10 per hour effective July 1, 2021 for late runs that finish after 5:00 pm. This differential shall be paid only from 5:00 pm until the end of the run.

**C. TEN-MONTH EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PAY**

Employees shall receive regular pay for four (4) holidays per year included as part of their annual salary and paid in twenty equal paychecks. This additional pay is included within the totals listed in the salary schedule.

**D. SCHOOL AIDE SUBSTITUTES**

A bus driver who works as a substitute school aide during the regular workday shall be paid for that assignment at the regular school aide rate.

**E. LEVEL MOVEMENT**

New employees shall move to the next salary level of the salary guide on the common anniversary date of July 1, following a minimum of five months of employment. Current employees shall move to the next salary level of the salary guide on the common anniversary date of July 1.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **TEMPORARY SUMMER WORK**

#### **A. POSTING**

Temporary summer positions shall be posted in each school in accordance with the procedure set forth in Part One, Article VII.A. of this Agreement

#### **B. BOARD RIGHTS**

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or restrict the absolute right of the Board of Education to employ or reject for employment any person, whether a member of the bargaining unit or not.

#### **C. SUMMER WORK**

In May of each year, all anticipated summer work in the transportation department will be posted and made available to bus drivers and bus attendants. Seniority and attendance shall be a factor in all appointments made to summer work.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION**

#### **A. ANNUAL REPORTS**

All employees shall be evaluated on prescribed forms at least once by June 1 of each school year. A meeting of each employee and her/his immediate supervisor to discuss the evaluation shall be held prior to submission of the evaluation to the Superintendent. If the employee is dissatisfied with the result of this conference, s/he shall be provided the opportunity for another conference accompanied by an Association Representative, if s/he so desires. The employee must advise the Administration in writing of her/his desire for this second conference within five (5) days of the original conference.

#### **B. REBUTTAL**

An employee has the right to attach her/his comments to the evaluation at any time.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **UNIFORMS AND TOOLS**

#### **A. BUS DRIVER UNIFORMS**

1. The Board shall provide three (3) uniforms to bus drivers and bus attendants upon initial employment, and thereafter the Board shall provide two (2) additional uniforms every other year. The Board shall provide one (1) winter jacket to bus drivers and bus attendants every two (2) years. The Board shall provide one (1) poncho per vehicle, such poncho to remain with the vehicle.
2. Bus driver uniforms shall consist of a shirt. The Supervisor of Transportation and the Association Representatives within the department shall determine the style of the shirt and the jacket mutually.

**B. MECHANIC UNIFORMS**

Board shall provide six (6) uniforms per year for all mechanics. The Board shall also provide an annual reimbursement to each mechanic for the purchase of work boots, not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) per year, upon presentation of a receipt, acceptable in form and substance to the Supervisor of Transportation and Food Services.

**C. REQUIREMENTS**

1. All employees are required to wear the uniforms and a photo identification provided by the Board at all times when on duty.
2. An employee reporting for work out of uniform shall report to the immediate supervisor and explain the reason for being out of uniform.
3. In the event this occurs more than once and following discussion of the matter with the Supervisor of Transportation, an out-of-uniform employee shall be sent home to change into uniform. The time away from work shall be unpaid.

**D. TOOL ALLOTMENT**

Each mechanic shall receive with submission of original receipts reimbursement for the purchase of tools in an amount of up to sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) for the duration of this Agreement. Upon termination of employment, all tools purchased under this provision shall become the property of the Board.

**ARTICLE IX**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

1. The Board may require any or all employees to submit to a physical examination; however, such physical examination shall not be required more frequently than every two (2) years. A physician appointed by the Board shall give the examination, and the cost of such examination shall be borne by the Board. At the option of the employee, the employee's personal physician may give the examination. In such event, however, the cost shall be borne by the employee.
2. All employees new to the District shall be required to submit to a physical examination and may, under certain circumstances, be required to submit to a chest x-ray before they may begin employment, the cost of such examination and chest x-ray, if applicable, shall be borne by the employee. An additional examination may be required for promotional appointment.
3. If the Board provides the opportunity, employees may receive flu shots at the expense of the Board.

**B. IN-SERVICE**

1. All employees may be required to participate in in-service training during each work year, such programs to be scheduled for ten-month employees on days that students do not report to school.
2. All employees shall be required to complete or attend all training required by the state or assigned by the Supervisor or his designee.

**C. MAINTENANCE OF SKILLS**

All personnel shall be expected to maintain a satisfactory level of the skills required by their job.

### DISTRICT SERVICE MANAGERS

| 2024-2025 |         | 2025-2026 |         | 2026-27 |         | 2027-28 |         |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| STEP      | SALARY  | STEP      | SALARY  | STEP    | SALARY  | STEP    | SALARY  |
| STEP #4   | 100,543 | STEP #4   | 102,966 | STEP #4 | 105,447 | STEP #4 | 107,988 |
| STEP #3   | 88,743  | STEP #3   | 90,881  | STEP #3 | 93,071  | STEP #3 | 95,313  |
| STEP #2   | 80,264  | STEP #2   | 82,198  | STEP #2 | 84,179  | STEP #2 | 86,207  |
| STEP #1   | 70,669  | STEP #1   | 72,372  | STEP #1 | 74,116  | STEP #1 | 75,902  |

### MECHANICS

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27 |        | 2027-28 |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY |
| STEP #4   | 82,968 | STEP #4   | 84,967 | STEP #4 | 87,014 | STEP #4 | 89,111 |
| STEP #3   | 74,041 | STEP #3   | 75,825 | STEP #3 | 77,652 | STEP #3 | 79,523 |
| STEP #2   | 66,202 | STEP #2   | 67,797 | STEP #2 | 69,431 | STEP #2 | 71,104 |
| STEP #1   | 58,337 | STEP #1   | 59,743 | STEP #1 | 61,182 | STEP #1 | 62,657 |

### ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27 |        | 2027-28 |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY |
| STEP #4   | 84,590 | STEP #4   | 86,628 | STEP #4 | 88,716 | STEP #4 | 90,853 |
| STEP #3   | 75,154 | STEP #3   | 76,965 | STEP #3 | 78,820 | STEP #3 | 80,719 |
| STEP #2   | 66,802 | STEP #2   | 68,411 | STEP #2 | 70,060 | STEP #2 | 71,748 |
| STEP #1   | 58,452 | STEP #1   | 59,861 | STEP #1 | 61,303 | STEP #1 | 62,780 |

### 8-HOUR BUS DRIVERS

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12  | 57,330 | STEP #12  | 58,420 | STEP #12 | 59,530 | STEP #12 | 60,661 |
| STEP #11  | 53,318 | STEP #11  | 54,331 | STEP #11 | 55,363 | STEP #11 | 56,415 |
| STEP #10  | 50,811 | STEP #10  | 51,777 | STEP #10 | 52,760 | STEP #10 | 53,763 |
| STEP #9   | 48,320 | STEP #9   | 49,238 | STEP #9  | 50,174 | STEP #9  | 51,127 |
| STEP #8   | 46,649 | STEP #8   | 47,535 | STEP #8  | 48,439 | STEP #8  | 49,359 |
| STEP #7   | 44,993 | STEP #7   | 45,848 | STEP #7  | 46,719 | STEP #7  | 47,607 |
| STEP #6   | 43,322 | STEP #6   | 44,145 | STEP #6  | 44,984 | STEP #6  | 45,839 |
| STEP #5   | 41,637 | STEP #5   | 42,428 | STEP #5  | 43,234 | STEP #5  | 44,055 |
| STEP #4   | 39,981 | STEP #4   | 40,740 | STEP #4  | 41,514 | STEP #4  | 42,303 |
| STEP #3   | 38,325 | STEP #3   | 39,053 | STEP #3  | 39,795 | STEP #3  | 42,303 |
| STEP #2   | 36,654 | STEP #2   | 37,350 | STEP #2  | 39,795 | STEP #2  | 40,551 |
| STEP #1   | 34,998 | STEP #1   | 37,350 | STEP #1  | 38,060 | STEP #1  | 40,551 |

### 5.5-HOUR BUS DRIVERS

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12  | 39,415 | STEP #12  | 40,150 | STEP #12 | 40,927 | STEP #12 | 41,704 |
| STEP #11  | 36,656 | STEP #11  | 37,339 | STEP #11 | 38,062 | STEP #11 | 38,785 |
| STEP #10  | 34,933 | STEP #10  | 35,584 | STEP #10 | 36,273 | STEP #10 | 36,962 |
| STEP #9   | 33,220 | STEP #9   | 33,839 | STEP #9  | 34,494 | STEP #9  | 35,150 |
| STEP #8   | 32,071 | STEP #8   | 32,669 | STEP #8  | 33,302 | STEP #8  | 33,934 |
| STEP #7   | 30,933 | STEP #7   | 31,510 | STEP #7  | 32,119 | STEP #7  | 32,730 |
| STEP #6   | 29,784 | STEP #6   | 30,339 | STEP #6  | 30,927 | STEP #6  | 31,514 |
| STEP #5   | 28,625 | STEP #5   | 29,159 | STEP #5  | 29,723 | STEP #5  | 30,288 |
| STEP #4   | 27,487 | STEP #4   | 27,999 | STEP #4  | 28,541 | STEP #4  | 29,083 |
| STEP #3   | 26,348 | STEP #3   | 26,840 | STEP #3  | 27,359 | STEP #3  | 29,083 |
| STEP #2   | 25,200 | STEP #2   | 25,669 | STEP #2  | 27,359 | STEP #2  | 27,879 |
| STEP #1   | 24,061 | STEP #1   | 25,669 | STEP #1  | 26,166 | STEP #1  | 27,879 |

### BUS ATTENDANTS

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12  | 24,194 | STEP #12  | 24,654 | STEP #12 | 25,123 | STEP #12 | 25,600 |
| STEP #11  | 23,138 | STEP #11  | 23,578 | STEP #11 | 24,026 | STEP #11 | 24,482 |
| STEP #10  | 22,748 | STEP #10  | 23,181 | STEP #10 | 23,621 | STEP #10 | 24,070 |
| STEP #9   | 22,287 | STEP #9   | 22,710 | STEP #9  | 23,142 | STEP #9  | 23,581 |
| STEP #8   | 21,887 | STEP #8   | 22,303 | STEP #8  | 22,726 | STEP #8  | 23,158 |
| STEP #7   | 21,415 | STEP #7   | 21,822 | STEP #7  | 22,237 | STEP #7  | 22,659 |
| STEP #6   | 21,005 | STEP #6   | 21,404 | STEP #6  | 21,811 | STEP #6  | 22,225 |
| STEP #5   | 20,615 | STEP #5   | 21,007 | STEP #5  | 21,406 | STEP #5  | 21,813 |
| STEP #4   | 20,225 | STEP #4   | 20,610 | STEP #4  | 21,001 | STEP #4  | 21,400 |
| STEP #3   | 19,271 | STEP #3   | 19,638 | STEP #3  | 20,011 | STEP #3  | 21,400 |
| STEP #2   | 18,369 | STEP #2   | 18,718 | STEP #2  | 20,011 | STEP #2  | 20,391 |
| STEP #1   | 17,518 | STEP #1   | 18,718 | STEP #1  | 19,074 | STEP #1  | 20,391 |

