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LABOR AGREEMENT WITH

**MURRIETA EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION  
(NEA/CTA/MEA)**

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This is an Agreement made and entered into this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, between the Murrieta Valley Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as "District") and the Murrieta Educators Association (MEA/CTA/NEA) Chapter of the California Teachers Association (hereinafter referred to as "Association.") The Articles and provisions contained herein constitute a bilateral and binding agreement ("Agreement") by and between the District and the Association.

<b>ARTICLE 1</b>	<b>RECOGNITION</b>
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- 1.1** The District recognizes the Murrieta Educators Association (MEA) as an affiliate of the California Teachers Association (CTA) and the National Educators Association (NEA) for the purpose of the Rodda Act as the exclusive representative for all classroom teachers and non-management certificated personnel with the following exceptions:

Coordinators	Counselors
Substitutes	Supervisors

<b>ARTICLE 2</b>	<b>TERM OF AGREEMENT</b>
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- 2.1** The Articles and provisions contained herein constitute a bilateral and binding agreement between the District and the Association.
- 2.2** This agreement shall remain in full force and effect from July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2024 and thereafter shall continue in effect year-by-year unless one of the parties notifies the other in writing no later than March 15 of its request to modify, amend, or terminate the Agreement.

For 2022/2023 and 2023/2024, each party may open two articles for negotiation in addition to Article 6, Salaries and Article 7, Fringe Benefits for a total of six (6) articles.

<b>ARTICLE 3</b>	<b>DISTRICT RIGHTS</b>
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- 3.1** It is understood and agreed that the District retains all of its powers and authority to direct, manage and control to the full extent of the law. Included in, but not limited to those duties and powers, are the exclusive rights to: determine its organization; direct the work of its employees; determine the times and hours of operation; determine the kinds and levels of services to be provided and the methods and means of providing them; establish its educational policies, goals and objectives; ensure the rights and educational opportunities of students; determine staffing patterns; determine the number of kinds of personnel required; maintain the efficiency of district operations; determine the curriculum; build, move or modify facilities; establish budget procedures and determine budgetary allocation; determine the methods of raising revenue; contract out work; and take action on any matter in the event of an emergency. In addition, the Board retains the right to hire, classify, assign, transfer, evaluate, promote, terminate, and discipline employees.
- 3.2** The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities of the District, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations, and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, shall be limited only by the Agreement and the law.
- 3.3** The District reserves the right to determine whether or not an emergency exists and to take appropriate remedies and actions that directly relate to the resolution of the emergency.

<b>ARTICLE 4</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE AND ASSOCIATION RIGHTS</b>
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- 4.1** Association business, discussions, and activities may be conducted by bargaining unit members or union officials on district property, whenever:
- 4.1.1** An authorized Association representative obtains advance permission from the Superintendent or designee regarding the specific time, place, and type of activity to be conducted.
  - 4.1.2** The Superintendent or designee can verify that such requested activities and use of facilities will not interfere with the school programs and/or duties of bargaining unit members, and will not directly or indirectly interfere with the right of employees to refrain from listening or speaking with a union representative.
- 4.2** The Association may use the school mailboxes and staff workroom bulletin boards and other means of communication subject to the following conditions: **(a)** all postings for bulletin board or items for school mailboxes must contain the date of posting or distribution and the identification of the organization, together with a designated authorization by the Association president; **(b)** a copy of such postings or distributions must be delivered to the Superintendent or designee at the same time as posting or distribution; and, **(c)** if the Association continually posts or distributes information which is derogatory or defamatory of the District or its personnel, the District may remove the right to post or distribute for a period of one full semester.
- 4.3** Reasonable access will be provided the Association to duplicating equipment, as long as its use does not interfere with the production of materials for the educational program or administrative functions of the District. The Association will reimburse the District at the same rate as the public for the use of the equipment.
- 4.4** The Association may exclusively receive time off from duties for the processing of grievances past the Informal Level of the grievance procedure, Article 19 herein, for bargaining unit members who are designated as Association representatives, subject to the following conditions:
- 4.4.1** By no later than fifteen (15) days following the signing of this Agreement, the Association will designate, in writing to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, two bargaining unit members who are to receive the time off;
  - 4.4.2** Within fifteen (15) days of the signing of this agreement and within two (2) days of any changes, the Association will provide written notification to the Assistant Superintendent a list of all Association officers to include, but not be limited to, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, directors, and grievance representatives. It is recognized that any MEA member, who for whatever reason becomes a non-MEA member, can no longer be an Association officer/representative or represent the Association in any way.
  - 4.4.3** Twenty-four (24) hours prior to release from duties for grievance processing, the designated representative informs his immediate supervisor in order that an adequate substitute may be obtained, if such is necessary; and,
  - 4.4.4** That such time off shall be limited solely to representing a grievant in a conference with a management person, beyond the Informal Level, and in no way shall this limitation include use of such time for matters such as gathering information, interviewing witnesses, or preparing a presentation.
- 4.5** The District shall, at no charge, furnish the Association with one copy of any official budgetary documentation that is available in the district; however, the Association will reimburse the District for the cost of reproduction of subsequent copies.
- 4.6** The District shall furnish the Association with access to the placement of personnel on the respective salary schedules.

#### **4.7 President Release**

The parties recognize that it is to the advantage of the District, the Association, and the community for the President to take an active role to foster a positive work environment for employees and a positive learning environment for students. The parties also understand the importance to build a positive, collaborative, and pro-active problem-solving approach to issues. The Association President shall be released from his/her regular duties in the District and classified as a Teacher on Special Assignment.

- 4.7.1** The District shall pay for all health and welfare costs up to the cap for the President, as well as all statutory benefits that are paid by the District on behalf of all other certificated bargaining unit members.
  - 4.7.2** It is understood that the Association President shall have access to all District sites. The President must abide by all District policies and site procedures as it relates to visitors on campus including, but not limited to, visitor sign in processes and assurances of not disrupting the educational process. The Association President will provide the appropriate principal or supervisor with relevant information after each site visit.
  - 4.7.3** The Association President shall have the right to return to the site and position from which he/she was assigned previous to release up to a maximum of two (2) consecutive years, and have the right to return to their previous site up to a maximum of six (6) consecutive years. He/she will also have the option of putting in a transfer request. The District shall pay the president the same salary and fringe benefits he/she would have received without loss of seniority, salary, step increase, or benefits.
  - 4.7.4** As part of the released time assignment, the Association President may be required by the District to provide up to twenty-five (25) days, or equivalent hours of service of mutual interest and benefits to the Parties as jointly determined by the President and the Superintendent or designee. Such services may include conducting information meetings concerning professional growth, developing ways to assist non-permanent unit members, attempting to resolve reported conflicts of certificated employees at the earliest and most informal level, assisting with the recruitment of new teachers, representing the District and Association at appropriate out of district functions, gathering data for use of both Parties in the negotiation process, developing and presenting in-services to district employees on agreed upon topics. No additional compensation shall be provided for these services.
  - 4.7.5** Joint communications will be developed and distributed within 10 days when requested by either party. These communications can come after events such as negotiation sessions, contract review meetings, etc. The Association President or designee and the Superintendent or Designee will sign the joint communication.
- 4.8** The District agrees to set aside one day per month for Association business between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.



<b>ARTICLE 5</b>	<b>PROFESSIONAL DUES OR FEES AND PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS</b>
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- 5.1** Members of the Association, or those who have applied for membership, may sign and deliver to the District an assignment authorizing deduction of unified membership dues, initiation fees, and general assessments of the Association. Pursuant to such authorization, the District shall deduct one-tenth of such dues from the regular salary check of the bargaining unit member each month for ten (10) months. Deductions for bargaining unit members who sign such authorization after the commencement of the school year shall be appropriately pro-rated to complete payments by the end of the school year.
- 5.2** Any unit member who is not a member of the Association, or who does not make application for membership within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Agreement, or within thirty (30) days from the date of commencement of assigned duties, shall become a member of the Association or pay to the Association a fee in an amount equal to unified membership dues, initiation fees and general assessments, payable to the Association in one lump sum cash payment. In the event that a unit member shall not pay such a fee directly to the Association, the District shall immediately begin automatic payroll deduction as provided in Education Code Section 45061 (or 87834) and in the same manner as set forth in section 5.1 of this Article. There shall be no charge to the Association for such mandatory agency fee deductions. Payment of such fee shall be a condition of continued employment.
- 5.3** With respect to all sums deducted by the District pursuant to sections 5.1 and 5.2 above, whether for membership dues or agency fee, the District agrees to promptly remit such monies to the Association, accompanied by an alphabetical list of bargaining unit members for whom such deductions have been made, categorizing them as to membership or non-membership in the Association, and indicating any changes in personnel from the list previously furnished. The Association agrees to furnish any information needed by the District to fulfill the provisions of this Article.
- 5.4** If a member chooses to stop/cancel their membership, the District will only accept cancellations directly from the Association President.

<b>ARTICLE 6</b>	<b>SALARIES</b>
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**6.0** The parties agree that a collaborative approach to total compensation development is in the best interest of the District and MEA. A total compensation approach will tie employee compensation to district revenue, be based on the District's ability to pay and implement a wealth/deficit sharing concept. To that end, parties agree that:

**6.0.1** When requested by either party, an ad hoc committee composed of representatives from the District and MEA will meet to jointly study all elements of total compensation to identify available resources for negotiations.

**6.0.2** Both parties agree that total compensation will be a product of, but not limited to, the following elements:

- a. Local Control Funding Formula
- b. State funded cost of living adjustment (COLA)
- c. Employee benefits
- d. Financial impact of retirees
- e. Statutory benefit costs
- f. Step and column costs
- g. Longevity costs
- h. Growth

**6.0.3** Parties recognize that state funded COLA is for the purpose of the offsetting the District's increased cost of doing business, including salary increases, step and column advances, increase in fringe benefits, statutory costs, and increased costs of new and continued program operation.

**6.1** Bargaining unit members covered by this Agreement will be paid salaries as provided in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Certificated Salary Schedules as provided in the attached Appendix A (*effective 07/01/2021*), and as augmented by Extra-Duty Stipend Schedule in the attached Appendix B.

**6.1.1** The district agrees to receive input from the Association during the Spring budget development process so that total compensation interests for the Association are considered at the onset of the budget development process.

