

Fall River Joint Unified School District

Policy 4112.21

Interns

The Governing Board may employ interns to fulfill the district's need for additional instructional resources and to assist future teachers in meeting state credentialing requirements by linking teaching theory with practice.

The Superintendent or designee may enter into an agreement with an accredited college or university to provide supervised teaching experiences within the district as part of a teacher preparation program. He/she shall ensure that the district collaborates with the college or university in the selection, placement, support, and performance assessment of interns.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that interns employed by the district possess an appropriate internship credential from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and that their prior experiences and personal qualifications adequately prepare them for the responsibilities of the position.

An intern may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a regular credential in accordance with the authorizations specified on the internship credential. (Education Code 44454, 44325, 44326, 44830.3)

To be assigned to teach core academic subjects, as defined in law, an intern must meet the definition of a "highly qualified" teacher adopted by the State Board of Education. (20 USC 6319, 7801; 5 CCR 6100-6112)

The employment classification of interns is complex. Districts should consult with legal counsel as to the appropriate terms of employment for interns.

Terms of employment for interns shall be consistent with law and the district's collective bargaining agreement, as applicable. Interns shall not displace certificated district employees.

Interns shall receive systematic supervision and guidance by qualified personnel in order to enhance their instructional skills and knowledge. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district staff serving as supervisors, mentor teachers, or other support providers receive appropriate training to fulfill their responsibilities and maintain frequent communication with the interns they are assigned to assist.

Interns shall be provided with ongoing feedback regarding their performance and shall be formally evaluated at least once every year in accordance with Board policy and the district's collective bargaining agreement.

When an intern has successfully completed the program, the Board may recommend to the CTC that the intern be awarded a preliminary or professional clear credential commensurate with his/her qualifications. (Education Code 44328, 44468, 44830.3)

The Board shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the program to determine whether changes are needed in the support and/or assignment of interns. The Board's evaluation shall be based on a report by the Superintendent or designee, including, but not limited to, data on student performance in classes taught by interns, feedback from interns and supervisors, and the number of interns who successfully complete the program and obtain teaching or education specialist credentials.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

300-340 English language education for immigrant children
44253.3-44253.4 Certificate to provide services to limited-English-proficient students
44253.10 Qualifications to provide specially designed academic instruction in English
44259 Minimum requirements for teaching credential
44314 Diversified or liberal arts program
44321 CTC approval of internship programs
44325-44328 District interns
44339-44341 Teacher fitness
44380-44387 Alternative certification program; increased funding for internship programs
44450-44468 Teacher Education Internship Act of 1967 (university interns)
44560-44562 Certificated Staff Mentoring Program
44830.3 Employing district interns
44885.5 District interns classified as probationary employees
52055.605 Identification of high priority schools, High Priority Schools Grant Program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

6100-6126 No Child Left Behind teacher requirements
13000-13017 New Careers Program
80021.1 Provisional internship permit
80055 Internship credential

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6319 Highly qualified teachers
7801 Definitions, highly qualified teacher

Management Resources:

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING CORRESPONDENCE

08-03 Preparation of Intern Credential Holders Prior to Service as Teacher of Record as an Intern, March 3, 2008

03-0028 Changes in District Intern Programs as a Result of Senate Bill 187, December 22, 2003
Implementation of SB 57, Early Completion Internship Option, March 10, 2003

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

Administrator's Assignment Manual, 2008

CTC Credential Handbook, revised 1997

California Standards for the Teaching Profession, 1997

Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Teacher Preparation Programs for Preliminary Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credentials (including internship programs), rev. April 2008

Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Education Specialist Credential Programs (Including University Internship Options) and Clinical Rehabilitative Services Credential Programs, December 1996

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Improving Teacher Quality State Grants, rev. January 16, 2004

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

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