# 8 HOUR BUS DRIVERS

| 2024-2025 |       |       |      |           |
|-----------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
|           | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
| STEP #12  | 39.16 | 8     | 183  | 57,330.00 |
| STEP #11  | 36.42 | 8     | 183  | 53,318.00 |
| STEP #10  | 34.71 | 8     | 183  | 50,811.00 |
| STEP #9   | 33.01 | 8     | 183  | 48,320.00 |
| STEP #8   | 31.86 | 8     | 183  | 46,649.00 |
| STEP #7   | 30.73 | 8     | 183  | 44,993.00 |
| STEP #6   | 29.59 | 8     | 183  | 43,322.00 |
| STEP #5   | 28.44 | 8     | 183  | 41,637.00 |
| STEP #4   | 27.31 | 8     | 183  | 39,981.00 |
| STEP #3   | 26.18 | 8     | 183  | 38,325.00 |
| STEP #2   | 25.04 | 8     | 183  | 36,654.00 |
| STEP #1   | 23.91 | 8     | 183  | 34,998.00 |

| 2025-2026    |       |       |      |           |
|--------------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
|              | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
| STEP #12     | 39.90 | 8     | 183  | 58,420.00 |
| STEP #11     | 37.11 | 8     | 183  | 54,331.00 |
| STEP #10     | 35.37 | 8     | 183  | 51,777.00 |
| STEP #9      | 33.63 | 8     | 183  | 49,238.00 |
| STEP #8      | 32.47 | 8     | 183  | 47,535.00 |
| STEP #7      | 31.32 | 8     | 183  | 45,848.00 |
| STEP #6      | 30.15 | 8     | 183  | 44,145.00 |
| STEP #5      | 28.98 | 8     | 183  | 42,428.00 |
| STEP #4      | 27.83 | 8     | 183  | 40,740.00 |
| STEP #3      | 26.68 | 8     | 183  | 39,053.00 |
| STEP #1 & #2 | 25.51 | 8     | 183  | 37,350.00 |
|              | 24.36 | 8     | 183  | 35,663.00 |

| 2026-2027    |       |       |      |           |
|--------------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
|              | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
| STEP #12     | 40.66 | 8     | 183  | 59,530.00 |
| STEP #11     | 37.82 | 8     | 183  | 55,363.00 |
| STEP #10     | 36.04 | 8     | 183  | 52,760.00 |
| STEP #9      | 34.27 | 8     | 183  | 50,174.00 |
| STEP #8      | 33.09 | 8     | 183  | 48,439.00 |
| STEP #7      | 31.91 | 8     | 183  | 46,719.00 |
| STEP #6      | 30.73 | 8     | 183  | 44,984.00 |
| STEP #5      | 29.53 | 8     | 183  | 43,234.00 |
| STEP #4      | 28.36 | 8     | 183  | 41,514.00 |
| STEP #2 & #3 | 27.18 | 8     | 183  | 39,795.00 |
| STEP #1      | 26.00 | 8     | 183  | 38,060.00 |
|              | 24.82 | 8     | 183  | 36,341.00 |

| 2027-2028    |       |       |      |           |
|--------------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
|              | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
| STEP #12     | 41.43 | 8     | 183  | 60,661.00 |
| STEP #11     | 38.53 | 8     | 183  | 56,415.00 |
| STEP #10     | 36.72 | 8     | 183  | 53,763.00 |
| STEP #9      | 34.92 | 8     | 183  | 51,127.00 |
| STEP #8      | 33.72 | 8     | 183  | 49,359.00 |
| STEP #7      | 32.52 | 8     | 183  | 47,607.00 |
| STEP #6      | 31.31 | 8     | 183  | 45,839.00 |
| STEP #5      | 30.09 | 8     | 183  | 44,055.00 |
| STEP #3 & #4 | 28.90 | 8     | 183  | 42,303.00 |
| STEP #1 & #2 | 27.70 | 8     | 183  | 40,551.00 |
|              | 26.49 | 8     | 183  | 38,783.00 |
|              | 25.29 | 8     | 183  | 37,031.00 |

### 5.5 HOUR BUS DRIVERS

| 2024-2025 |       |       |      |           |
|-----------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
|           | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
| STEP #12  | 39.16 | 5.5   | 183  | 39,415.00 |
| STEP #11  | 36.42 | 5.5   | 183  | 36,656.00 |
| STEP #10  | 34.71 | 5.5   | 183  | 34,933.00 |
| STEP #9   | 33.01 | 5.5   | 183  | 33,220.00 |
| STEP #8   | 31.86 | 5.5   | 183  | 32,071.00 |
| STEP #7   | 30.73 | 5.5   | 183  | 30,933.00 |
| STEP #6   | 29.59 | 5.5   | 183  | 29,784.00 |
| STEP #5   | 28.44 | 5.5   | 183  | 28,625.00 |
| STEP #4   | 27.31 | 5.5   | 183  | 27,487.00 |
| STEP #3   | 26.18 | 5.5   | 183  | 26,348.00 |
| STEP #2   | 25.04 | 5.5   | 183  | 25,200.00 |
| STEP #1   | 23.91 | 5.5   | 183  | 24,061.00 |

| 2025-2026    |                  |                |                |                      |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
|              | RATE             | HOURS          | DAYS           | SALARY               |
| STEP #12     | 39.90            | 5.5            | 183            | 40,164.00            |
| STEP #11     | 37.11            | 5.5            | 183            | 37,352.00            |
| STEP #10     | 35.37            | 5.5            | 183            | 35,596.00            |
| STEP #9      | 33.63            | 5.5            | 183            | 33,851.00            |
| STEP #8      | 32.47            | 5.5            | 183            | 32,681.00            |
| STEP #7      | 31.32            | 5.5            | 183            | 31,521.00            |
| STEP #6      | 30.15            | 5.5            | 183            | 30,350.00            |
| STEP #5      | 28.98            | 5.5            | 183            | 29,169.00            |
| STEP #4      | 27.83            | 5.5            | 183            | 28,009.00            |
| STEP #3      | 26.68            | 5.5            | 183            | 26,849.00            |
| STEP #1 & #2 | 25.51            | 5.5            | 183            | 25,678.00            |
|              | <del>24.36</del> | <del>5.5</del> | <del>183</del> | <del>24,518.00</del> |

| 2026-2027    |                  |                |                |                      |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
|              | RATE             | HOURS          | DAYS           | SALARY               |
| STEP #12     | 40.66            | 5.5            | 183            | 40,927.00            |
| STEP #11     | 37.82            | 5.5            | 183            | 38,062.00            |
| STEP #10     | 36.04            | 5.5            | 183            | 36,273.00            |
| STEP #9      | 34.27            | 5.5            | 183            | 34,494.00            |
| STEP #8      | 33.09            | 5.5            | 183            | 33,302.00            |
| STEP #7      | 31.91            | 5.5            | 183            | 32,119.00            |
| STEP #6      | 30.73            | 5.5            | 183            | 30,927.00            |
| STEP #5      | 29.53            | 5.5            | 183            | 29,723.00            |
| STEP #4      | 28.36            | 5.5            | 183            | 28,541.00            |
| STEP #2 & #3 | 27.18            | 5.5            | 183            | 27,359.00            |
| STEP #1      | 26.00            | 5.5            | 183            | 26,166.00            |
|              | <del>24.82</del> | <del>5.5</del> | <del>183</del> | <del>24,984.00</del> |

| 2027-2028    |                  |                |                |                      |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
|              | RATE             | HOURS          | DAYS           | SALARY               |
| STEP #12     | 41.43            | 5.5            | 183            | 41,704.00            |
| STEP #11     | 38.53            | 5.5            | 183            | 38,785.00            |
| STEP #10     | 36.72            | 5.5            | 183            | 36,962.00            |
| STEP #9      | 34.92            | 5.5            | 183            | 35,150.00            |
| STEP #8      | 33.72            | 5.5            | 183            | 33,934.00            |
| STEP #7      | 32.52            | 5.5            | 183            | 32,730.00            |
| STEP #6      | 31.31            | 5.5            | 183            | 31,514.00            |
| STEP #5      | 30.09            | 5.5            | 183            | 30,288.00            |
| STEP #3 & #4 | 28.90            | 5.5            | 183            | 29,083.00            |
| STEP #1 & #2 | 27.70            | 5.5            | 183            | 27,879.00            |
|              | <del>26.49</del> | <del>5.5</del> | <del>183</del> | <del>26,663.00</del> |
|              | <del>25.29</del> | <del>5.5</del> | <del>183</del> | <del>25,459.00</del> |

# BUS ATTENDANTS

| 2024-2025 |       |       |      |           |
|-----------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
|           | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
| STEP #12  | 24.04 | 5.5   | 183  | 24,194.00 |
| STEP #11  | 22.99 | 5.5   | 183  | 23,138.00 |
| STEP #10  | 22.60 | 5.5   | 183  | 22,748.00 |
| STEP #9   | 22.14 | 5.5   | 183  | 22,287.00 |
| STEP #8   | 21.75 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,887.00 |
| STEP #7   | 21.28 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,415.00 |
| STEP #6   | 20.87 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,005.00 |
| STEP #5   | 20.48 | 5.5   | 183  | 20,615.00 |
| STEP #4   | 20.09 | 5.5   | 183  | 20,225.00 |
| STEP #3   | 19.15 | 5.5   | 183  | 19,271.00 |
| STEP #2   | 18.25 | 5.5   | 183  | 18,369.00 |
| STEP #1   | 17.40 | 5.5   | 183  | 17,518.00 |

| 2025-2026    |       |       |      |           |
|--------------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
|              | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
| STEP #12     | 24.49 | 5.5   | 183  | 24,654.00 |
| STEP #11     | 23.43 | 5.5   | 183  | 23,578.00 |
| STEP #10     | 23.03 | 5.5   | 183  | 23,181.00 |
| STEP #9      | 22.56 | 5.5   | 183  | 22,710.00 |
| STEP #8      | 22.16 | 5.5   | 183  | 22,303.00 |
| STEP #7      | 21.68 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,822.00 |
| STEP #6      | 21.27 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,404.00 |
| STEP #5      | 20.87 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,007.00 |
| STEP #4      | 20.48 | 5.5   | 183  | 20,610.00 |
| STEP #3      | 19.51 | 5.5   | 183  | 19,638.00 |
| STEP #1 & #2 | 18.60 | 5.5   | 183  | 18,718.00 |
|              | 17.74 | 5.5   | 183  | 17,850.00 |

| 2026-2027    |       |       |      |           |
|--------------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
|              | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
| STEP #12     | 24.96 | 5.5   | 183  | 25,123.00 |
| STEP #11     | 23.87 | 5.5   | 183  | 24,026.00 |
| STEP #10     | 23.47 | 5.5   | 183  | 23,621.00 |
| STEP #9      | 22.99 | 5.5   | 183  | 23,142.00 |
| STEP #8      | 22.58 | 5.5   | 183  | 22,726.00 |
| STEP #7      | 22.09 | 5.5   | 183  | 22,237.00 |
| STEP #6      | 21.67 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,811.00 |
| STEP #5      | 21.27 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,406.00 |
| STEP #4      | 20.87 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,001.00 |
| STEP #2 & #3 | 19.88 | 5.5   | 183  | 20,011.00 |
| STEP #1      | 18.95 | 5.5   | 183  | 19,074.00 |
|              | 18.07 | 5.5   | 183  | 18,190.00 |

| 2027-2028    |       |       |      |           |
|--------------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
|              | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
| STEP #12     | 25.43 | 5.5   | 183  | 25,600.00 |
| STEP #11     | 24.32 | 5.5   | 183  | 24,482.00 |
| STEP #10     | 23.91 | 5.5   | 183  | 24,070.00 |
| STEP #9      | 23.43 | 5.5   | 183  | 23,581.00 |
| STEP #8      | 23.01 | 5.5   | 183  | 23,158.00 |
| STEP #7      | 22.51 | 5.5   | 183  | 22,659.00 |
| STEP #6      | 22.08 | 5.5   | 183  | 22,225.00 |
| STEP #5      | 21.67 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,813.00 |
| STEP #3 & #4 | 21.26 | 5.5   | 183  | 21,400.00 |
| STEP #1 & #2 | 20.26 | 5.5   | 183  | 20,391.00 |
|              | 19.31 | 5.5   | 183  | 19,436.00 |
|              | 18.42 | 5.5   | 183  | 18,535.00 |

### **SALARY DIFFERENTIALS**

- Driver Trainers and Bus Attendant Trainers shall receive a \$1.20 hourly differential.
- Drivers whose late runs finish past 5:00PM shall receive a \$1.10 hourly differential.