Effective July 1, 2023, a 7% on-schedule salary increase will be applied to all certificated salary schedules (Appendix A) and extra duty salary schedules (Appendix B).

**6.2 INITIAL PLACEMENT**

**6.2.1** Bargaining unit members may be given up to seven (7) years of credit for initial placement.

**6.2.2** Teaching experience will only count toward initial salary placement if all of the following requirements are met; however, the Superintendent reserves the right to waive these limitations. This waiver shall be made by the Superintendent.

**6.2.2.1** Bargaining unit member was in possession of a valid certificated credential that would authorize them to serve on a regular basis in California or another state,

**6.2.2.2** The school employed six (6) or more teachers,

**6.2.2.3** The school had fifty (50) or more students,

**6.2.2.4** The school required the employee to work five (5) or more hours per day,

- 6.2.2.5** The school had an administrator that conducted evaluations of certificated staff members on an annual or biennial basis,
- 6.2.2.6** The number of days worked in any given school year were in excess of 135,
- 6.2.2.7** Verification of the above is the responsibility of the bargaining unit member to obtain, using approved district forms and procedures.

**6.2.3** Credit toward initial salary placement or advancement on the salary schedule begins with the Bachelor's Degree. Only units earned after receipt of the Bachelor's Degree or credits earned as post-baccalaureate taken prior to receipt of the Bachelor's Degree will be used in salary placement. This article or any payment resulting from this article is only effective for bargaining unit members beginning July 1, 1998.

**6.2.4** For placement or advancement purposes, units taken in addition to a Master's Degree will count whether they are earned before or after the Master's Degree is earned. This article or any payment resulting from this article is only effective for bargaining unit members beginning July 1, 1998.

### **6.3 SALARY ADVANCEMENT**

**6.3.1** Salary placement for the school year shall be made by the Human Resources Office upon documentary evidence that has been received on or before September 15. It is the responsibility of each bargaining unit member to ensure that verification of prior employment or transcripts of training have been received prior to September 15 in the Human Resources Office. In the event official transcripts are not available prior to September 15, a grade card or a written signed statement from the course instructor will be accepted; however, official transcripts of course work must be in the Human Resources Office no later than November 1.

#### **CLARIFICATION OF COLLEGIATE COURSES TAKEN AT AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY**

1. No lower division course will count towards advancement on the salary schedule unless it is one necessary to meet requirements for a credential in an area of district need or, unless the course provides knowledge and skill in a language other than English that can be used in carrying out assigned duties and responsibilities.
2. Audit courses do not count towards advancement on the salary schedule.
3. Coursework must be in a subject directly and specifically related to education. A maximum of one (1) column advancement per school year will be recognized for this type of coursework completed.
4. Coursework taken specifically related to an Advanced Degree or an approved certificate program will be applied without the one (1) column per year restriction.
5. Work to be taken at a foreign university or college must be approved in advance.
6. No credit will be allowed for work taken in the armed services except for that work taken as regular university or college work at an accredited institution.
7. Bargaining unit members with approval in 6.3.1 must provide the District with official transcripts that show a grade "C" or better, or "Pass" in a Pass/Fail system, or "Credit" in a Credit/No Credit system earned in these courses.

Prior approval by the Superintendent or designee shall be required for all training taken by bargaining unit members for the purpose of column advancement on the District Salary Schedule. (Please see Appendix A.)

**6.3.2** An additional year shall be defined as being in a paid status under contract full-time for a minimum of 75% of the specified duty days. However, no employee can earn more than one (1) year of service credit in any school year beginning with the 1990-91 school year.

**6.3.3** Bargaining unit members who are in a paid status for part of a school year for this District shall be given pro-rated years credit. When such credit accumulates to 75% or more duty days in a paid status, the bargaining unit member shall be advanced one step on the next school year's salary schedule.

**6.3.4 Longevity Steps.**

STEP 19 = 11 years of full-time service in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District with the exception of broken service caused by an allowable necessity in accordance with the definition of "Allowable Necessity" contained in Appendix F "Definition of Terms."

STEP 22 = 14 years of full-time service in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District with the exception of broken service caused by an allowable necessity in accordance with the definition of "Allowable Necessity" contained in Appendix F "Definition of Terms."

STEP 25 = 17 years of full-time service in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District with the exception of broken service caused by an allowable necessity in accordance with the definition of "Allowable Necessity" contained in Appendix F "Definition of Terms."

STEP 28 = 20 years of full-time service in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District with the exception of broken service caused by an allowable necessity in accordance with the definition of "Allowable Necessity" contained in Appendix F "Definition of Terms."

STEP 30 = 23 years of full-time service in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District with the exception of broken service caused by an allowable necessity in accordance with the definition of "Allowable Necessity" contained in Appendix F "Definition of Terms."

**6.3.5 English Learner Authorization.**

Effective 7/1/10, an English Learner (EL) authorization will be required for step and column advancement on the current certificated salary schedule. Article 6.3.1 will be recognized for teachers who acquire an English Learner authorization after the start of a new fiscal year.

**6.4 ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION**

**6.4.1** a. Compensation for Summer Teaching by regular bargaining unit members, and any extra-duty outside of the stipends (Appendix B) that are beyond contract requirements shall be paid at the bargaining unit member's hourly rate as follows: Teachers are not to exceed Step five, Column C (5-C) of the current certificated salary schedule (Appendix A). Nurses, Psychologists and Speech and Language Pathologists shall not exceed their hour rate up to Step 4 of the current salary schedule (Appendix A2a-c). Child Development Teachers shall not exceed their hourly rate up to Step five, Column C (5-c) of the current salary schedule (Appendix A3-8).

a. **NOTE:** The attached MOU # 22/23-04 replaces 6.4.1 a., and confirms that bargaining unit members will be paid their hourly rate for Summer School 2023.

- b. Four Hour Summer School: Compensation for summer school by regular Association members will be paid at a rate of 4.5 hours per a.m. or p.m. session which includes four (4) hours of instructional time, one (1) 15-minute uninterrupted break, and one (1) 15 minute prep time daily. Association Members will be paid at the Association Member's hourly rate, not to exceed step 5, column C. Prep time is at teacher's discretion.

- 1. Summer School Teachers may be required to attend a pre-summer school staff meeting not to exceed 2 hours.
- 2. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of open positions, the Summer School Administrator will offer an interview to those Association members who have applied for a Summer School position.
- 3. If two or more applicants apply and are equally qualified, the Association Member with the greatest seniority shall receive the position.
- 4. If an applicant is denied a position, upon request the applicant will receive a written reason for denial.

**6.4.2** The District has the right, with the consent of the bargaining unit member involved, to contract with an individual teacher to work more than the 184 days scheduled in order to meet Year-Round Education needs of the district. Such services will be paid at the bargaining unit member's per diem rate.

**6.4.3** Bargaining unit members assigned a teaching period or substituting during their prep time will be compensated at their daily rate proportional to the number of teaching periods in the schedule

**6.4.4** Compensation for extra-duty assignments are as provided in Appendix "B."

**6.4.5** All Academic Stipends, with the exception of department/grade level leaders/PLT leaders (as defined in 8.9), are assigned on a year-to-year basis. Positions will be reviewed on an annual basis and will continue and be renewed for the following year based upon receipt of a year-end satisfactory extra-duty/stipend assignment evaluation. Please see "Extra-duty Stipend Language" in Appendix B for additional provisions/limitations.

All district apportioned athletic coaching stipend positions will be reviewed and distributed annually with oversight by the program head coach, athletic director and principal.

**6.4.6** Essential trainings that teachers opt to attend outside the teacher duty day calendar will be compensated at the hourly rate not to exceed Step five, Column C (5-C) of the current certificated salary schedule (Appendix A). Essential trainings are mandated trainings directly related to the implementation of the adopted grade level curriculum. Essential training would include California State Standards training, district units, textbook adoption training, and core mandated supplementary material trainings.

Teachers working off-track on programmatic curriculum and or instructional program/project activities will be compensated at the hourly rate not to exceed Step five, Column C (5-C) of the certificated salary schedule (Appendix A).

When trainings are posted/communicated, the pay rate will be included along with the description.

**6.4.7** Bargaining unit members providing Home Hospital instruction shall be paid at their regular hourly rate. In addition, bargaining unit members will receive one additional hour of

compensation per week, per student, during weeks in which instructional services are provided to home hospital students for Home Hospital caseload management. Compensation for the additional hour will be at the bargaining unit member's hourly rate.

## **6.5 ADULT EDUCATION TEACHERS**

**6.5.1** Adult Education positions are open and competitive course by course and/or session by session.

**6.5.2** District teachers shall be given first consideration for Adult Education positions.

**6.5.3** Effective 07/01/09, Adult Education teachers will be paid a flat pay rate of \$30 per hour.

**6.6 PART-TIME TEACHERS.** Bargaining unit members who were employed as a high school teacher as of 7/1/00 on a part-time contract will be grandfathered at their current percentage of salary. Any change to the contract percentage as of 7/1/00 requires their salary to be adjusted to the current percentage in force. (This is only in the case of a seven-period day, as above.)

**6.6.1** The salary for a bargaining unit member new to the district on or after July 1, 2000 working in a part-time position will reflect the current percentage in force.

## **6.7 ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**6.7.1 Independent Study Assignment –** Additional traditional independent study assignments administered through Tenaja Canyon Academy using a master agreement for all subjects over and above the bargaining unit member's contract that are less than full-time shall be paid at a rate of \$50 per student per week assigned. Acceptance of additional students is voluntary.

**6.7.2 Online/Asynchronous Instructor Led Assignment Teaching District Curriculum –** Teachers voluntarily accepting District or non-district students who are not part of an FTE assignment for online asynchronous teacher led instruction with District Curriculum taught through the District Learning Management System will be paid a flat rate of \$200 per student per semester. Half the salary payment will occur within 60 days after the assignment is approved and students begin coursework. The remaining half salary will be paid within 60 days of successful course completion by the student.

**6.7.3 Online/Asynchronous Self-Study Assignment with Non - District Curriculum –** Teachers voluntarily accepting District or non- district students who are not part of the FTE assignment for online asynchronous self-study with non-District Curriculum taught through a vendor license will be paid a flat rate of \$50 per student managed with payment occurring 60 days after successful course completion by the student.