### **MAXIMUM STEP**

Employees who have completed the requisite years of service in Woodbridge shall receive "maximum step" compensation as listed below. Those hired prior to February 1 shall have that school year included in the number of years completed. Those hired on February 1 or later shall not have that year included for maximum step compensation.

|                                                               |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| • Completed 17 <sup>th</sup> , starting 18 <sup>th</sup> year | \$500   |
| • Completed 18 <sup>th</sup> , starting 19 <sup>th</sup> year | \$750   |
| • Completed 19 <sup>th</sup> , starting 20 <sup>th</sup> year | \$1,000 |
| • Completed 20 <sup>th</sup> , starting 21 <sup>st</sup> year | \$2,000 |
| • Completed 21 <sup>st</sup> , starting 22 <sup>nd</sup> year | \$3,000 |
| • Completed 22 <sup>nd</sup> , starting 23 <sup>rd</sup> year | \$4,000 |
| • Completed 23 <sup>rd</sup> , starting 24 <sup>th</sup> year | \$5,000 |
| • Completed 24 <sup>th</sup> , starting 25 <sup>th</sup> year | \$6,000 |
| • Completed 25 <sup>th</sup> , starting 26 <sup>th</sup> year | \$7,500 |

These salary increases shall be considered base salary and constitute and be paid as part of the regular salary. These salary increases shall be in addition to any other salary increase provided under the terms of this Agreement and shall not be considered as "one-time only payments".



PART FOUR  
SECRETARIES





## **PART FOUR – SECRETARIES**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **WORK YEAR**

##### **A. TEN-MONTH EMPLOYEES**

1. The work year for ten-month employees shall begin on September 1 and end on June 30, which shall include three in-service days, with the exception of the position of Chief Secretary I, which shall also include the last five workdays in August.
2. With permission of the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, an Elementary Principal may authorize the Chief Secretary I in his/her building to work five additional days during the summer recess, to be submitted via timesheet within one week after the conclusion of these days using the employee portal at his/her regular hourly rate.

##### **B. TWELVE-MONTH EMPLOYEES**

1. The work year for twelve-month employees shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30, which shall include three in-service days.
2. Twelve-month Secretaries shall not be required to work during fall, winter, or spring recess. If a Secretary is requested and agrees to work during the fall, winter, or spring recess, he/she shall receive time and a half of his/her hourly rate of pay.

##### **C. COMMON PROVISIONS**

1. The following shall be paid holidays for all twelve-month employees:  
INDEPENDENCE DAY; LABOR DAY; ELECTION DAY; VETERANS DAY; THANKSGIVING DAY;  
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING; CHRISTMAS EVE; CHRISTMAS DAY; NEW YEAR'S EVE;  
NEW YEAR'S DAY; MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY; PRESIDENTS DAY; MEMORIAL DAY;  
JUNETEENTH
2. Employees shall also be entitled to three floating holidays, which may be used at any time during the school year.
3. For holidays that fall on a weekend, the corresponding Monday or Friday shall be used as a replacement.
4. For each holiday, as identified above, that school is in session, and for each day that falls on a non-work workday, full time employees shall receive either overtime as detailed later in this section or one compensatory day to be scheduled by agreement with the immediate supervisor.
5. Employees shall have a work shift of five hours the day before Thanksgiving and the last workday before both the winter and spring recess.
6. Employees, hired prior to September 1, 2000, shall receive their birthday as a holiday. In the event that an employee's birthday falls on a non-work day, the employee shall be entitled to one compensatory day, but shall not be entitled to the benefit as set forth in paragraph 5 above.
7. When school is adjourned to adjust for unused inclement weather days, employees shall not be required to report to work.
8. Secretaries shall not report to work on days schools are closed for the NJEA Convention. If it becomes necessary for a Secretary to report to work on one or both days because of an emergency, he/she shall be paid in accordance with Article V of the Salary Schedule.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **WORK SCHEDULE**

#### **A. EMPLOYEE WORKDAY**

1. The regular workweek for secretaries shall consist of five (5) seven-hour days, Monday through Friday.
2. Secretaries shall be entitled to a work break of fifteen (15) minutes each morning and of fifteen (15) minutes each afternoon.
3. When pupils and teachers are dismissed early, secretaries shall be excused one-half hour beyond pupil dismissal time; however, secretaries will be required to work for a full day when pupils are dismissed but teachers are required to be on duty, either in the classroom, at conferences, or at in-service programs. Secretaries who work in a building, other than a school, shall be required to work for 5 hours during such days. Secretaries shall be entitled to compensation time for any work performed in excess of five hours.

#### **B. OVERTIME**

1. Compensation for any work performed in excess of seven (7) hours in one day, or performed on Saturday shall be at the appropriate overtime rate.
2. The overtime rate for Sundays and Holidays shall be double the regular hourly rate. Otherwise, the overtime rate shall be one and one-half times the regular hourly rate.
3. The Association recognizes that circumstances sometimes require that secretaries work overtime. Both parties agree that overtime shall be kept to a minimum.
4. The regular hourly rate shall be established by dividing the base salary by the number of hours in the work year. For this purpose, the work year for twelve-month secretaries shall be 240 days, and the work year for ten-month secretaries shall be 200 days.
5. With the permission of her/his immediate supervisor, secretaries may take compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay, to be established at the same rate as overtime.
6. All other necessary and emergency overtime shall be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

#### **C. MEETINGS**

Secretaries shall be required to attend active shooter training as well as up to two (2) additional hours of in-service/faculty meetings per year. Except in emergencies, meetings and programs which take place after the regular workday, and which require attendance shall not be called on any day immediately preceding any day upon which attendance is not required at work. Except in emergencies, employees shall be given a schedule of any required meetings or programs by the first day of each month and at least one week in advance.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES**

#### **A. PROSCRIBED DUTIES**

1. The Board recognizes that secretaries in elementary schools of 500 pupils or more are faced with an especially heavy burden, and principals shall use whatever resources are available to them to relieve the secretaries of the responsibility of completing the student registers.
2. Secretaries shall not be required to do any clerical or secretarial work for organizations or clubs unless specifically directed to do so by her/his immediate supervisor.
3. A Secretary I who is requested to take dictation may refuse to perform the task, and such refusal shall be without prejudice to the employment of the Secretary I.

4. Employees covered by this Agreement shall not be required or requested to administer any medication in violation of state statute or state administrative regulations.

**B. PLACEMENT ON SALARY SCHEDULE**

1. If an employee returns to employment in the District after voluntarily terminating her/his employment, s/he shall be given half credit for her/his previous experience. Additional credit may be given at the discretion of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources based on the specific benefits to the district.

**C. PROBATION**

All new secretaries shall serve a three (3) year non-tenurable period. Written evaluations shall be prepared on all secretaries during this period at the end of the first six (6) months and at the end of each school year, and submitted in writing by the immediate supervisor to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. Satisfactory growth and performance must be in evidence in order for the individual to continue and/or be recommended for permanent status. A recommendation for permanent appointment shall be submitted by the immediate supervisor to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources at least sixty (60) days prior to the first eligible day for permanent appointment.

**D. JOB TITLES**

1. In each two-person office, there shall be at least one Chief Secretary.
2. In each office, which reports to a Discretionary Supervisor, there shall be at least one Chief Secretary III. All other secretaries shall be twelve-month Secretary II.
3. In each office of three or more persons, there shall be at least one Chief Secretary and one Secretary II. Chief Secretaries and Secretary II positions in these offices shall be twelve-month employees.
4. In a one-person office, including the Aftercare office, the secretary assigned to that office shall be compensated at the level of Secretary II.
5. In a school of 550 or more students, there shall be at least one Chief Secretary and one ten-month Secretary I.
6. In a school with 100 or more school based WTEA employees, there shall be at least one Clerical Aide.

**E. NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT AND SALARY**

Secretaries shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year no later than May 15 for the following school year.

**F. ASSIGNED DUTIES**

A job description manual for all existing clerical jobs shall be made available to the Association. Discussion shall be held with the Association when revisions are contemplated on any existing job description. Secretaries shall receive a copy of their specific job description.

**G. TRANSPORTATION**

1. Secretaries shall not be required to drive students or to use their personal automobile for Board business. Secretaries shall be compensated for mileage for any voluntary, authorized use of their automobile in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
2. The Board shall cover all damages, losses, and expenses incurred by a secretary arising out of the authorized use of his/her automobile in the performance of school duties by the non-ownership portion of the Board's fleet auto policy to the extent of \$500,000/\$1,000,000 as secondary insurance.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **SENIORITY AND JOB SECURITY**

#### **A. BUMPING RIGHTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIES**

1. If the position of Administrative Secretary II is eliminated, exercising bumping rights shall do so in the next lowest job schedule where there is a secretary with less seniority. For example, the Administrative Secretary II can bump the least senior Administrative Secretary I.
2. Administrative Secretaries, including the Administrative Secretaries in the Office of the Superintendent, Human Resources, Payroll and Accounting, shall first bump the least senior Administrative Secretary.
3. Where there is no Administrative Secretary with less seniority, the Administrative Secretary with less seniority exercising bumping rights shall do so in any Chief Secretary category in which she /he was previously employed or, if none, in the category of a 12-month Secretary II. If there is no 12-month Secretary II with less seniority, the Administrative Secretary whose job is being eliminated will bump the least senior 12-month Secretary I who has less seniority than the Administrative Secretary, or if none, then in lower schedules in descending order.

#### **B. BUMPING RIGHTS OF BOOKKEEPERS**

1. A Bookkeeper shall first bump the least senior Bookkeeper within the same schedule.
2. When there is no Bookkeeper within the same schedule with less seniority, the Bookkeeper exercising bumping rights shall do so in the next lowest job schedule in which there is a Bookkeeper. For example, a Bookkeeper with the least seniority is eliminated due to reduction in force that Bookkeeper bumps the 12-month Secretary II with the less seniority, or if none, then in lower schedules in descending order.