**6.7.4 Online/Live Synchronous Instructor Led Assignment with District Curriculum –** Teachers voluntarily accepting District or non-district students who are not part of an FTE assignment for online/live asynchronous teacher led instruction with District Curriculum taught through the District Learning Management System will be paid a flat rate of \$200 per student per semester. Half the salary payment will occur within 60 days after the assignment is approved and students begin coursework. The remaining half salary will be paid within 60 days of successful course completion by the student.

## **6.8 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION**

**6.8.1 Extended School Year –** Speech and Language Pathologists shall not be required to work "Extended School Year" (ESY). If Speech and Language Pathologist services are needed for ESY, Speech and Language Pathologists may volunteer to provide coverage and compensation shall be paid per Article 6.4.1a.

- 6.8.1a.** If no Speech Language Pathologist volunteer for ESY coverage, Speech Language Pathologists will be assigned on a rotating basis by the lead SLPs to work one (1) day of ESY each, per school year and shall be paid per Article 6.4.1a.

## **6.9 VOLUNTARY COVERAGE OF ADDITIONAL CLASSES/CASELOADS**

Annually, the District will attempt to establish a substitute pool for School Nurses, Psychologists, and Speech Language Pathologists. A certificated substitute shall first be sought to cover absences. In rare, emergency circumstances, School Nurses, Psychologists, and Speech Language Pathologists will be asked on a voluntary basis to cover caseloads that are in addition to their assigned caseloads. They shall be paid extra duty for time worked above and beyond their workday with prior administrator approval.

For the 2023/2024 school year only, voluntary coverage of additional caseloads by school nurses, school psychologists, and speech/language pathologists, will be paid extra duty for assessments, IEP's, per the descriptors outlined in an MOU. This MOU will be created on or before April 30, 2023 for the 2023/2024 school year.

- 6.9.1** Beginning with the 2023/2024 school year, in the event of an emergency where Human Resource directs and approves that entire classes need to be combined, when no substitute teacher is available, teachers shall be paid the pro rata share of their daily rate of pay.

<b>ARTICLE 7</b>	<b>HEALTH, WELFARE AND OTHER BENEFITS</b>
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**7.1 BENEFIT CONTRIBUTION**

Effective July 1, 2022, the District's annual maximum cap/contribution is \$10,850 annually on behalf of full-time bargaining unit members and their eligible dependents for employee fringe benefits.

This dollar amount will be used toward the following list of mandatory benefits:

- 7.1.1** Health and major medical insurance
- 7.1.2** Dental insurance
- 7.1.3** Vision insurance
- 7.1.4** Life insurance (employee only)
- 7.1.5** Accidental Death and Dismemberment
- 7.1.6** Orthodontia

- 7.2** As allowable by applicable rules and regulations, effective 7/1/09, bargaining unit members may opt out of 7.1.1 (Health and major medical insurance), without the loss of entitlement for other benefits under Article 7.1. Proof of coverage for other group insurance will be required in order to opt out of Health and major medical insurance.
- 7.3** Bargaining unit members on board-approved, unpaid leaves of absence shall have the option to continue to receive District insurance coverage for the period of the leave upon monthly reimbursement of prepayment to the District.
- 7.4** Bargaining unit members on Board-approved, paid or partially paid leaves of absence shall continue to receive full or pro-rated (commensurate with salary proportion) insurance coverage without interruption to be paid by the District.
- 7.5** Beginning October 1, 1992, fringe benefit coverage shall start on the first day of the month following the first day of regular service and will terminate on the last day of the month of regular service.
- 7.6** The District and Association will work together in a District Insurance Committee to explore options to meet all eligible District employees' insurance needs. This committee will include representatives from all District employee groups. Recommendations made by the District Insurance Committee are subject to negotiations.

**7.7 RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS**

The District will pay the equivalent of the lowest non-catastrophic HMO medical premium (employee only) towards the health and welfare package (health, dental, and vision) as it exists in the year of retirement for full-time bargaining unit members who are at least fifty-five (55) years of age and have ten (10) years of service in the District. Bargaining Unit Members with a hire/seniority date on or after July 1, 2009 will be required to have fifteen (15) years of service in the District to be eligible for benefits under Article 7.7.

Full-time bargaining unit members who are at least fifty-five (55) years of age and have at least five (5) years of service in the District may purchase the District's equivalent to the lowest non-catastrophic HMO medical plan (employee-only) towards the health and welfare package (health, dental, and vision) as it exists in the year of retirement.

Bargaining unit members may include eligible dependents in the plan; however, the cost difference greater than employee-only coverage must be paid by the bargaining unit member.

This benefit will be provided for a period of no more than five (5) years or until the unit member attains Medicare age eligibility; whichever comes first. Full-time bargaining unit members who wish to extend



medical coverage beyond the five (5) years above may purchase the HMO medical plan until Medicare age eligibility. In the event of the death of the bargaining unit member, during the retirement benefit coverage, the surviving eligible dependents may continue to participate in the health and welfare package with the cost being incurred by the surviving eligible dependents.

- 7.8** The District shall include the personal property of all bargaining unit members in its insurance coverage for loss, damage, or destruction while on District premises, provided such property has been properly registered. This coverage extends only to personal property itemized in advance of loss or damage on the proper district form and approved by the site administrator.

## ARTICLE 8 CONTRACT HOURS AND DUTIES

- 8.1 WORK DAY** – The length of the teacher work day including prep, lunch, relief, and before/after school hours shall consist of seven (7) on-site consecutive hours. The District may require teachers at the elementary and middle school level to work an additional 60 minutes on early release days for purposes of Professional Learning communities or for professional development as needed, including up to one sixty (60) minute faculty meeting monthly. Beginning January 2020, teachers will be given 26 hours annually on early-release days for on campus planning and preparation as determined by the individual teacher. This teacher-directed time will be calendared by educational services in collaboration with MEA, and this calendar will be posted on the District website annually, no later than the first workday of each school year.

At the high school, late start days are intended to be used for Professional Learning Communities. Beginning January 2020, the District may require high school teachers to attend one sixty (60) minute faculty meeting monthly and two additional 60-minute meeting monthly for purposes of collaboration, professional learning, professional development, or department meetings. This time will be calendared by educational services in collaboration with MEA, and this calendar will be posted on the District website annually, no later than the first workday of each school year.

At all levels, five hours will be calendared for the annual workplace safety trainings: 2 hours from the August professional development day and 3 additional hours from regularly scheduled meetings in the months of August and September. This time will be calendared by Educational Services in collaboration with MEA, and this calendar will be posted on the District website annually, no later than the first workday of each school year.

- 8.1.1** The length of the psychologist work day including prep, lunch, and before/after school hours shall consist of eight (8) consecutive hours.
- 8.1.2** The length of the speech and language pathologist work day including prep, lunch, and before/after school hours shall consist of eight (8) consecutive hours.
- 8.1.3** The length of the nurse work day including prep, lunch, and before/after school hours shall consist of eight (8) consecutive hours.
- 8.2 Work Year** – All certificated bargaining unit workday calendars will be reduced by one (1) day beginning with the 2020/21 school year. The length of the work year, beginning in the 2020/21 school year shall be 184 days for returning teachers, 199 days for psychologists, and 194 days for nurses and speech and language pathologists with 180 days of student attendance. The district may require new teachers to attend up to ten (10) additional days prior to the start of the school year. The rate of pay for these additional days shall be at the daily, non-emergency credentialed teacher substitute rate. New teachers are defined, for this purpose, as those that were not employed with the district during the previous year's new teacher in-service.
- 8.3 Starting Times** - Each site principal with input from the leadership team shall determine the starting times for staff members within legal requirements and exactly equal to the work day as set forth in Article 8.1.
- 8.4 Prep Period** - Each full-time teacher shall have one period each day to be used self-directed professional activities (*for example*: classroom preparations, parent conferences, and peer consultation.)

Core and departmentalized classroom teachers shall have one of the regularly scheduled instructional periods for this purpose. Teachers with a prep period scheduled on a block day will receive their prep period every other day. Teachers with their prep period scheduled on a daily scheduled period will

receive their prep period every day. The site administrator and lead teachers will make their best effort to accommodate the teacher's desire to have their prep period on a block period or a daily meeting period.

Self-contained classroom teachers shall be provided with equivalent time before and/or after the school day for this purpose. A period for purposes of this article is defined as not less than forty-five (45) minutes.

**8.4.1 Secondary Special Day Class Teachers** - Secondary Special Day Class teachers, with the exception of specialized classrooms including such classes as severe and behavior as determined by the District, shall be provided a testing/consultation period in addition to the preparation period for the purpose of standardized testing, staff consultation, IEP preparation, IEP meetings, and other related activities.

**8.4.2** Bargaining unit members who volunteer to supervise students at arrival or dismissal, at the direction of site administration, during their contracted prep period shall be paid at the member's hourly rate.

**8.5 Relief/Lunch Period** - Every bargaining unit member shall be entitled to one (1) duty-free, uninterrupted lunch period and two (2) ten-minute relief periods each day, which, by mutual agreement, can be combined to one (1) 20-minute relief period or, in the case of departmentalized teachers, one (1) 10-minute relief period and duty-free passing periods. The lunch period shall be equivalent to the student lunch period, or thirty (30) consecutive minutes.

**8.6 DUTIES** - The teacher's duties and responsibilities shall be assigned by the principal in accordance with District needs, in such a manner that all teachers within a school have proportionate, although not necessarily identical duties and responsibilities. Teachers shall be responsible for the following duties, without additional compensation, in such areas as:

**8.6.1 Instruction** - Serving on District and school instructional committees, lesson planning, instructional record keeping and reporting.

Instructional record keeping should be updated in a manner that shall allow for reasonable and effective communication with parents regarding student progress.

The District may require more frequent updates of instructional records when the site administrator communicates and issue in writing with the bargaining unit member to improve communication with parents and/or students or specific parents and/or students regarding student progress.

**8.6.2 Pupil Supervision** - Maintaining orderly conduct, enforcing related laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to student conduct on the school campus during teacher work hours, specific student group supervision assignments on field trips and while engaged in school organization activity programs, some of which may be off the school campus and beyond the normal workday, examples of which are: supervision of dances, athletic events, sponsorship of student groups and public presentations by students.