#### **C. BUMPING RIGHTS OF THE CHIEF SECRETARIES II, III, AND IV**

1. A Chief Secretary shall first bump the least senior secretary within the same schedule.
2. When there is no secretary within the same schedule with less seniority, the secretary exercising bumping rights shall do so in the next lowest job schedule in which there is a secretary with less seniority. For example, a Chief Secretary IV with the least seniority is eliminated due to reduction in force that secretary bumps the Chief Secretary IV with the less seniority. If there are no secretaries in the same schedule with less seniority the Chief Secretary IV will bump the least senior Chief Secretary III, or if none, Chief Secretary II, or if none, then in lower schedules in descending order.

#### **D. BUMPING RIGHTS OF THE TWELVE-MONTH SECRETARIES II AND I**

1. A 12-month Secretary II shall first bump the least senior secretary within the same schedule.
2. A 12-month Secretary I shall first bump the least senior secretary within the same schedule.
3. When there is no secretary within the same schedule with less seniority, the secretary exercising bumping rights shall do so in the next lowest job schedule in which there is a secretary with less seniority.

#### **E. BUMPING RIGHTS OF CHIEF SECRETARIES I**

1. A Chief Secretary I shall first bump the least senior secretary within the same schedule.
2. If there are no Chief Secretaries I with less seniority, the Chief Secretary I whose job is eliminated shall bump the least senior 12-month Secretary II. When there is no secretary within the same schedule with less seniority, the secretary exercising bumping rights shall do so in the next lowest job schedule in which there is a secretary with less seniority.

**F. BUMPING RIGHTS OF TEN-MONTH SECRETARY I**

1. A 10-Month Secretary shall first bump the least senior secretary within the same schedule.
2. If there are no 10-Month Secretary I with less seniority, the 10-Month Secretary I whose job is eliminated shall bump the least senior 12-month Secretary I.

**ARTICLE V**

**SALARIES**

**A. SALARY SCHEDULES**

The salary of each secretary is set forth in Part Four, Salary Schedules, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**B. TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS**

In the event of an absence for less than three full consecutive days during which a secretary performs the duties of a position which commands a higher rate of pay, that secretary shall receive the higher rate of pay applicable to such assignment starting on the eleventh full day of such assignments. In the event of an absence for three or more consecutive full days during which a secretary performs the duties of a position which commands a higher rate of pay, that secretary shall receive the higher rate of pay applicable to such assignment retroactively to the first full day of such assignment. The three or more consecutive days shall not count towards the accumulated eleven days mentioned in the first sentence.

**C. LEVEL MOVEMENT**

Newly hired ten-month secretaries shall move to the next salary level of the Salary Schedule on common anniversary date of July 1, following a minimum of five months of employment. Newly hired twelve-month secretaries shall move to the next salary level of the Salary Schedule on common anniversary date of July 1, following a minimum of six months of employment. Currently employed secretaries shall move to the next salary level of the Salary Schedule on the common anniversary date of July 1.

**D. SUMMER WORK**

The Chief Secretary I shall work the last five (5) workdays in August. The pay for that period shall be at the employee's daily rate (two and one-half (2-1/2) percent differential of their regular annual salary for that year) and shall be paid as part of their base salary.

**E. DIFFERENTIAL**

All secretaries who are regularly assigned to computer work shall receive a differential of two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of their annual salary, except that the differential shall only be paid to those secretaries first employed prior to July 1, 1997.

**ARTICLE VI**

**TEMPORARY SUMMER WORK**

**A. POSTING**

Temporary summer positions shall be posted in each school and advertised on the District website in accordance with the procedure as set forth in Part One, Article VII of this Agreement.

**B. BOARD RIGHTS**

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or restrict the absolute right of the Board to employ or reject for employment any person, whether a member of the bargaining unit or not.

**C. RATE OF PAY**

1. Any ten-month secretary employed in temporary summer positions shall be compensated at the regular hourly rate of a twelve-month Secretary I on Step 5 of the salary guide. Any paraprofessional who works as secretary in the PACE Program shall be compensated at the regular hourly rate of a twelve-month Secretary I on Step 1 of the salary guide.
2. Any ten month secretary who works as a secretary in the PACE Program shall be compensated with a stipend of \$5,750 based upon 125 hours of work and shall be paid with the July 15, July 31, and August 15 payrolls. This stipend shall increase by \$250 for each year of the contract. Work done in excess of 125 hours (including prep work for the program) shall be paid using the hourly rate calculated by dividing the amount of the stipend by the 125 hours.

**ARTICLE VII**

**SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION**

**A. SUPERVISION**

1. Secretaries shall work under the direction of an assigned supervisor who will assign and schedule work to be done, establish reasonable and fair due dates for work, and monitor performance.
2. No secretary shall be required to work without supervision for extended periods of time.

**B. OTHER PROCEDURES IN SUPERVISORY PROGRAM**

1. Secretaries will be given a copy of any evaluation report prepared by their supervisor at least one day before the conference for the purpose of discussion. No such report shall be submitted to central administration, placed in a secretary's file, or otherwise acted upon until the secretary has had a conference with the observer.
2. All monitoring or observation of the work performance of a secretary will be conducted openly, where possible in the opinion of the administrator.
3. Information on evaluations and conferences shall be accessible to no party except the building and central administrators, the immediate supervisor, the secretary involved and the Board, if necessary.

**C. ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORTS**

Secretaries shall be evaluated on the District prescribed forms at least once each school year by her/his immediate supervisor and/or the building administrator, with the assistance of the Superintendent or her/his designee or the Board Secretary or her/his designee, where applicable.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**A. IN-SERVICE**

1. The Board shall provide voluntary in-service courses for secretaries each year, if possible.
2. On the annual in-service day for teachers, the Board shall arrange for appropriate in-service opportunities for secretaries.

**B. TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

Secretaries shall be eligible for tuition reimbursement for job related college credit courses. Reimbursement will be made under the following conditions:

- a. Prior approval of the course must be obtained from the Office of Human Resources.
- b. Courses must be job related.
- c. All courses eligible for tuition reimbursement must be successfully completed.
- d. Tuition reimbursement shall be limited to \$2,000 per employee per year.
- e. Transcripts must be filed in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and shall be paid within 45 days of receipt.

**C. MAINTENANCE OF SKILLS**

All secretaries shall be expected to maintain a satisfactory level of skill appropriate to their job responsibilities.

**ADMIN II / ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR / PAYROLL SUPERVISOR**

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27 |        | 2027-28 |         |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY  |
| STEP #3   | 93,958 | STEP #3   | 96,222 | STEP #3 | 98,540 | STEP #3 | 100,914 |
| STEP #2   | 87,519 | STEP #2   | 89,628 | STEP #2 | 91,788 | STEP #2 | 93,999  |
| STEP #1   | 82,189 | STEP #1   | 84,169 | STEP #1 | 86,197 | STEP #1 | 88,274  |

**ADMIN I / ASSISTANT ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR / ASSISTANT PAYROLL SUPERVISOR**

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27 |        | 2027-28 |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY |
| STEP #3   | 81,707 | STEP #3   | 83,676 | STEP #3 | 85,692 | STEP #3 | 87,757 |
| STEP #2   | 75,865 | STEP #2   | 77,693 | STEP #2 | 79,565 | STEP #2 | 81,482 |
| STEP #1   | 71,233 | STEP #1   | 72,949 | STEP #1 | 74,707 | STEP #1 | 76,507 |

**BOOKKEEPERS**

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12  | 71,360 | STEP #12  | 73,079 | STEP #12 | 74,840 | STEP #12 | 76,644 |
| STEP #11  | 66,056 | STEP #11  | 67,648 | STEP #11 | 69,278 | STEP #11 | 70,947 |
| STEP #10  | 61,840 | STEP #10  | 63,330 | STEP #10 | 64,856 | STEP #10 | 66,419 |
| STEP #9   | 59,731 | STEP #9   | 61,171 | STEP #9  | 62,644 | STEP #9  | 64,154 |
| STEP #8   | 57,624 | STEP #8   | 59,012 | STEP #8  | 60,434 | STEP #8  | 61,890 |
| STEP #7   | 56,218 | STEP #7   | 57,572 | STEP #7  | 58,959 | STEP #7  | 60,380 |
| STEP #6   | 54,814 | STEP #6   | 56,134 | STEP #6  | 57,487 | STEP #6  | 58,872 |
| STEP #5   | 53,408 | STEP #5   | 54,694 | STEP #5  | 56,012 | STEP #5  | 57,362 |
| STEP #4   | 52,354 | STEP #4   | 53,615 | STEP #4  | 54,907 | STEP #4  | 56,230 |
| STEP #3   | 51,299 | STEP #3   | 52,535 | STEP #3  | 53,801 | STEP #3  | 55,097 |
| STEP #2   | 50,244 | STEP #2   | 51,455 | STEP #2  | 52,695 | STEP #2  | 53,964 |
| STEP #1   | 49,191 | STEP #1   | 50,377 | STEP #1  | 51,590 | STEP #1  | 52,834 |

### CHIEF SECRETARY IV

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12  | 89,846 | STEP #12  | 92,011 | STEP #12 | 94,228 | STEP #12 | 96,498 |
| STEP #11  | 83,425 | STEP #11  | 85,435 | STEP #11 | 87,494 | STEP #11 | 89,602 |
| STEP #10  | 78,101 | STEP #10  | 79,982 | STEP #10 | 81,910 | STEP #10 | 83,883 |
| STEP #9   | 75,438 | STEP #9   | 77,256 | STEP #9  | 79,117 | STEP #9  | 81,023 |
| STEP #8   | 72,774 | STEP #8   | 74,528 | STEP #8  | 76,323 | STEP #8  | 78,162 |
| STEP #7   | 71,002 | STEP #7   | 72,712 | STEP #7  | 74,464 | STEP #7  | 76,259 |
| STEP #6   | 69,226 | STEP #6   | 70,894 | STEP #6  | 72,602 | STEP #6  | 74,351 |
| STEP #5   | 67,450 | STEP #5   | 69,075 | STEP #5  | 70,740 | STEP #5  | 72,444 |
| STEP #4   | 66,120 | STEP #4   | 67,713 | STEP #4  | 69,344 | STEP #4  | 71,015 |
| STEP #3   | 64,787 | STEP #3   | 66,348 | STEP #3  | 67,947 | STEP #3  | 69,584 |
| STEP #2   | 63,389 | STEP #2   | 64,917 | STEP #2  | 66,481 | STEP #2  | 68,083 |
| STEP #1   | 62,125 | STEP #1   | 63,622 | STEP #1  | 65,155 | STEP #1  | 66,724 |