**8.6.3 Communication** – Teachers shall communicate with parents and/or colleagues in one or more of the following ways:

- Responding to parent written communication, telephone calls and meeting with parents to interpret the educational programs and to counsel about program planning;
- conferring with individual parents to review pupil progress;
- participating in faculty meetings;
- coordinated planning among groups of teachers in a single subject area, across subject fields, and in vertical alignment to sequences of pupil development;

- attendance and participation as required in such events as Open House, Graduation, Holiday programs, Advisory Council, and Parent-Teacher meetings.

**8.7 NUMBER OF TEACHING CLASS ASSIGNMENTS** - The number of teaching class assignments will be determined by the site administrator with input from the lead teacher in the master schedule building process. At the secondary level, each school site will attempt to keep each full-time core academic assignment under four (4) different preps/subjects, excluding self-contained Special Education classes.

**8.8 CALENDAR** - The District and Association agree to develop a calendar committee for the purpose of developing the school year calendar. The committee will meet to discuss the school calendars and reach a consensus for recommendations to the Board of Education for approval by February 1. The committee shall develop multi-year school calendars (minimum of two consecutive years).

**8.9 DEPARTMENT/GRADE LEVEL CHAIRPERSONS, LEAD TEACHERS, AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAM (PLT) LEADERS**

The leadership team may be comprised of department, grade level or programmatic coordinator/teachers to support the function of shared leadership. The principal will submit a list of candidates qualified for dept./grade level chairs/PLT leads to each department/grade level by May 1<sup>st</sup>. These positions shall be selected for the list by a vote from the teachers in the department or grade level for the two-year term. Chairpersons, PLT Leads, or lead teachers shall be required to have permanent status and a satisfactory evaluation, and at the secondary level shall be qualified to and teach in at least one of the areas of the department that he/she chairs/leads. If no qualified permanent teachers volunteer or are available, a probationary teacher may be recommended or appointed by the principal to serve as a department/grade level lead, PLT lead, or lead teacher. It is the preference that grade level and department chairs not be PLC facilitators or site council members. At the secondary level, each teacher who works in the department shall have one (1) vote. At the elementary level, combination class teachers shall have a vote at each grade-level taught. Selection will occur by the last day of the selection year to begin July 1 of the next school year. Mid-term vacancies will be filled following the same process to complete the two-year term. PLT lead term and selection/removal process will follow the department/grade level lead teacher term and selection/removal process. Chairpersons, PLT leaders, or and lead teachers are subject to removal by the department through a vote of no confidence. Selected chairpersons or lead teachers are subject to removal by administration upon receiving a less than satisfactory stipend evaluation. In the event no one person from a team is willing to be the department/grade level lead, PLT lead, or lead teacher, the team will equally share the stipend and the responsibilities of the position.

**8.9.1 Department/Grade Level Chairpersons or Lead Teachers Duties** - Department/Grade Level Chairpersons or Lead Teachers shall work in conjunction with the Principal or designee as members of the leadership team in creating, proposing, and reviewing all school site goals (school site goals must support District goals), grade level and department configurations and class sizes, and academic stipends to be funded. The leadership team shall have input in developing a plan for expenditures of all site funds, and this plan shall be shared with the School Site Council.

Based on consensus or majority viewpoint of the affected unit members, the major duties of these positions include but are not limited to:

1. Coordinate department operations.
2. Provide leadership in curriculum development and instructional techniques.
3. Develop a departmental or grade level budget in support of site and District goals.
4. Recommend the ordering of materials, supplies and equipment, and review expenditures on a monthly basis.
5. Propose in-service activities in support of site and District goals.
6. Active involvement in the development of the master schedule, and room assignments.
7. Coordinate the establishment of the department's class offerings and course content.

The Department/Grade Level Chairperson /Lead teacher and Teacher on Special Assignment shall not act in an administrative capacity related to the evaluation of the unit members or discipline of unit members.

**8.9.2 Professional Learning Team (PLT) Lead Duties** - The PLT leads shall work in conjunction with the Principal or designee on the PLT implementation. The essential duties of this position include but are not limited to:

1. Compiles and communicates the PLT meeting agenda, with input from the team.
2. Leads all PLT meetings and ensures that all voices are heard during the conversation.
3. Ensures that conversations at team meetings are focused on the four essential PLT questions and/or grade level/department planning and preparation. The site administrator and leadership team will verify that the focus is on student learning, curriculum or school-wide learning issues.
4. Facilitates collaboration around student learning data and team goal setting.
5. Creates opportunities to celebrate short and long-term accomplishments.
6. Completes and submits PLT notes to the site hub (digital platform for shared PLT documents).
7. Participates in a maximum of 2 annual PLT trainings.
8. Promotes a high functioning, collaborative environment.
9. Communicates with principal or designee with any questions or concerns.
10. Attends site level meetings with administrator or designee as necessary, not to exceed once per month.

**8.9.3** A committee of teachers shall be formed at each elementary site and at each elementary grade level to recommend the structure of classes for the following year. Class formation in number and composition shall be balanced. At the secondary level, department and/or grade level chairs will provide input into the development of the master schedule as specified in 8.9.1.

**8.9.4 RTI**

1. Leadership teams, to include a Special Education representative, shall provide input into site
2. Response to Intervention (RTI) Models.
3. Class size upper maximums shall not be exceeded with RTI models.
4. Concerns regarding RTI groupings can be forwarded to Association Directors.

**8.10 SHARED AND PART TIME CONTRACT**

- 8.10.1** a. A “Shared Contract” is defined as two teachers sharing one position for a term of one contract year.
- b. A “Part Time” employee is a teacher who teaches less than 100% contract and is not sharing a contract.

**8.10.2** Teachers in a Shared Contract must be approved by site administration and must be tenured. This decision not subject to grievance.

**8.10.3** Both teachers in a “Shared Contract” must:

**8.10.3.1** be credentialed for the specific position to be assigned.

**8.10.3.2** attend scheduled Back to School Night, Open House, and parent conferences.

**8.10.3.3** submit duty day calendars annually to the Principal outlining the days that will be worked. This calendar should include the identification of which teacher will attend

professional development days, and staff/professional learning community days within the school year. When the calendars are submitted, the principal may request that staff to attend professional development days on designated non-student calendar work days, and teachers will be compensated per Article 6.4.6.

**8.10.3.4** provide the principal with assurances that articulation and joint planning is taking place on a regular basis.

**8.10.4** Bargaining unit members on a part-time or shared contract program may be returned to full-time employment the following year if a full-time vacancy for which he/she is credentialed exists and will be placed pursuant to contract and statutory regulations. Teachers desiring to return to a full-time status shall communicate to their principal and Human Resources by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Teachers requesting to return back to full time will be placed in an appropriate vacancy at their existing school site when a known vacancy exists.

#### **8.10.5 Benefits**

**8.10.5.1** Bargaining unit members involved in the job share may agree to substitute at the current substitute pay rate for each other to promote program continuity.

**8.10.5.2** Each shared contract carries only one set of employee benefits. The parties involved may purchase or waive their pro-rated benefits package as allowed by the carrier. EXAMPLE: If both bargaining unit members need insurance, each must pay their pro-rated share. If only one employee needs the insurance, one would waive and the other would receive the full negotiated benefits package as allowed by the carrier.

#### **8.11 High School Office Hours**

The intention of the high school office hours period is to provide additional academic support for students already on one of a given teacher's regular classroom rosters. The office hours minutes will be added to one of the other, previously established class periods. At no time shall the office hours develop into an additional period in the school day used to offer classes for credit. Office hours period shall not have a separate class roster, nor shall whole group direct instruction be provided or expected. The expectation is to utilize this time to support student learning. No progress or report card grades shall be assigned for office hours. When the office hours period occurs adjacent to a teacher's regularly scheduled prep period, the teacher shall be available to provide academic support for their students during the office hours minutes only.

**8.12 Elementary Report Card/Progress Report Due Dates** – Elementary report cards/Progress Reports shall be completed by 3 pm of the last duty day of the reporting period.

## **ARTICLE 9 SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL (SSC)**

The School Site Council (SSC) establishes and maintains continual communication regarding the district's goals and core curriculum as well as each school's needs and plans a program that can enable students to succeed in that curriculum. It is also the responsibility of each SSC to do everything possible to keep the program responsive to changing needs and priorities of the District and school site.

### **9.1 Duties / Roles of the School Site Council**

The duties of the School Site Council include but are not limited to:

1. Develop and approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the site.
2. Develop a plan with the review, certification, and advice of any applicable school advisory committees and leadership team.
3. Disbursement of site funds which are consolidated into the SPSA.
4. Review of site plan for expenditure of discretionary funds.
5. Aligning the content of the plan with the school's goals for improving student achievement.
6. Gather and interpret data in development of school goals.
7. Address how funds are used to improve the academic performance of all students to the level of the performance goals.
8. Review and update the SPSA annually, including proposed expenditures of funds allocated to the school for disbursement by the School Site Council.
9. Submission of the SPSA by the SSC chair for approval annually to the Board of Education.
10. Review bylaws annually and revise as needed.
11. Follow Education Code and guidelines provided by the California Department of Education.

### **9.2 Election of School Site Council Members**

The selection of School Site Council members is determined by ballot amongst their peers. All elections will be for 2-year terms.

Elections will occur within 20 days of the end of the prior school year. Once established, the School Site Council will elect a chairperson from its members, not to include the principal.

### **9.3 Composition of School Site Council Members**

Elementary:

1. member minimum, if all categories are represented.
2. ½ staff, and ½ parents / community members.
3. Staff includes: principal, majority of classroom teachers, other staff.

Secondary:

1. 12 member minimum, if all categories are represented.
2. ½ staff, and ½ parents / community members and students elected by their peers (optional at middle school level).
3. Staff includes: principal, majority of classroom teachers, other staff.

If Education Code and/or guidelines for School Site Councils are altered, applicable corresponding sections shall be deemed null and void. This Article is not subject to the grievance process outlined in this collective bargaining agreement but shall be subject to uniform complaint procedure guidelines.

## **ARTICLE 10 LEAVE PROVISIONS**

The benefits which are expressly provided by this section, Article 10.0, are the sole benefits which are part of this collective Agreement, and it is agreed that other statutory or regulatory leave benefits are not incorporated, either directly or implicitly, into this Agreement, nor are such other benefits subject to the grievance procedure, Article 20. All leave provisions are subject to verification.