### CHIEF SECRETARY III

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12  | 82,284 | STEP #12  | 84,267 | STEP #12 | 86,297 | STEP #12 | 88,376 |
| STEP #11  | 76,325 | STEP #11  | 78,164 | STEP #11 | 80,047 | STEP #11 | 81,976 |
| STEP #10  | 71,453 | STEP #10  | 73,175 | STEP #10 | 74,938 | STEP #10 | 76,744 |
| STEP #9   | 69,018 | STEP #9   | 70,681 | STEP #9  | 72,384 | STEP #9  | 74,128 |
| STEP #8   | 66,579 | STEP #8   | 68,184 | STEP #8  | 69,827 | STEP #8  | 71,509 |
| STEP #7   | 64,957 | STEP #7   | 66,522 | STEP #7  | 68,125 | STEP #7  | 69,767 |
| STEP #6   | 63,333 | STEP #6   | 64,859 | STEP #6  | 66,422 | STEP #6  | 68,022 |
| STEP #5   | 61,710 | STEP #5   | 63,197 | STEP #5  | 64,720 | STEP #5  | 66,279 |
| STEP #4   | 60,492 | STEP #4   | 61,950 | STEP #4  | 63,443 | STEP #4  | 64,971 |
| STEP #3   | 59,273 | STEP #3   | 60,701 | STEP #3  | 62,163 | STEP #3  | 63,661 |
| STEP #2   | 58,056 | STEP #2   | 59,455 | STEP #2  | 60,887 | STEP #2  | 62,354 |
| STEP #1   | 56,838 | STEP #1   | 58,208 | STEP #1  | 59,610 | STEP #1  | 61,047 |

| CHIEF SECRETARY II |        |           |        |          |        |          |        |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| 2024-2025          |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
| STEP               | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12           | 76,618 | STEP #12  | 78,464 | STEP #12 | 80,354 | STEP #12 | 82,290 |
| STEP #11           | 71,002 | STEP #11  | 72,712 | STEP #11 | 74,464 | STEP #11 | 76,259 |
| STEP #10           | 66,469 | STEP #10  | 68,070 | STEP #10 | 69,711 | STEP #10 | 71,390 |
| STEP #9            | 64,203 | STEP #9   | 65,750 | STEP #9  | 67,334 | STEP #9  | 68,956 |
| STEP #8            | 61,936 | STEP #8   | 63,429 | STEP #8  | 64,957 | STEP #8  | 66,522 |
| STEP #7            | 60,426 | STEP #7   | 61,882 | STEP #7  | 63,373 | STEP #7  | 64,900 |
| STEP #6            | 58,915 | STEP #6   | 60,335 | STEP #6  | 61,788 | STEP #6  | 63,277 |
| STEP #5            | 57,404 | STEP #5   | 58,787 | STEP #5  | 60,203 | STEP #5  | 61,654 |
| STEP #4            | 56,272 | STEP #4   | 57,628 | STEP #4  | 59,016 | STEP #4  | 60,438 |
| STEP #3            | 55,137 | STEP #3   | 56,466 | STEP #3  | 57,826 | STEP #3  | 59,220 |
| STEP #2            | 54,006 | STEP #2   | 55,307 | STEP #2  | 56,640 | STEP #2  | 58,004 |
| STEP #1            | 52,872 | STEP #1   | 54,146 | STEP #1  | 55,451 | STEP #1  | 56,787 |

| CHIEF SECRETARY I |        |           |        |          |        |          |        |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| 2024-2025         |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
| STEP              | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12          | 64,276 | STEP #12  | 67,470 | STEP #12 | 70,824 | STEP #12 | 74,343 |
| STEP #11          | 59,372 | STEP #11  | 62,323 | STEP #11 | 65,420 | STEP #11 | 68,671 |
| STEP #10          | 55,580 | STEP #10  | 58,343 | STEP #10 | 61,242 | STEP #10 | 64,286 |
| STEP #9           | 53,688 | STEP #9   | 56,356 | STEP #9  | 59,157 | STEP #9  | 62,097 |
| STEP #8           | 51,791 | STEP #8   | 54,365 | STEP #8  | 57,067 | STEP #8  | 59,903 |
| STEP #7           | 50,529 | STEP #7   | 53,040 | STEP #7  | 55,676 | STEP #7  | 58,443 |
| STEP #6           | 49,265 | STEP #6   | 51,714 | STEP #6  | 54,284 | STEP #6  | 56,982 |
| STEP #5           | 48,003 | STEP #5   | 50,388 | STEP #5  | 52,892 | STEP #5  | 55,521 |
| STEP #4           | 47,055 | STEP #4   | 49,393 | STEP #4  | 51,848 | STEP #4  | 54,425 |
| STEP #3           | 46,108 | STEP #3   | 48,399 | STEP #3  | 50,805 | STEP #3  | 53,330 |
| STEP #2           | 45,161 | STEP #2   | 47,406 | STEP #2  | 49,761 | STEP #2  | 52,234 |
| STEP #1           | 44,213 | STEP #1   | 46,411 | STEP #1  | 48,717 | STEP #1  | 51,138 |

### SECRETARY II

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12  | 71,360 | STEP #12  | 73,079 | STEP #12 | 74,840 | STEP #12 | 76,644 |
| STEP #11  | 66,056 | STEP #11  | 67,648 | STEP #11 | 69,278 | STEP #11 | 70,947 |
| STEP #10  | 61,840 | STEP #10  | 63,330 | STEP #10 | 64,856 | STEP #10 | 66,419 |
| STEP #9   | 59,731 | STEP #9   | 61,171 | STEP #9  | 62,644 | STEP #9  | 64,154 |
| STEP #8   | 57,624 | STEP #8   | 59,012 | STEP #8  | 60,434 | STEP #8  | 61,890 |
| STEP #7   | 56,218 | STEP #7   | 57,572 | STEP #7  | 58,959 | STEP #7  | 60,380 |
| STEP #6   | 54,814 | STEP #6   | 56,134 | STEP #6  | 57,487 | STEP #6  | 58,872 |
| STEP #5   | 53,408 | STEP #5   | 54,694 | STEP #5  | 56,012 | STEP #5  | 57,362 |
| STEP #4   | 52,354 | STEP #4   | 53,615 | STEP #4  | 54,907 | STEP #4  | 56,230 |
| STEP #3   | 51,299 | STEP #3   | 52,535 | STEP #3  | 53,801 | STEP #3  | 55,097 |
| STEP #2   | 50,244 | STEP #2   | 51,455 | STEP #2  | 52,695 | STEP #2  | 53,964 |
| STEP #1   | 49,191 | STEP #1   | 50,377 | STEP #1  | 51,590 | STEP #1  | 52,834 |

### SECRETARY I - 12 MONTHS

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12  | 68,260 | STEP #12  | 69,905 | STEP #12 | 71,589 | STEP #12 | 73,314 |
| STEP #11  | 63,143 | STEP #11  | 64,664 | STEP #11 | 66,222 | STEP #11 | 67,818 |
| STEP #10  | 59,112 | STEP #10  | 60,536 | STEP #10 | 61,995 | STEP #10 | 63,488 |
| STEP #9   | 57,096 | STEP #9   | 58,472 | STEP #9  | 59,881 | STEP #9  | 61,324 |
| STEP #8   | 55,080 | STEP #8   | 56,407 | STEP #8  | 57,766 | STEP #8  | 59,158 |
| STEP #7   | 53,739 | STEP #7   | 55,034 | STEP #7  | 56,360 | STEP #7  | 57,718 |
| STEP #6   | 52,395 | STEP #6   | 53,657 | STEP #6  | 54,950 | STEP #6  | 56,274 |
| STEP #5   | 51,052 | STEP #5   | 52,282 | STEP #5  | 53,542 | STEP #5  | 54,832 |
| STEP #4   | 50,044 | STEP #4   | 51,250 | STEP #4  | 52,485 | STEP #4  | 53,750 |
| STEP #3   | 49,035 | STEP #3   | 50,216 | STEP #3  | 51,426 | STEP #3  | 52,665 |
| STEP #2   | 48,028 | STEP #2   | 49,185 | STEP #2  | 50,370 | STEP #2  | 51,584 |
| STEP #1   | 47,021 | STEP #1   | 48,154 | STEP #1  | 49,315 | STEP #1  | 50,503 |

**SECRETARY I - 10-MONTH**

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27  |        | 2027-28  |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY | STEP     | SALARY |
| STEP #12  | 56,883 | STEP #12  | 58,254 | STEP #12 | 59,658 | STEP #12 | 61,095 |
| STEP #11  | 52,619 | STEP #11  | 53,887 | STEP #11 | 55,185 | STEP #11 | 56,515 |
| STEP #10  | 49,260 | STEP #10  | 50,447 | STEP #10 | 51,662 | STEP #10 | 52,907 |
| STEP #9   | 47,580 | STEP #9   | 48,727 | STEP #9  | 49,901 | STEP #9  | 51,103 |
| STEP #8   | 45,900 | STEP #8   | 47,006 | STEP #8  | 48,139 | STEP #8  | 49,298 |
| STEP #7   | 44,783 | STEP #7   | 45,862 | STEP #7  | 46,967 | STEP #7  | 48,099 |
| STEP #6   | 43,662 | STEP #6   | 44,714 | STEP #6  | 45,792 | STEP #6  | 46,895 |
| STEP #5   | 42,543 | STEP #5   | 43,569 | STEP #5  | 44,618 | STEP #5  | 45,693 |
| STEP #4   | 41,704 | STEP #4   | 42,709 | STEP #4  | 43,738 | STEP #4  | 44,791 |
| STEP #3   | 40,862 | STEP #3   | 41,847 | STEP #3  | 42,855 | STEP #3  | 43,888 |
| STEP #2   | 40,023 | STEP #2   | 40,988 | STEP #2  | 41,975 | STEP #2  | 42,987 |
| STEP #1   | 39,184 | STEP #1   | 40,129 | STEP #1  | 41,095 | STEP #1  | 42,086 |

## SALARY DIFFERENTIALS

- The Computer Differential for Employees hired prior to July 1, 1997 shall be 2.5% of their annual salary.

## MAXIMUM STEP

Employees who have completed the requisite years of service in Woodbridge shall receive "maximum step" compensation as listed below. Those hired prior to February 1 shall have that school year included in the number of years completed. Those hired on February 1 or later shall not have that year included for maximum step compensation.

- Completed 17<sup>th</sup>, starting 18<sup>th</sup> year \$500
- Completed 18<sup>th</sup>, starting 19<sup>th</sup> year \$750
- Completed 19<sup>th</sup>, starting 20<sup>th</sup> year \$1,000
- Completed 20<sup>th</sup>, starting 21<sup>st</sup> year \$2,000
- Completed 21<sup>st</sup>, starting 22<sup>nd</sup> year \$3,000
- Completed 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting 23<sup>rd</sup> year \$4,000
- Completed 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting 24<sup>th</sup> year \$5,000
- Completed 24<sup>th</sup>, starting 25<sup>th</sup> year \$6,000
- Completed 25<sup>th</sup>, starting 26<sup>th</sup> year \$7,500

These salary increases shall be considered base salary and constitute and be paid as part of the regular salary. These salary increases shall be in addition to any other salary increase provided under the terms of this Agreement and shall not be considered as "one-time only payments".

| SECRETARIAL SUMMER WORK RATES                                                  |            |            |            |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                                                                | 2024-25    | 2025-26    | 2026-27    | 2027-28    |
| TEN MONTH SECRETARY EMPLOYED IN THE PACE PROGRAM<br>SUMMER STIPEND (125 HOURS) | \$5,750.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$6,250.00 | \$6,500.00 |
| TEN MONTH SECRETARY EMPLOYED IN THE PACE PROGRAM<br>HOURLY RATE                | \$ 46.00   | \$ 48.00   | \$ 50.00   | \$ 52.00   |
| TEN MONTH SECRETARY EMPLOYED IN A TEMPORARY<br>SUMMER PROGRAM HOURLY RATE      | \$ 36.47   | \$ 37.34   | \$ 38.24   | \$ 39.17   |
| PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYED AS A SECRETARY IN THE<br>PACE PROGRAM                | \$ 33.59   | \$ 34.40   | \$ 35.22   | \$ 36.07   |





PART FIVE  
PARAPROFESSIONAL &  
CLERICAL AIDES





## **PART FIVE – PARAPROFESSIONALS, BEHAVIOR TECHNICIANS, AND CLERICAL AIDES**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **WORK YEAR**

##### **A. WORK YEAR**

1. Employees shall work 180 instructional days plus three additional in-service days, with the exception of the position of Clerical Aide.
2. Employees shall have a work shift of five hours the day before Thanksgiving and the last workday before both the winter and spring recess.
3. Clerical Aides shall work 180 instructional days plus three additional in-service days plus an additional five days prior to the start of the teacher work year and five days after the teacher work year, for a total of 193 days. However, no workdays shall be assigned after June 30.

##### **B. SCHOOL CALENDAR**

1. The parties recognize the authority and duty of the Board pursuant to New Jersey law to promulgate a school calendar.
2. School calendars shall be forwarded to all employees within ten (10) school days after adoption by the Board.
3. If changes in any adopted calendars are contemplated, employees will be given ten (10) school days notice, except in cases of emergency.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **WORK SCHEDULE**

##### **A. PARAPROFESSIONALS**

1. The regular work schedule for paraprofessionals shall be for seven (7) hours per day to be scheduled consistent with the school day.
2. Paraprofessionals shall have a duty-free, lunch period of thirty (30) minutes duration between 11:00 am and 1:30 pm, which shall be included as part of the seven hours.
3. Paraprofessionals shall have two (2) work breaks of fifteen (15) minutes, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
4. Paraprofessionals shall be dismissed early from work without loss of pay on any day that schools are closed early due to events such as inclement weather or electrical failure.
5. On four (4) possible early dismissal days, specifically the days prior to Thanksgiving, Winter recess, Spring Recess, and the last day of school in June, full-time paraprofessionals may leave at the time of student dismissal with no loss in pay.
6. All paraprofessionals may be requested to remain for meetings, in-service training programs, or other PD at the discretion of the superintendent, consistent with the following parameters:
  - a. in no case shall paraprofessionals be required to remain for more than two (2) sixty (60) minute meeting per month, except in emergencies.
  - b. in no case shall paraprofessionals be required to remain for more than two (2) hours of in-service per month, to a maximum of ten (10) hours per year.

**B. CLERICAL AIDES**

1. The regular workday for clerical aides shall consist of four (4) hours, to be scheduled between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.
2. Clerical Aides shall receive a work break of fifteen (15) minutes each day.
3. Clerical Aides shall be dismissed early from work without loss of pay on any day that schools are closed early due to events such as inclement weather or electrical failure.
4. On early dismissal days, clerical aides may leave at the time of student dismissal with no loss in pay.

**C. OVERTIME**

1. Compensation for any work performed in excess of seven (7) hours in one day, or performed on Saturday shall be at the appropriate overtime rate.
2. The overtime rate for Sundays and Holidays shall be double the regular hourly rate. Otherwise, the overtime rate shall be one and one-half times the regular hourly rate.

**D. MEETINGS**

1. Employees shall be required to attend active shooter training each year. All additional meetings/in-service shall be compensated at the employee's hourly rate. Except in emergencies, meetings and programs which take place after the regular workday, and which require attendance shall not be called on any day immediately preceding any day upon which attendance is not required at work. Except in emergencies, employees shall be given a schedule of any required meetings or programs by the first day of each month and at least one week in advance.
2. All paraprofessionals may be requested to remain for meetings, in-service training programs or other PD at the discretion of the superintendent, consistent with the following parameters:
  - a. in no case shall Paraprofessionals be required to remain for more than two (2) sixty (60) minute meetings per month, except in emergencies and
  - b. in no case shall Paraprofessionals be required to remain for more than two (2) hours of in-service training per month, to a maximum of ten (10) hours per year.
3. All additional meetings / in-service, other than those outlined in E1 and E2 above, shall be compensated at the employee's hourly rate.
4. Except in emergencies, meetings and programs which take place after the regular workday, and which require attendance shall not be called on any day immediately preceding any day upon which attendance is not required at work. Except in emergencies, employees shall be given a schedule of any required meetings or programs by the first day of each month and at least one week in advance.

**ARTICLE III**

**EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES**

**A. PLACEMENT ON SALARY SCHEDULE**

1. Newly hired employees shall move to the next salary level of the salary guide on the common anniversary date of July 1, following a minimum of five months of employment. Current employees shall move to the next salary level of the salary guide on the common anniversary date of July 1.

2. If an employee returns to employment in the District after voluntarily terminating her/his employment, s/he shall be given half credit for her/his previous experience. Additional credit may be given at the discretion of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources based on the specific benefits to the district.

**B. NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT AND SALARY**

Employees shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year no later than May 15 for the following school year.

**C. TRANSPORTATION**

1. Employees shall not be required to drive students. Employees shall be compensated for any voluntary, authorized use of their automobiles for mileage in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
2. The Board shall cover all damages, losses, and expenses incurred by an employee arising out of the authorized use of her/his automobile in the performance of school duties by the non-ownership portion of the Board's fleet auto policy to the extent of \$500,000/\$1,000,000 as secondary insurance.

**ARTICLE IV**

**SENIORITY AND JOB SECURITY**

**A. DEFINITION**

1. Any employee whose employment is terminated as a result of a reduction in force (RIF) shall be entitled to exercise seniority rights as established in this Article.
2. Seniority, as used in this section, means total years of service in the District, in any of the following categories: full-time paraprofessional, part-time paraprofessional, full-time health aide, part-time health aide, clerical aide, and bus attendant. Seniority in one category shall not carry over to another category.
3. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed or interpreted to confer tenure upon the members of this bargaining unit. The parties recognize that bargaining unit members are not entitled to statutory tenure and accept this Article with that specific limitation.

**B. RECALL**

1. Employees suffering loss of employment as a result of a reduction in force shall be entitled to re-employment based on seniority in the event of the occurrence of a vacancy in a position within the bargaining unit for which they are qualified.
2. Any employee having suffered loss of employment in the District as a result of a reduction in force who is subsequently recalled by the District shall:
  - a. Be placed on the step of the salary guide such employee would have occupied but for the reduction in force;
  - b. Be credited with unused sick leave accumulated during pre-reduction in force service; and
  - c. Be credited with pre-reduction in force service for purposes of subsequent seniority calculations.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **SALARIES**

#### **A. SALARY SCHEDULE**

The salary of each employee is set forth in the Salary Schedule which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

#### **B. CERTIFICATION**

A Paraprofessional who earns a certificate by completing an Associate degree or higher or an employee who meets the New Jersey Department of Education's requirement for Title I paraprofessional certification shall receive a differential of ten (10) percent over and above the regular hourly rate of the Paraprofessional. This is reflected in the Certified Paraprofessionals Salary Schedule.

#### **C. BEHAVIOR TECHNICIANS DIFFERENTIAL**

Certified Paraprofessionals who are employed as Behavior Technicians shall receive an hourly rate differential of an additional ten (10) percent over and above the regular hourly rate of the Certified Paraprofessional. This is reflected in the rates in the Behavior Technicians Salary Schedule.

#### **D. HOLIDAY PAY**

Employees shall receive regular pay for four (4) holidays per year included as part of their annual salary and paid in twenty equal paychecks. This additional pay is included within the totals listed in the salary schedule.

#### **E. SKILLS DIFFERENTIAL**

Paraprofessionals who are given assignments, which require special skills, such as Braille or signing, shall receive an hourly differential of \$2.12 for the time spent on such assignment.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **TEMPORARY WORK**

#### **A. POSTING**

Temporary summer positions shall be posted in each school and advertised on the District website in accordance with the procedure as set forth in Part One of this Agreement.

#### **B. BOARD RIGHTS**

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or restrict the absolute right of the Board to employ or reject for employment any person, whether a member of the bargaining unit or not.

#### **C. RATE OF COMPENSATION**

1. Paraprofessional positions in summer programs, such as Pace, shall be covered by this agreement, and all employees who work in such positions, whether employed by the Board or not during the course of the school year as paraprofessionals or in some other capacity, shall be compensated at the hourly rate of \$32.00 for the summer of 2024 and 2025 and \$34.00 in for the summer of 2026 and 2027.

2. Employees, who do work outside of their regular assignment, shall be compensated at their regular rate identified on the appropriate salary scale.
3. Clerical aides who are assigned to substitute or perform other temporary assignments shall be paid for such work at the regular clerical aide rate. However, clerical aides who substitute in a secretarial position shall receive the hourly rate for the position of the Ten-Month Secretary I at Step 1 of the Secretaries Salary Schedule in Part Four of this Agreement. All other assignments will only commence in addition to and above the four-hour clerical aide workday. (The first four hours of any workday will be paid at the clerical aide rate.)

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION**

#### **A. SUPERVISION**

1. Employees shall work under the direction of an assigned supervisor who will assign and schedule work to be done, establish reasonable and fair due dates for work, and monitor performance.
2. No employee shall be required to work without supervision for extended periods of time.

#### **B. OTHER PROVISIONS OF SUPERVISORY PROGRAM**

1. Employees will be given a copy of any evaluation report prepared by their supervisor at the conference for the purpose of discussion. No such report shall be submitted to central administration, placed in an employee's file, or otherwise acted upon until the employee has had a conference with the observer.
2. All monitoring or observation of the work performance of an employee will be conducted openly, where possible in the opinion of the administrator.
3. Information on evaluations and conferences shall be accessible to no party except the building and central administrators, the immediate supervisor, the employee involved and the Board, if necessary.
4. Only authorized clerical personnel shall prepare such reports.

#### **C. ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORTS**

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be evaluated on the District-prescribed forms at least once each school year by her/his immediate supervisor and/or the building administrator, with the assistance of the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources or her/his designee.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **A. TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

Employees shall be eligible for tuition reimbursement for job-related college credit courses. Reimbursement will be made under the following conditions:

- a. Prior approval of the course must be obtained from the Office of Human Resources.
- b. Courses must be job-related.
- c. All courses eligible for tuition reimbursement must be successfully completed.
- d. Tuition reimbursement shall be limited to \$2,000 per employee per year.

- e. Transcripts must be filed in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and shall be paid within 45 days of receipt.