## **10.1 PERSONAL ILLNESS AND INJURY LEAVE**

- 10.1.1** Full-time bargaining unit members shall be entitled to ten (10) days leave with full pay for each school year for purposes of personal illness or injury. Bargaining unit members who work less than full-time shall be entitled to that portion of the ten (10) days leave as the number of hours per week of scheduled duty relates to the number of hours for a full-time bargaining unit member in a comparable position.
- 10.1.2** After all earned leave as set forth in 10.1.1 above is exhausted, additional non-accumulated leave shall be available for a period not to exceed five (5) school months, provided that the provisions of 10.1.4 below are met. The amount deducted for leave purposes from the bargaining unit member's salary shall be the amount actually paid a substitute employee employed to fill the position during the leave, or, if no substitute is employed, the amount which would have been paid to a substitute. The five-month period shall begin on the eleventh (11) day of absence due to illness or injury.
- 10.1.3** If a bargaining unit member does not utilize the full amount of leave as authorized in Article 10.1.1 above in any school year, the amount not utilized shall be accumulated from year to year.
- 10.1.4** Upon request by District management, a bargaining unit member shall be required to present a medical doctor's certificate verifying the personal illness or injury and/or a medical authorization to return to work. If the illness or injury exceeds twenty (20) consecutive days, the District may require a certified medical specialist to visit the bargaining unit member and make all necessary inquiries in order to be fully informed as to the nature and severity of the illness or injury, and to report such findings to the Superintendent or designee. If the report concludes that the absence is not due to personal illness or injury, or that the illness is not sufficiently severe to warrant continued absence, then the Superintendent or designee, after notice to the bargaining unit member, may refuse to grant such a leave. If requested by the District management to furnish a medical doctor's authorization, bargaining unit member shall submit said authorization upon returning to work.
- 10.1.5** Whenever possible, a bargaining unit member must contact the designated District Office personnel as soon as the need to be absent is known, but no later than ninety (90) minutes prior to the bargaining unit member's starting time, in order to permit the employer time to secure a substitute. Failure to provide adequate notice may be grounds for denial of leave with pay.
- 10.1.6** A bargaining unit member who is absent for one-half day or less may have deducted one-half day from the accumulated leave; and if the absence exceeds more than one-half day, a full day may be deducted from accumulated leave.
- 10.1.7** A bargaining unit member may not be allowed to return to work and may be required to pay the cost of the substitute secured if the bargaining unit member fails to notify the District of the bargaining unit member's intent to return to work prior to the close of the bargaining unit member's preceding workday, and such failure results in a substitute being secured.
- 10.1.8** Each bargaining unit member may request notification of the accumulated leave by September 30th of each school year.

## **10.2 PERSONAL LEAVE**



- 10.2.1** A bargaining unit member shall be entitled to charge ten (10) days of unused sick leave per school year to be used for any purpose which such bargaining unit member deems sufficiently important to absent himself/herself from his/her duties. A bargaining unit member shall notify his/her principal/supervisor forty-eight (48) hours in advance of taking such leave unless an emergency makes such advance notification impossible. In no event, however, shall a bargaining unit member be required either to secure permission before utilizing such leave or to explain the purposes for which such leave was used.
- 10.2.2** Personal leave days shall be charged to a bargaining unit member's unused sick leave account.
- 10.2.3** In the event a unit member exhausts their ten annually allocated days of leave prior to the end of the school year, a bargaining unit member may petition the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources or designee to overuse banked leave for emergency purposes.

### **10.3 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

- 10.3.1** A bargaining unit member shall be entitled to a maximum of five (5) days leave of absence, or seven (7) days leave of absence if out-of-state travel is required, without loss of salary on account of the death of any member of his/her immediate family. The bargaining unit member shall make every effort to comply with District notification procedure to enable the District to secure a substitute.
- 10.3.2** For purposes of this provision, an immediate family member shall be limited to husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchild, foster parent, step parent, step son, step daughter, foster son, foster daughter, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or any relative of either spouse living in the immediate household of the bargaining unit member.

### **10.4 LEAVE FOR PREGNANCY DISABILITY**

- 10.4.1** Bargaining unit members are entitled to use sick leave as set forth in Article 10.1.1 for disabilities caused or contributed to by pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, and recovery therefrom on the same terms and conditions governing leaves of absence from other illness or medical disability. Such leave shall not be used for child care, child rearing, or preparation for child bearing, but shall be limited to those disabilities set forth above. The length of such disability leave, including the date on which the leave shall commence and the date on which the duties are to be resumed, shall be determined by the bargaining unit member and the bargaining unit member's physician; however, the District may require a verification of the extent of disability through a physical examination of the bargaining unit member by a physician appointed by the District.
- 10.4.2** Bargaining unit members are entitled to leave without pay or other benefits for disabilities because of pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, or recovery therefrom when sick leave as set forth in Articles 10.1.1 has been exhausted. The date on which the bargaining unit member shall resume duties shall be determined by the bargaining unit member on leave and the bargaining unit member's physician; however, the District may require a verification of the extent of disability through a physical examination of the bargaining unit member by a physician appointed by the District.
- 10.4.3** The bargaining unit member on leave for pregnancy disability shall be entitled to return to a position comparable to that held at the time the leave commenced.

### **10.5 PAID CHILD BONDING LEAVE**

## **PAID LEAVE**

- 10.5.1** Bargaining unit members may elect to utilize up to 12 weeks of child bonding leave occasioned by the birth of the bargaining unit member's child, or the placement of a child, through either adoption or foster care, with the bargaining unit member as provided by the California Family Rights Act (CFRA).
- 10.5.2** Pursuant to Education Code section 44977.5, if a bargaining unit member exhausts his/her accumulated sick leave prior to expiration of the twelve (12) week child bonding leave, s/he shall be entitled to differential pay as defined in Education Code section 44977.5 for the balance of the twelve (12) week period. Consistent with the CFRA, if both parents work for the District, only one twelve (12) week period is available under this subsection in a twelve (12) month period.
- 10.5.3** For the birthing parent, the twelve (12) week child bonding leave shall commence at the conclusion of any pregnancy disability leave.
- 10.5.4** For non-birthing parents, the twelve (12) week child bonding leave shall commence on the first day of such leave.
- 10.5.5** Such leave requests shall be in writing and submitted to Human Resources at least thirty (30) days in advance, except in the case of emergency, so that the District can make adequate staffing arrangements.

## **UNPAID LEAVE**

- 10.5.6** Leave without pay or other benefits may be granted to a bargaining unit member for preparation for child bearing and for child rearing/bonding.
- 10.5.7** The bargaining unit member shall request such leave as soon as practicable, but under no circumstances less than thirty (30) workdays prior to the date on which the leave is to begin. Such request shall be in writing and shall include a statement as to the dates the bargaining unit member wishes to begin and end the leave without pay.
- 10.5.8** The determination as to the date on which the leave shall begin and the duration of such leave shall be made in consultation between the bargaining unit member and the Superintendent or designee after considering the needs of the District and the bargaining unit member. The duration of such leave shall consist of not more than thirty-six (36) consecutive months.
- 10.5.9** If a teacher is on leave for child bearing or child rearing and in the event of a miscarriage or death of a child subsequent to childbirth, the bargaining unit member may request an immediate assignment to a unit position. If there is a vacancy for which a bargaining unit member is qualified, the District will assign the bargaining unit member to a position as soon as practicable.

## **10.6 INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT LEAVE**

- 10.6.1** Bargaining unit members will be entitled to industrial accident leave according to the provision in Education Code Section 44984, for personal injury which has qualified for Workers' Compensation under the provisions of the State Compensation Insurance Fund.
- 10.6.2** Such leave shall not exceed sixty (60) days, during which the schools of the District are required to be in session or when the bargaining unit members would otherwise have been performing work for the District in any one fiscal year for the same industrial accident.

- 10.6.3** The District has the right to have the bargaining unit member examined by a physician designated by the District to assist in determining the length of time during which the bargaining unit member will be temporarily unable to perform assigned duties and the degree to which a disability is attributable to the injury involved.
- 10.6.4** For any days of absence from duty as a result of the same industrial accident, the bargaining unit member shall endorse to the District any wage loss benefit check from the Western Riverside Self-Insurance Program for Employers Workers Compensation Fund, which would make the total compensation from both sources exceed 100 percent of the amount the bargaining unit member would have received as salary had there been no industrial accident or illness. If the bargaining unit member fails to endorse to the District any wage loss disability, indemnity check received on account of the industrial accident or illness as provided above, the District shall deduct from the bargaining unit member's salary warrant the amount of such disability indemnity actually paid to and retained by the bargaining unit member.

## **10.7 JUDICIAL LEAVE**

- 10.7.1** Bargaining unit members will be provided leave for regularly called jury duty and to appear as a witness in court, other than as a litigant, for reasons not brought about through the convenience or misconduct of the bargaining unit member. The bargaining unit member shall submit a written request for an approved absence no less than ten (10) days prior to the beginning date of the leave as a witness. Bargaining unit members shall not be granted judicial leave with pay for any matter in which the bargaining unit member is an adversary to the District.
- 10.7.2** The bargaining unit member, while serving jury duty, will receive pay in the amount of the difference between the bargaining unit member's regular earnings and any amount received for jury service.

## **10.8 SABBATICAL LEAVE**

- 10.8.1** After completing seven (7) consecutive full school years of service, a bargaining unit member will be eligible to apply for a leave of absence not to exceed a one-year period, or leave of absence in separate six-month periods or separate quarters provided that such is commenced and completed within a three-year period.
- 10.8.2** Applicants for sabbatical leave must submit their request on the appropriate form by no later than March 15, of the school year preceding the school year in which the leave is requested.
- 10.8.3** Subsequent to the Superintendent's recommendation, the Board of Trustees may grant leave based on:
- a. the financial status of the District; and
  - b. the benefit of the proposed leave to the educational process.
- 10.8.4** Bargaining unit members on sabbatical leave will receive one-half of the salary they would have been paid during the period of leave, and the appropriate salary schedule placement which would have been granted had the bargaining unit member not been on leave. No other compensation, benefit, or seniority credit will be granted to those on leave, except that the bargaining unit member will be entitled to return to a position comparable to that which was held at the time of granting of leave.
- 10.8.5** Terms and conditions of the leave shall be agreed upon in writing, and shall include, but not be limited to: an indemnification bond for failure to successfully complete the sabbatical program or to render the necessary post-leave service; a stipulation to a post-leave service of not less than two (2) full years for a full year of leave, and one (1) full year for a one-half year leave; the

description of the sabbatical program; and appropriate reporting procedures as may be designated by the Superintendent.