**B. IN-SERVICE**

- 1. The Board shall provide an appropriate program of in-service training for employees to maintain and refine job skills. Training shall be scheduled on days that students do not report to school.

| CLERICAL AIDES |         |         |         |         |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| YEAR           | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 |
| RATE           | 24.00   | 26.00   | 28.00   | 30.00   |

| PARAPROFESSIONALS |        |           |        |         |        |         |        |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 2024-2025         |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27 |        | 2027-28 |        |
| STEP              | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY |
| STEP #4           | 40,409 | STEP #4   | 42,001 | STEP #4 | 43,655 | STEP #4 | 45,374 |
| STEP #3           | 35,882 | STEP #3   | 37,296 | STEP #3 | 38,764 | STEP #3 | 40,291 |
| STEP #2           | 32,194 | STEP #2   | 33,462 | STEP #2 | 34,780 | STEP #2 | 36,150 |
| STEP #1           | 28,546 | STEP #1   | 29,670 | STEP #1 | 30,839 | STEP #1 | 32,053 |

| CERTIFIED PARAPROFESSIONALS |        |           |        |         |        |         |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 2024-2025                   |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27 |        | 2027-28 |        |
| STEP                        | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY |
| STEP #4                     | 44,450 | STEP #4   | 46,201 | STEP #4 | 48,020 | STEP #4 | 49,911 |
| STEP #3                     | 39,471 | STEP #3   | 41,025 | STEP #3 | 42,641 | STEP #3 | 44,320 |
| STEP #2                     | 35,414 | STEP #2   | 36,808 | STEP #2 | 38,258 | STEP #2 | 39,765 |
| STEP #1                     | 31,401 | STEP #1   | 32,637 | STEP #1 | 33,923 | STEP #1 | 35,259 |

| BEHAVIOR TECHNICIANS |        |           |        |         |        |         |        |
|----------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 2024-2025            |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27 |        | 2027-28 |        |
| STEP                 | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY |
| STEP #4              | 48,895 | STEP #4   | 50,821 | STEP #4 | 52,822 | STEP #4 | 54,902 |
| STEP #3              | 43,418 | STEP #3   | 45,128 | STEP #3 | 46,905 | STEP #3 | 48,752 |
| STEP #2              | 38,955 | STEP #2   | 40,489 | STEP #2 | 42,084 | STEP #2 | 43,741 |
| STEP #1              | 34,541 | STEP #1   | 35,901 | STEP #1 | 37,315 | STEP #1 | 38,784 |

**PARAPROFESSIONALS**

**2024-2025**

| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| STEP #4 | 31.55 | 7     | 183  | 40,409.00 |
| STEP #3 | 28.01 | 7     | 183  | 35,882.00 |
| STEP #2 | 25.13 | 7     | 183  | 32,194.00 |
| STEP #1 | 22.28 | 7     | 183  | 28,546.00 |

**2025-2026**

| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| STEP #4 | 32.79 | 7     | 183  | 42,001.00 |
| STEP #3 | 29.11 | 7     | 183  | 37,296.00 |
| STEP #2 | 26.12 | 7     | 183  | 33,462.00 |
| STEP #1 | 23.16 | 7     | 183  | 29,670.00 |

**2026-2027**

| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| STEP #4 | 34.08 | 7     | 183  | 43,655.00 |
| STEP #3 | 30.26 | 7     | 183  | 38,764.00 |
| STEP #2 | 27.15 | 7     | 183  | 34,780.00 |
| STEP #1 | 24.07 | 7     | 183  | 30,839.00 |

**2027-2028**

| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| STEP #4 | 35.42 | 7     | 183  | 45,374.00 |
| STEP #3 | 31.45 | 7     | 183  | 40,291.00 |
| STEP #2 | 28.22 | 7     | 183  | 36,150.00 |
| STEP #1 | 25.02 | 7     | 183  | 32,053.00 |

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| <b>CERTIFIED PARAPROFESSIONALS</b> |
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| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
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| STEP #4 | 34.70 | 7     | 183  | 44,450.00 |
| STEP #3 | 30.81 | 7     | 183  | 39,471.00 |
| STEP #2 | 27.65 | 7     | 183  | 35,414.00 |
| STEP #1 | 24.51 | 7     | 183  | 31,401.00 |

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| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
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| STEP #4 | 36.07 | 7     | 183  | 46,201.00 |
| STEP #3 | 32.03 | 7     | 183  | 41,025.00 |
| STEP #2 | 28.73 | 7     | 183  | 36,808.00 |
| STEP #1 | 25.48 | 7     | 183  | 32,637.00 |

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| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
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| STEP #4 | 37.49 | 7     | 183  | 48,020.00 |
| STEP #3 | 33.29 | 7     | 183  | 42,641.00 |
| STEP #2 | 29.87 | 7     | 183  | 38,258.00 |
| STEP #1 | 26.48 | 7     | 183  | 33,923.00 |

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| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| STEP #4 | 38.96 | 7     | 183  | 49,911.00 |
| STEP #3 | 34.60 | 7     | 183  | 44,320.00 |
| STEP #2 | 31.04 | 7     | 183  | 39,765.00 |
| STEP #1 | 27.52 | 7     | 183  | 35,259.00 |

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| <b>BEHAVIOR TECHHNICIANS</b> |
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| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| STEP #4 | 38.17 | 7     | 183  | 48,895.00 |
| STEP #3 | 33.89 | 7     | 183  | 43,418.00 |
| STEP #2 | 30.41 | 7     | 183  | 38,955.00 |
| STEP #1 | 26.96 | 7     | 183  | 34,541.00 |

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| <b>2025-2026</b> |  |  |  |  |
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| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| STEP #4 | 39.67 | 7     | 183  | 50,821.00 |
| STEP #3 | 35.23 | 7     | 183  | 45,128.00 |
| STEP #2 | 31.61 | 7     | 183  | 40,489.00 |
| STEP #1 | 28.03 | 7     | 183  | 35,901.00 |

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| <b>2026-2027</b> |  |  |  |  |
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| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| STEP #4 | 41.24 | 7     | 183  | 52,822.00 |
| STEP #3 | 36.62 | 7     | 183  | 46,905.00 |
| STEP #2 | 32.85 | 7     | 183  | 42,084.00 |
| STEP #1 | 29.13 | 7     | 183  | 37,315.00 |

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| <b>2027-2028</b> |  |  |  |  |
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| STEP    | RATE  | HOURS | DAYS | SALARY    |
|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| STEP #4 | 42.86 | 7     | 183  | 54,902.00 |
| STEP #3 | 38.06 | 7     | 183  | 48,752.00 |
| STEP #2 | 34.15 | 7     | 183  | 43,741.00 |
| STEP #1 | 30.28 | 7     | 183  | 38,784.00 |

## MAXIMUM STEP

Employees who have completed the requisite years of service in Woodbridge shall receive "maximum step" compensation as listed below. Those hired prior to February 1 shall have that school year included in the number of years completed. Those hired on February 1 or later shall not have that year included for maximum step compensation.

- Completed 17<sup>th</sup>, starting 18<sup>th</sup> year \$500
- Completed 18<sup>th</sup>, starting 19<sup>th</sup> year \$750
- Completed 19<sup>th</sup>, starting 20<sup>th</sup> year \$1,000
- Completed 20<sup>th</sup>, starting 21<sup>st</sup> year \$2,000
- Completed 21<sup>st</sup>, starting 22<sup>nd</sup> year \$3,000
- Completed 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting 23<sup>rd</sup> year \$4,000
- Completed 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting 24<sup>th</sup> year \$5,000
- Completed 24<sup>th</sup>, starting 25<sup>th</sup> year \$6,000
- Completed 25<sup>th</sup>, starting 26<sup>th</sup> year \$7,500

These salary increases shall be considered base salary and constitute and be paid as part of the regular salary. These salary increases shall be in addition to any other salary increase provided under the terms of this Agreement and shall not be considered as "one-time only payments".

| OTHER PARAPROFESSIONAL AND CLERICAL HOURLY RATES     |             |             |             |             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                      | SUMMER 2024 | SUMMER 2025 | SUMMER 2026 | SUMMER 2027 |
| PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYED IN A SUMMER PROGRAM        | \$ 32.00    | \$ 32.00    | \$ 34.00    | \$ 34.00    |
|                                                      | 2024-25     | 2025-26     | 2026-27     | 2027-28     |
| CLERICAL AIDE SUBSTITUTING IN A SECRETARIAL POSITION | \$ 27.99    | \$ 28.66    | \$ 29.35    | \$ 30.06    |



PART SIX  
SCHOOL AIDES





## **PART SIX – SCHOOL AIDES**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **WORK YEAR**

##### **A. WORK YEAR**

Employees shall work 180 instructional days plus three additional in-service days.

##### **B. SCHOOL CALENDAR**

1. The parties recognize the authority and duty of the Board pursuant to New Jersey law to promulgate a school calendar.
2. School calendars shall be forwarded to all employees within ten (10) school days after adoption by the Board.
3. If changes in any adopted calendars are contemplated, employees will be given ten (10) school days written notice, except in cases of emergency.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **WORK SCHEDULE**

##### **A. REGULAR SCHEDULE**

1. The regular work schedule for school aides shall be for no fewer than two (2) hours per day to be scheduled consistent with the elementary lunch schedule.
2. When there is no scheduled lunch period, the school aides' work schedule will be for two (2) hours per day during the abbreviated school day and consistent with individual building needs.

##### **B. ADDITIONAL WORK**

School aides may work additional hours by mutual agreement of the employee and the Board.

##### **C. MEETINGS**

Employees shall be required to attend active shooter training each year. All additional meetings/in-service shall be compensated at the employee's hourly rate. Except in emergencies, meetings and programs which take place after the regular workday, and which require attendance shall not be called on any day immediately preceding any day upon which attendance is not required at work. Except in emergencies, employees shall be given a schedule of any required meetings or programs by the first day of each month and at least one week in advance.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES**

##### **A. NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT AND SALARY**

1. Employees shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year no later than May 15 for the following school year.

**B. TRANSPORTATION**

1. Employees shall not be required to drive students. Employees shall be compensated for any voluntary, authorized use of their automobiles for mileage in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
2. The Board shall cover all damages, losses, and expenses incurred by an employee arising out of the authorized use of her/his automobile in the performance of school duties by the non-ownership portion of the Board's fleet auto policy to the extent of \$500,000/\$1,000,000 as secondary insurance.

**ARTICLE IV**

**SENIORITY AND JOB SECURITY**

**A. DEFINITION**

1. Any employee whose employment is terminated as a result of a reduction in force (RIF) shall be entitled to exercise seniority rights as established in this Article.
2. Seniority, as used in this section, means total years of service in the District, in the capacity of school aide.
3. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed or interpreted to confer tenure upon the members of this bargaining unit. The parties recognize that bargaining unit members are not entitled to statutory tenure and accept this Article with that specific limitation.

**B. RECALL**

1. Employees suffering loss of employment as a result of a reduction in force shall be entitled to re-employment based on seniority in the event of the occurrence of a vacancy in a school aide position.
2. Any employee having suffered loss of employment in the District as a result of a reduction in force who is subsequently recalled by the District shall:
  - a. Be credited with unused sick leave accumulated during pre-reduction in force service; and
  - b. Be credited with pre-reduction in force service for purposes of subsequent seniority calculations.

**ARTICLE V**

**SALARIES**

**A. RATE OF PAY**

The hourly rate of pay for school aides shall be \$19.00 in 2024-25, \$21.50 in 2025-26, \$23.00 in 2026-27, \$24.50 in 2027-28.

**B. INSURANCE**

School aides are not entitled to any health insurance benefits, health insurance protection, or maximum step (longevity) payment.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **TEMPORARY WORK**

#### **A. WORK OUTSIDE OF REGULAR ASSIGNMENT**

School aides who are assigned to substitute or perform other temporary assignments shall be paid at the school aide rate. Additionally, school aides may accept such work only if (1) it can be performed outside of their regularly contracted hours or (2) the work is approved by their building principal and the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION**

#### **A. SUPERVISION**

1. Employees shall work under the direction of an assigned supervisor who will assign and schedule work to be done, establish reasonable and fair due dates for work, and monitor performance.
2. No employee shall be required to work without supervision for extended periods of time.