#### **10.9 RELIGIOUS LEAVE**

**10.9.1** Each bargaining unit member shall be entitled to use one (1) day of sick leave to observe the most significant religious holiday of his/her faith, if the day of observance occurs on a workday.

#### **10.10 OTHER LEAVES WITHOUT PAY**

**10.10.1** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent and approval by the Board of Trustees, leave without compensation, increment, seniority, or tenure credit may be granted for a period of one school year for the following purposes: Peace Corps, care for a member of the immediate family who is ill, long-term illness of the bargaining unit member, service in an elected public office, or professional study or research.

**10.10.2** The applications for and granting of such leaves of absence shall be in writing. In addition, a bargaining unit member on such leave shall notify the District Human Resources Office by March 15 of the school year as to an intent to return to employment in the District. Failure to so notify will be considered an abandonment of position.

**10.11 EMERGENCY LEAVE** - Leave for unforeseen emergencies, a bargaining unit member who is absent for less than one-half day during the work day may use hourly leave if site coverage is available and approved by the Principal or designee prior to taking leave. One hour absences equals one hour of leave, two-hour absence equals two hours of leave; more than two hours up to 3.5 hours equates to half day leave. A bargaining unit member who is absent for more than 3.5 hours will be docked a full day of leave.

A bargaining unit member who is absent from work is responsible for the content and implementation of information and materials presented and discussed.

<b>ARTICLE 11</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER AND FILLING OF VACANCIES</b>
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**11.1 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

- 11.1.1a Elementary Assignment.** An assignment is the work site, grade level, or subject area to which a bargaining unit member is legally authorized by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to fulfill his/her contractual duties.
- 11.1.1b Secondary Assignment.** An assignment is the work site, grade level, or subject area to which a bargaining unit member is legally authorized by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to fulfill his/her contractual duties.
- 11.1.1c Specialized Assignment.** A nontraditional assignment, such as Teacher on Special Assignment, and/or Intervention Teacher.
- 11.1.1d Specialized Student Support Personnel** are employees who may be assigned to more than one school site based on student need. MEA identifies the following bargaining unit members under this definition: Nurses, Psychologists, and Speech and Language Pathologists.
- 11.1.2a Elementary Reassignment.** A reassignment is the movement of a bargaining unit member from one grade level or specialized assignment to another grade level or special assignment at the same work location.
- 11.1.2b Secondary Reassignment.** A reassignment is the movement of a bargaining unit member from one credential/subject area authorization or specialized assignment to another credential/subject area authorization at the same work location
- 11.1.3 Transfer.** A transfer is the movement of a bargaining unit member from one work site to another work site.

**11.2 VOLUNTARY TRANSFER AND REASSIGNMENT.** When a vacancy exists, as determined by the Superintendent, the following procedures shall be followed:

- 11.2.1** The District shall provide the opportunity for qualified permanent bargaining unit members to be transferred or reassigned and may consider applications of probationary bargaining unit members when it is in the best interest of the District as determined by the Superintendent or designee. Refer to 11.2.4 for transfer process.
- 11.2.2** If two or more applicants apply and are equally qualified, the bargaining unit member with the greatest seniority shall receive said transfer or reassignment.
- 11.2.3** A transfer or reassignment decision shall not be made arbitrarily, capriciously, or without basis of fact.
- 11.2.4** The voluntary transfer process shall be conducted using the following steps:
  - 1. The Human Resources Department shall communicate to all teachers identified known vacancies for the upcoming school year at the following minimum intervals:
    - a. March 1<sup>st</sup>
    - b. April 1<sup>st</sup>
    - c. April 15<sup>th</sup> - On the April 15<sup>th</sup> posting, teachers shall have an opportunity to request consideration for voluntary transfer to a specific position that may become vacant after the April 15<sup>th</sup> posting and before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

2. The voluntary transfer form will be attached to each monthly email for all teachers to complete and electronically submit to Human Resources within five, (5) work days.
3. The Human Resources Department will review all forms for credential qualifications being met.
4. The Human Resources Department will email a spread sheet to all Principals no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month during the voluntary transfer process to conduct the transfer interview process.
5. Site Principals will notify the Human Resources Department the outcome of the voluntary interviews held including any recommendations for transfer. The Human Resources Department will notify all interviewed transfer applicants the outcome of the interview process.
6. The Human Resources Department will email an “offer of voluntary transfer” to selected teachers.
7. Teachers will have three, (3) work days to electronically respond to the voluntary transfer offer accepting or declining.
8. Acceptance of a transfer eliminates the option for further consideration of transfer for the upcoming school year.
9. Vacancies not filled through the monthly transfer process will move to the next applicable process to fill the assignment. This may include involuntary transfer, reassignment and/or an outside hiring process.

**11.2.5** If the request is denied, the bargaining unit member may request a written reason for denial.

### **11.3 INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER AND REASSIGNMENT**

- 11.3.1** The District will consider volunteers before proceeding with an involuntary transfer or reassignment. A transfer or reassignment shall not be made arbitrarily, capriciously, or without basis of fact.
- 11.3.2** The Superintendent or designee shall give the affected bargaining unit member reasons in writing for the transfer or reassignment.
- 11.3.3** The bargaining unit member shall be given five (5) contract days’ notice of an involuntary transfer. The bargaining unit member to be involuntarily transferred or reassigned may request a meeting with the Superintendent or designee within ten (10) days of receipt of the written reason(s).
- 11.3.4** Bargaining unit members involuntarily transferred after the start of the school year shall be provided three (3) duty-free contract days of preparation for the new assignment. Bargaining unit members involuntarily reassigned after the start of the school year shall be provided two (2) duty free contract days from the new assignment. Unit members may elect to utilize non-contract days for the preparation and will be compensated at the non-emergency daily substitute rate. The District shall provide assistance in movement of the bargaining unit member’s materials upon transfer or reassignment.
- 11.3.5** Any teacher involuntarily transferred or reassigned shall not be involuntarily transferred more than one time during the length of this contract or 3 years, whichever is greater. During the term of the agreement in which an involuntary transfer occurs, teachers involuntarily transferred shall be considered first prior to other transfer applicants for positions at their previous site.

- 11.3.6** The District will make a reasonable effort to observe experience and seniority, in that order, in maintaining a bargaining unit member's assignment, when it is in the best interest of the District as determined by the Superintendent or designee.
- 11.4 NOTIFICATION OF ASSIGNMENT.** Preliminary notification of assignment for each subsequent school year shall be communicated to each bargaining unit member not later than June 1st of each school year.
- 11.5** Any bargaining unit member who has a formal Assistance Plan shall not be considered for a transfer.
- 11.6 Speech and Language Pathologists and Psychologists** – Each group shall meet independently and develop a plan for preliminary assignments for the upcoming school year. Each plan shall be provided to the Special Education Executive Director for approval by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If there is a change in unit member personnel after the original plan has been submitted, the group shall provide an updated plan to the Special Education Executive Director for approval.
- 11.6.1** If the original or updated plan is not approved by the Special Education Executive Director or designee, the Director shall meet with the individual lead to develop a mutually acceptable plan.
- 11.6.2 Psychologist Assignments** – A Psychologist shall be designated the primary Psychologist at only one school site per school calendar year, with the exception of a site with a total student population of up to 600 students and with a special education population of less than 15%.
- 11.7 Nurses** – Nurses shall meet and develop a plan for preliminary assignments for the upcoming school year. This plan shall be provided to the Executive Director of Student Support for approval by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If there is a change in unit member personnel after the original plan has been submitted, the group shall provide an updated plan to the Executive Director of Student Support for approval.
- 11.7.1** If the original or updated plan is not approved by the Executive Director of Student Support or designee, the Director shall meet with the individual lead to develop a mutually acceptable plan.

<b>ARTICLE 12</b>	<b>CLASS SIZE</b>
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**12.1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (TK-5) CLASS SIZE MAXIMUMS**

**Grade TK** The District shall follow the applicable laws and regulations concerning TK.

**Grades K-3** In order to protect Grade Span Adjustment revenue, it is necessary to provide flexibility with K-3 class sizes. The district remains committed to the extent possible to make adequate yearly progress toward Grade Span Adjustment goals corresponding to LCFF. Therefore, K-3 classrooms at each site will have a maximum student enrollment of 33 with a site K-3 class size average of 31. The parties agree that this constitutes a collectively bargained alternative to the statutory class size requirements.

It is not the intent of the district to utilize the above language to supersede GSA goals. However, given the current uncertainty regarding district enrollment projections and state of California budget, it is imperative that there is flexibility at the K-3 level district wide.

\* District has fifteen (15) days to remedy over-maximum classes

For the 2023-2024 and 2024-25 fiscal years the following will apply to Article 12.1 for Elementary Grades 1 through 5 only. This will be outlined in a 2-year MOU, 2023-2024 and 2024-25.

**1. Grades 1 through 3 Class Size Overage Pay**

For each instructional day where enrollment exceeds 24, teachers will be provided the following:

- o \$15 for the 25<sup>th</sup> Student
- o \$15 for the 26<sup>th</sup> Student
- o \$20 for the 27<sup>th</sup> Student
- o \$20 for the 28<sup>th</sup> Student
- o \$25 for the 29<sup>th</sup> Student and each student thereafter

**2. Grades 4 and 5 Class Size Overage Pay**

For each instructional day where enrollment exceeds 29, teachers will be provided the following:

- o \$15 for the 30<sup>th</sup> Student
- o \$15 for the 31<sup>st</sup> Student
- o \$20 for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Student
- o \$20 for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Student
- o \$25 for the 34<sup>th</sup> Student and each student thereafter

\*For grades 4-5, the 3-hour overage aide or equivalent (Article 12.1) shall be suspended for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscal years.

\*For grades 4-5, the District has fifteen (15) days to remedy over-maximum classes.

**12.1.2 ELEMENTARY COMBINATION TEACHERS** - After sites are provided with initial staffing numbers, the Principal will convene with the site leadership team to discuss grade level class sizes through a shared decision-making process. The site will make every effort to minimize combination classes at the elementary level. However, grade levels are charged with assuring grade levels first fall within or below the class size maximum and averages outlined in Article 12.1.



When a principal and site leadership team determine a combination class is the only available option, a volunteer shall first be sought from the school site. Unless mutually agreed upon, no teacher will be assigned a combination class in consecutive years.

Each full-time, regular classroom combination teacher shall receive a \$600 class account that may be used for classroom materials and supplies. The site principal must approve these materials and supplies. The following release time options may be utilized in lieu of a \$600 class account:

- Five (5) days release time for preparation as defined in Article 8.4. Written notification to the site principal must be given two weeks prior to the actual release date and approval by the site principal is required.
- Five (5) days extra-duty pay at the non-emergency substitute rate for activities defined in Article 8.4. Written notification to the site principal must be given two weeks prior to the requested date and approval by the site principal is required.

## **12.2 MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8) CLASS SIZE MAXIMUMS**

The District shall routinely cap maximum class size at 35 with an average of 31 for core classes in grades 6-8. The district will use the following formula to determine compensation for teachers whose combined "core" class sections exceed the average of 31. In the event a teacher has a core class or classes that exceed 35 students, there shall be no compensation provided, unless the combined core class average exceeds 31:

- $\text{"# of students over"} \times \$5.00 = \text{"#"} \times \text{student days exceeding class size average} = \text{"#"} \times 95.35\%$   
(attendance rate) = Amount to be Compensated.
- The overage formula will be used in unique circumstances when adding staff may not be warranted or possible due to master schedules or disruption considerations. In those unique circumstances where class size averages exceed negotiated limits, the teacher shall be given the opportunity to decline. In cases where class size average exceeds limits, should an alternative placement and/or remedy be unavailable, the District, the Association and the teacher shall meet to mitigate the overage.
- Per the above formula, compensation will only be paid for a combined core class average that exceeds 31. No compensation shall be provided for individual classes exceeding 35. In cases where a single section may exceed 35 and the other sections of the assignment are well under the maximum, MEA and the District will meet to ensure appropriate balancing of sections will occur.
- At the secondary level (6-12), intensive core classes will not be counted towards the teacher's overall class size average.

Maximum of 35 with a class size average of 31 in core classes:

English, Math, Science, Social Science, and Foreign Language

Class sizes will not exceed the number of workstations for elective courses. The number of workstations for each elective course will be determined by the administration with input from the lead teacher. A basic workstation is defined as an assigned location where a student normally spends the majority of class time performing the operational functions necessary to meet the performance objectives and goals of the course.

In the event an individual teacher's class size average for a middle school site exceeds 31, site administration must distribute students equally to teachers with the same academic curricular assignments.

Class average up to 31 will be maintained as equitably as possible while maintaining the integrity of the overall program.

District has twenty (20) days to remedy over-maximum classes

### **12.3 HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12) CLASS SIZE MAXIMUMS**

The District shall routinely cap maximum class size at 35 with an average of 31 for core classes in grades 9-12. The district will use the following formula to determine compensation for teachers whose combined "core" class sections exceed the average of 31. In the event a teacher has a core class or classes that exceed 35 students, there shall be no compensation provided, unless the combined core class average exceeds 31:

- “# of students over” X \$5.00 = “#” X student days exceeding class size average = “#” X 95.35% (attendance rate) = Amount to be Compensated.
- The overage formula will be used in unique circumstances when adding staff may not be warranted or possible due to master schedules or disruption considerations. In those unique circumstances where class size averages exceed negotiated limits, the teacher shall be given the opportunity to decline. In cases where class size average exceeds limits, should an alternative placement and/or remedy be unavailable, the District, the Association and the teacher shall meet to mitigate the overage.
- Per the above formula, compensation will only be paid for a combined core class average that exceeds 31. No compensation shall be provided for individual classes exceeding 35. In cases where a single section may exceed 35 and the other sections of the assignment are well under the maximum, MEA and the District will meet to ensure appropriate balancing of sections will occur.
- At the secondary level (6-12), intensive core classes will not be counted towards the teacher's overall class size average.

### **12.4 SPECIAL EDUCATION (K-12) CLASS SIZE MAXIMUMS**

#### **12.4.1 RESOURCE SPECIALIST** - Resource Specialist caseloads shall not exceed 28.

**12.4.1.1** A Resource Specialist who is the sole provider of services at more than one school will meet with the district administrator of special education and the site administrators to develop a plan for additional staffing when he/she can no longer meet the level of service required by the Individual Educational Plans (IEP) of his/her caseload.

**12.4.1.2** When caseload maximums are exceeded, program support will be added through additional instructional assistance and/or clerical support.

**12.4.1.3 RSP CASELOADS** - Resource Specialists shall not teach more than three academic core class sections and/or study skills classes, unless mutually agreed upon by both parties.

“# of students over” X \$5.00 = “#” X student days exceeding class size and/or caseload maximum = Amount to be Compensated.

**12.4.2 SPECIAL DAY CLASS (SDC)** If caseloads and/or class sizes exceed the following maximums, caseloads and/or class sizes shall be examined by the District and affected bargaining unit member to determine what additional staff, instructional support, time, or other assistance is needed:

Elementary (K-3) SDC	14
Elementary (3-5) SDC	15
Middle School and High School (6-12) SDC	18
Severe Disabilities SDC or SH (K-12)	12
Emotional Disturbance/Behavioral Disorders	12
Pre-school	10 Per Session

The District has twenty (20) days to remedy over-maximum caseloads and/or class sizes. The District retains the right to consider factors that may impact the case carrier's assignment. Input from the case carrier will be considered when determining the type of assistance to be given. If caseloads and/or class sizes are unable to be mitigated, the following overage formula may be implemented.

"# of students over" X \$5.00 = X student days exceeding class size and/or caseload maximum  
= Amount to be compensated.

The overage formula will be used in circumstances when adding staff may not be possible due to hiring issues or disruption considerations. When caseloads and/or class size exceed limits, should alternative placement and/or remedy be unavailable, the District, the Association, and the teachers shall meet to mitigate the overage.

**12.5 SCHOOL NURSE CASELOADS** – In order to effectively serve the staff and student population, nurse staffing will be reviewed annually by the District and Lead Nurse to determine staffing needs. The District shall maintain a Nurse to student ratio average of 2,100 students. Assignments will be determined as outlined in Article 11.7.

**12.6 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST CASELOADS** – In order to effectively serve the population of students who receive educational services, Speech and Language Pathologist staffing will be (1) reviewed, monitored, mitigated throughout the school year and (2) reviewed at a minimum annually in January by the District and the lead SLPs to determine staffing needs for the subsequent year. The following staffing ratios will determine staffing.

Preschool only:	1:40
Elementary and Elementary with Preschool Students:	1:55
Middle School:	1:70
High School:	1:90

Assignments will be determined as outlined in Article 11.7

For Speech and Language Pathologists that require additional assistance to address overages, support will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the affected SLP, by the Executive Director of Special Education or designee, and the Association SSSP Director. Additional support can include SLPA (Speech Language Pathology Assistant), time, clerical support, a Speech and Language Pathologist substitute to provide assistance, or other means of support agreed upon by the SSSP Director, with input from the affected Speech Pathologist.

**12.7 PSYCHOLOGIST CASELOADS** – In order to effectively serve the population of students who receive educational services, psychologist staffing will be reviewed annually by the District and the lead psychologist to determine staffing needs based upon student need at the time of staffing. The District will annually staff using the following districtwide Psychologist to student ratio average of 1:1100

calculated based on total district enrollment. Annual review of caseloads should include projections for student enrollment for the subsequent year. Assignments will be determined as outlined in Article 11.6.

For Psychologists who require additional assistance during the school year to address overages, support will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the affected Psychologist, the Executive Director of Special Education or designee, and the Association SSSP Director.

**12.8 SPECIALIZED STUDENT SUPPORT ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT**

Specialized Student Support (Nurse, Speech Language Pathologist, and Psychologist) on Special Assignment and Lead Nurse positions shall not be included in staffing ratios as listed in articles 12.5, 12.6, and 12.7.

<b>ARTICLE 13</b>	<b>EVALUATION PROCESS AND PROCEDURES</b>
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**13.1 - PRINCIPLES OF EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT**

- 13.1.1** The District retains the sole responsibility for the evaluation and assessment of performance of each bargaining unit member, subject to the following procedural requirements. The site administrator (or his or her designee) shall have overall responsibility for the evaluation. If someone other than the site administrator (or designee) is the evaluator, or if the District changes the evaluator, the District shall, within a reasonable time, notify the bargaining unit member. The District shall not request bargaining unit members to evaluate other bargaining unit members.
- 13.1.2** Discipline and discharge procedures may be undertaken independently of the evaluation procedures contained in this Article. This provision shall not, however, constitute a waiver of any right a bargaining unit member may have to adequate notice of performance deficiencies and adequate opportunity to improve. Written evaluations shall be communicated using the evaluation form shown in Appendix D-1. Information that may be used in a disciplinary matter and/or included in a negative performance evaluation will be given to the employee in written form using school or district letterhead and be signed by the administrator.

**13.2 PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT**

- 13.2.1** The District shall evaluate and assess bargaining unit member competency as it relates to each of the following as set forth in Appendix D-2:
- a. Engaging and supporting all students in learning.
  - b. Creating and maintaining effective environments for student learning.
  - c. Understanding and organizing subject matter for student learning.
  - d. Planning instruction and designing learning experiences for all students.
  - e. Assessing student learning.
  - f. Developing as a professional educator.
- 13.2.2** The evaluation and assessment of bargaining unit member competency shall not include the use of publishers' norms established by standardized tests.
- 13.2.3** The District shall not require that lesson planning be done in any particular format or require lesson plans to be turned in on a regular basis unless the bargaining unit member has received notice of a "needs improvement" performance or the site administrator has communicated concerns in writing regarding a bargaining unit member's planning to the bargaining unit member. The District may request a lesson plan to be provided prior to a pre-scheduled observation. This section shall not apply to probationary teachers.
- 13.2.4** The District shall appoint an evaluator for each bargaining unit member and inform each bargaining unit member to be evaluated of his or her evaluator by the 20th day of service. The bargaining unit member may thereafter request the District to assign an alternate evaluator, but such a decision rests solely with the District. In the case of bargaining unit members assigned after the beginning of the school year, or in the event of a change in evaluators, such notification shall occur within thirty (30) calendar days of the assignment. In the event of a teacher or administrative reassignment after the 20<sup>th</sup> day of service, the standing Principal or designee reserves the right to reassign a new evaluator for the remainder of the year.
- 13.2.5** The evaluator shall conduct at least two (2) classroom (or other site) observations for temporary and probationary bargaining unit members (and permanent bargaining unit members in "needs improvement" status.) The District shall conduct the first observation by the sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day of service.