#### **B. OTHER PROCEDURES IN SUPERVISORY PROGRAM**

1. Employees will be given a copy of any evaluation report prepared by their supervisor at the conference for the purpose of discussion. No such report shall be submitted to central administration, placed in an employee's file, or otherwise acted upon until the employee has had a conference with the observer.
2. All monitoring or observation of the work performance of an employee will be conducted openly, where possible in the opinion of the administrator.
3. Information on evaluations and conferences shall be accessible to no party except the building and central administrators, the immediate supervisor, the employee involved and the Board, if necessary.
4. Only authorized clerical personnel shall prepare such reports.

#### **C. ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORTS**

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be evaluated on the District-prescribed forms at least once each school year by her/his immediate supervisor and/or the building administrator, with the assistance of the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources or her/his designee.

| SCHOOL AIDES |         |         |         |         |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| YEAR         | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 |
| RATE         | 19.00   | 21.50   | 23.00   | 24.50   |



PART SEVEN  
TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES





## **PART SEVEN – TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **WORK YEAR**

##### **A. WORK YEAR**

1. The work year for Technical Employees shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30, which shall include three in-service days.
2. Technical Employees shall not be required to work during fall, winter, or spring recess.
3. The following shall be paid holidays for all twelve-month employees:  
INDEPENDENCE DAY; LABOR DAY; ELECTION DAY; VETERANS DAY; THANKSGIVING DAY;  
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING; CHRISTMAS EVE; CHRISTMAS DAY; NEW YEAR'S EVE;  
NEW YEAR'S DAY; MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY; PRESIDENTS DAY; MEMORIAL DAY;  
JUNETEENTH

Employees shall also be entitled to three floating holidays to be used during the school year.

4. For holidays that fall on a weekend, the corresponding Monday or Friday shall be used as a replacement.
5. For each holiday as identified above that school is in session, and for each day that falls on a non-work workday, full time employees shall receive one compensatory day to be scheduled by agreement with the immediate supervisor.
6. Employees shall have a work shift of five hours the day before Thanksgiving and the last workday before both the winter and spring recess.
7. Employees, hired prior to September 1, 2000, shall receive their birthday as a holiday. In the event that an employee's birthday falls on a non-work day, the employee shall be entitled to one compensatory day, but shall not be entitled to the benefit as set forth in paragraph 5 above.
8. When school is adjourned to adjust for unused inclement weather days, employees shall not be required to report to work.
9. Employees shall not report to work on days schools are closed for the NJEA Convention. If it becomes necessary for an employee to report to work on one or both days because of an emergency, he/she shall be paid in accordance with the Salary Schedule.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **WORK SCHEDULE**

##### **A. EMPLOYEE WORKDAY**

1. The regular workweek shall consist of five, seven-hour workdays, Monday through Friday.
2. Employees shall be entitled to a work break of fifteen (15) minutes each morning and of fifteen (15) minutes each afternoon.
3. When pupils and teachers are dismissed early, employees shall be excused one-half hour beyond pupil dismissal time; however, employees will be required to work for a full day when pupils are dismissed but teachers are required to be on duty, either in the classroom, at conferences, or at in-service programs. This provision does not apply to early dismissals due to excessive heat.

**B. OVERTIME**

1. Compensation for any work performed in excess of seven (7) hours in one day, or performed on Saturday shall be at the appropriate overtime rate.
2. The overtime rate for Sundays and Holidays shall be double the regular hourly rate. Otherwise, the overtime rate shall be one and one-half times the regular hourly rate.
3. The Association recognizes that circumstances sometimes require that employees work overtime. Both parties agree that overtime shall be kept to a minimum.
4. The regular hourly rate shall be established by dividing the base salary by the number of hours in the work year. For this purpose, the work year shall be 240 days.
5. With the permission of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction or his/her designee, employees may take compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay, to be established at the same rate as overtime.
6. All overtime must be approved, in advance and in writing, by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction or his/her designee.

**C. MEETINGS**

Employees shall be required to attend active shooter training as well as up to two (2) additional hours of in-service meetings per year. Except in emergencies, meetings and programs which take place after the regular workday, and which require attendance shall not be called on any day immediately preceding any day upon which attendance is not required at work. Except in emergencies, employees shall be given a schedule of any required meetings or programs by the first day of each month and at least one week in advance.

**ARTICLE III**

**EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES**

**A. NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT AND SALARY**

Employees shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year no later than May 15 for the following school year.

**B. PLACEMENT ON SALARY SCHEDULE**

If an employee returns to employment in the District after voluntarily terminating her/his employment, s/he shall be given half credit for her/his previous experience. Additional credit may be given at the discretion of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources based on the specific benefits to the district.

**C. PROBATION**

All employees shall serve a six (6) month probationary period. The Board may discharge any employee as a consequence of the employee's conduct during the first six (6) months of employment in the District without application of the just cause test and without appeal by the employee to the grievance procedure. Any such discharge shall require notice to the employee within forty-five (45) days of the employee's six (6) month anniversary date of employment.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **SENIORITY AND JOB SECURITY**

#### **A. DEFINITION**

1. Any employee whose employment is terminated as a result of a reduction in force (RIF) shall be entitled to exercise seniority rights as established in this Article.
2. Seniority, as used in this article, means total years of service within a job category within the bargaining unit.
3. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed or interpreted to confer tenure upon the members of this bargaining unit. The parties recognize that bargaining unit members are not entitled to statutory tenure and accept this Article with that specific limitation.

#### **B. LAYOFF AND RECALL**

1. In the event of a reduction in force, employees shall be laid off in reverse order of their seniority within their job category.
2. Employees suffering loss of employment as a result of a reduction in force shall be entitled to re-employment based on seniority in the event of the occurrence of a vacancy in their job category.
3. Any employee having suffered loss of employment in the District as a result of a reduction in force who is subsequently recalled by the District shall:
  - a. Be credited with unused sick leave accumulated during pre-reduction in force service; and
  - b. Be credited with pre-reduction in force service for purposes of subsequent seniority calculations.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION**

#### **A. SUPERVISION**

1. Employees shall work under the direction of an assigned supervisor who will assign and schedule work to be done, establish reasonable and fair due dates for work, and monitor performance.
2. No employee shall be required to work without supervision for extended periods of time.

#### **B. OTHER PROCEDURE IN SUPERVISORY PROGRAM**

1. Employees will be given a copy of any evaluation report prepared by their supervisor at the conference for the purpose of discussion. No such report shall be submitted to central administration, placed in an employee's file, or otherwise acted upon until the employee has had a conference with the observer.
2. All monitoring or observation of the work performance of an employee will be conducted openly, where possible in the opinion of the administrator.
3. Information on evaluations and conferences shall be accessible to no party except the building and central administrators, the immediate supervisor, the employee involved and the Board, if necessary.
4. Only authorized clerical personnel shall prepare such reports.

**C. ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORTS**

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be evaluated on the District-prescribed forms at least once each school year by her/his immediate supervisor and/or the building administrator, with the assistance of the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources or her/his designee.

**ARTICLE VI**

**UNIFORMS**

**A. UNIFORMS**

The Board shall provide employees with five (5) work shirts per year.

**ARTICLE VII**

**TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES**

**A. TRAINING**

The Board may provide out-of-district training opportunities, with no cost to employees, which are adequate to ensure that employees maintain skills levels appropriate to their assignments, in the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools and with the prior written approval of the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction or his/her designee.

**B. TRAVEL EXPENSES**

The Board shall make every effort to ensure that employees are supplied with a district vehicle when travel during the workday is required. In the event that a district vehicle is not available for workday travel, the employee shall be reimbursed in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and the regulations promulgated thereunder for the use of his/her personal automobile on voucher submitted.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**SALARIES**

**A. SALARY SCHEDULE**

Salaries shall be established in accordance with the Technical Employees Salary Schedule.

**B. LEVEL MOVEMENT**

Newly hired technical employees shall move to the next salary level of the Salary Schedule on the common anniversary date of July 1, following a minimum of six months employment. Current employees shall move to the next salary level of the Salary Schedule on the common anniversary date of July 1.

### SOFTWARE TECHNICIAN

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27 |         | 2027-28 |         |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY  | STEP    | SALARY  |
| STEP #4   | 97,043 | STEP #4   | 99,381 | STEP #4 | 101,776 | STEP #4 | 104,228 |
| STEP #3   | 85,243 | STEP #3   | 87,297 | STEP #3 | 89,400  | STEP #3 | 91,554  |
| STEP #2   | 76,764 | STEP #2   | 78,614 | STEP #2 | 80,508  | STEP #2 | 82,448  |
| STEP #1   | 67,169 | STEP #1   | 68,788 | STEP #1 | 70,445  | STEP #1 | 72,143  |

### COMPUTER TECHNICIAN

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27 |        | 2027-28 |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY |
| STEP #4   | 79,468 | STEP #4   | 81,382 | STEP #4 | 83,343 | STEP #4 | 85,352 |
| STEP #3   | 70,541 | STEP #3   | 72,240 | STEP #3 | 73,981 | STEP #3 | 75,764 |
| STEP #2   | 62,702 | STEP #2   | 64,213 | STEP #2 | 65,760 | STEP #2 | 67,345 |
| STEP #1   | 54,837 | STEP #1   | 56,159 | STEP #1 | 57,512 | STEP #1 | 58,897 |

### HELP DESK SPECIALIST

| 2024-2025 |        | 2025-2026 |        | 2026-27 |        | 2027-28 |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| STEP      | SALARY | STEP      | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY | STEP    | SALARY |
| STEP #4   | 68,260 | STEP #4   | 69,905 | STEP #4 | 71,589 | STEP #4 | 73,314 |
| STEP #3   | 63,143 | STEP #3   | 64,664 | STEP #3 | 66,222 | STEP #3 | 67,818 |
| STEP #2   | 59,112 | STEP #2   | 60,536 | STEP #2 | 61,995 | STEP #2 | 63,488 |
| STEP #1   | 57,096 | STEP #1   | 58,472 | STEP #1 | 59,881 | STEP #1 | 61,324 |

## MAXIMUM STEP

Employees who have completed the requisite years of service in Woodbridge shall receive "maximum step" compensation as listed below. Those hired prior to February 1 shall have that school year included in the number of years completed. Those hired on February 1 or later shall not have that year included for maximum step compensation.

|                                                               |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| • Completed 17 <sup>th</sup> , starting 18 <sup>th</sup> year | \$500   |
| • Completed 18 <sup>th</sup> , starting 19 <sup>th</sup> year | \$750   |
| • Completed 19 <sup>th</sup> , starting 20 <sup>th</sup> year | \$1,000 |
| • Completed 20 <sup>th</sup> , starting 21 <sup>st</sup> year | \$2,000 |
| • Completed 21 <sup>st</sup> , starting 22 <sup>nd</sup> year | \$3,000 |
| • Completed 22 <sup>nd</sup> , starting 23 <sup>rd</sup> year | \$4,000 |
| • Completed 23 <sup>rd</sup> , starting 24 <sup>th</sup> year | \$5,000 |
| • Completed 24 <sup>th</sup> , starting 25 <sup>th</sup> year | \$6,000 |
| • Completed 25 <sup>th</sup> , starting 26 <sup>th</sup> year | \$7,500 |

These salary increases shall be considered base salary and constitute and be paid as part of the regular salary. These salary increases shall be in addition to any other salary increase provided under the terms of this Agreement and shall not be considered as "one-time only payments".