Permanent bargaining unit members in "meets or exceeds expectations" status shall receive no less than one (1) classroom observation during the evaluation year, pro-rated appropriately.

- 13.2.6** In the case of probationary bargaining unit members and permanent bargaining unit members in a "needs improvement" status, and/or on an assistance plan, at least two (2) of such observations shall be pre-scheduled. This provision does not preclude nonscheduled classroom visitations and observations as an additional useful assessment technique, nor does it preclude classroom observations or visitations during a year in which the bargaining unit member is not being evaluated. Any observation which impacts a bargaining unit member's evaluation shall be written and provided to the bargaining unit member within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed twenty (20) school days. Written classroom observations shall include a notation of date, time in and time out.
- 13.2.7** The evaluator shall provide the bargaining unit member with a copy of the observation report. Either the bargaining unit member or the evaluator may request a conference to discuss the observation and/or observation report prepared by the evaluator. The District will provide copies of observation reports and hold conferences within a reasonable period of time not to exceed fifteen (15) on-track days.
- 13.2.8** Observations shall not be used to harass a bargaining unit member. It is understood between the District and the Association that this section is an evaluation procedural requirement. Comments on the final evaluation may include comments and information from previous observations or other written evidence of bargaining unit member performance as related to Section 2.
- 13.2.9** Summary evaluations shall be in writing on the form attached hereto as Appendix D-1 and a copy thereof shall be transmitted to the bargaining unit member not later than thirty (30) calendar days before the last day of student attendance of the school year. A meeting shall be held between the bargaining unit member and the evaluator to discuss the evaluation, and such meeting shall be held prior to the end of the school year. If the evaluation reflects a "needs improvement" in any area, the meeting will be given priority and held within a reasonable period of time not to exceed twenty (20) school days from the date of delivery of the evaluation form to the bargaining unit member.
- 13.2.10** All probationary bargaining unit members shall receive at least two (2) summative evaluations per year. All permanent bargaining unit members shall receive an evaluation during their third year of service and at least every fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) year thereafter. Summative evaluations will be written according to the criteria expressed in Appendix D-2. However, the District reserves the right to evaluate permanent bargaining unit members every year.

### **13.3 ASSISTANCE**

- 13.3.1** If the bargaining unit member's final evaluation reflects less than satisfactory performance in any area, he or she shall be evaluated the following year. The evaluator and the bargaining unit member shall meet and design specific recommendations for improvement of the bargaining unit member's performance. This assistance plan shall specifically address identified weaknesses and describe a process for improvement. The length or term of the Assistance Plan shall be determined on a case by case basis and shall reflect the nature of the assistance required. There shall be a conference at the conclusion of each assistance plan, as well as every six (6) weeks, at a minimum, while an assistance plan is in effect. The District may recommend or require a bargaining unit member who has received written notice of "less than satisfactory" performance to participate in a District provided program designed to improve appropriate areas of the bargaining unit member's performance. No assistance plan shall

include a provision for mandatory bargaining unit member participation beyond the bargaining unit member's normal workday.

- 13.3.2** The Association shall be notified within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed twenty (20) school days of the assignment of a bargaining unit member to an assistance plan unless the bargaining unit member involved specifically requests that the Association not be notified.

#### **13.4 ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION**

- 13.4.1** The District recognizes the right of representation in employment relations provided under Government Code Section 3543.1 as that section is interpreted by PERB and courts of competent jurisdiction.

- 13.4.2** It is understood by the District and the Association that this right currently includes the right of a bargaining unit member to have representation in any meeting with a person in a supervisory position which the bargaining unit members reasonably believes may lead to discipline or negative evaluation. Bargaining unit members shall not request and shall not be afforded Association representation at any classroom (or other site) observation.

#### **13.5 REBUTTAL**

- 13.5.1** The bargaining unit member has the right to initiate a written reaction or response to the evaluation. Such response shall become a permanent attachment to the copy of the evaluation in the bargaining unit member's personnel file. If such response is filed, the evaluation document may be modified at the District's discretion.

- 13.6** The District and the Association acknowledge that unusual circumstances (such as illness of either the evaluator or the bargaining unit member, or emergencies) may prevent compliance with the time limits set forth in this section; however, there will be adherence to the timelines within five (5) on-track days of the end of the unusual circumstances.

<b>ARTICLE 14</b>	<b>TEACHER SUPPORT NETWORK (TSN)</b>
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**14.1 TSN JOINT COMMITTEE**

The Joint Committee shall consist of seven members. Four permanent bargaining unit members appointed by the Association and three administrators appointed by the District.

**14.1.2** The Joint Committee shall establish its own meeting schedule. Five members, the majority of whom must be bargaining unit members, shall constitute a quorum; actions of the Joint Committee shall require an affirmative vote of at least five members. Meetings may take place during the regular teacher workday and substitutes shall be provided to release Association members from their other duties. If the committee agrees to extend the meeting hours beyond the regular teacher workday, Association members shall be compensated at the hourly extra-duty rate. Association members shall represent all bargaining unit levels; e.g. one each from high, middle and elementary school levels and one from special services.

**14.1.3** The Joint Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Provide annual training for Joint Committee members.
- b. Establish its own rules of procedure, including the method for selection of the chairperson.
- c. Select and recommend the panel of consulting teachers to the Governing Board for approval.
- d. Select and recommend to the Governing Board for approval, the trainers and/or training providers for Consulting Teachers, Mentor Teachers, and Joint Committee members.
- e. Provide training for Consulting Teachers and Mentor Teachers prior to participation in the program.
- f. Send written notification of participation in the TSN program to the Referred Participating Teacher, the Consulting Teacher, and the site Principal.
- g. Develop an appropriate list from the panel of Consulting Teachers for selection by the Participating Teachers. The Joint Committee will assign Mentor Teachers for new teachers.
- h. Adopt Rules and Procedures to effect the provisions of this article. Develop forms necessary for Rules and Procedures. Adopted rules, procedures, and forms shall be consistent with the terms of this Agreement. To the extent that rules, procedures, and forms are inconsistent with the Agreement, the terms of the Agreement shall prevail.
- i. Distribute, at the beginning of each school year, a copy of the adopted Rules and Procedures to all bargaining unit members.
- j. Establish and implement a procedure for application and selection as a Consulting Teacher and Mentor Teachers.
- k. Determine the number of Consulting Teachers and Mentor Teachers in any school year, guided by and subject to such factors as the number of Participating Referred and Voluntary TSN Teachers and available funds. The parties agree that in light of the above factors, the number of Consulting Teachers may vary from year to year. Continuation of the TSN program is subject to continued funding.
- l. Approve annual induction plans, assistance plans, release time, and in-service and training opportunities developed by the Program Coordinator.
- m. Review the final report prepared by the Consulting Teacher and make recommendations to the Superintendent/Governing Board regarding participants in the program, including forwarding to the Governing Board the names of individuals who, after sustained assistance, are not able to demonstrate satisfactory improvement. The recommendations of the committee and peer review reports by the Consulting Teachers shall be advisory only for the benefit of the participating teacher and the District.
- n. Evaluate annually the impact of the TSN program in order to make changes to improve the program, including surveys and/or interviews of program participants.



- o. All proceedings and materials related to reports, evaluations, and other personnel matters shall be strictly confidential. Therefore, Joint Committee members and Consulting Teachers shall disclose such information only as necessary to administer this article or as otherwise required by lawful process.
- p. Joint Committee bargaining unit members may not simultaneously serve as Consulting Teachers or Mentor Teachers.

## **14.2 REFERRED PARTICIPATING TSN TEACHERS**

- 14.2.1** A Referred Participating TSN Teacher is a classroom teacher with permanent status who receives assistance and support to improve his/her instructional skills, classroom management, knowledge of subject, and/or other relevant aspects of his/her teaching performance, as a result of the issuance of two "Unsatisfactory" ratings in the overall categories one through five (1-5) of the Teacher's Performance Evaluation Form. The form shall align with the Standards and Elements of the California Standards for the Teaching Profession and shall be included in the Appendices section of the labor agreement. Descriptors to be used as basis for establishing ratings shall be included in the Appendix of the Agreement.
- 14.2.2** The TSN Program expects and strongly encourages a cooperative relationship between the Consulting Teacher, Referred Participating Teacher, and the Principal with respect to the process of teacher assistance and support. The Consulting Teacher may meet with the principal or immediate supervisor to review and discuss the basis for referral to the TSN Program. All communication prior to the final report between the Consulting Teacher and Referred Participating Teacher shall be confidential and shall not be shared with any others except the Joint Committee.
- 14.2.3** A Referred Participating TSN Teacher or Consulting Teacher may request a one-time assignment-of-partnership change within the first sixty (60) workdays by submitting the request in writing to the Joint Committee.
- 14.2.4** The Referred Participating TSN Teacher has the right to request a meeting with the Joint Committee members and/or appropriate administrator throughout these procedures and be represented by the Association representative of his/her choice.

## **14.3 VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATING TSN TEACHERS**

- 14.3.1** A Voluntary Participating TSN Teacher is a classroom teacher with permanent status who volunteers to participate in the TSN program. Voluntary Participating Teachers are for teacher assistance and support only and the Consulting Teacher shall not document any performance review. A Voluntary Participating Teacher may terminate his/her participation in the program at any time.
- 14.3.2** A Voluntary Participating Teacher may change his/her Consulting Teacher at any time when requested by either the Voluntary Participating Teacher or the Consulting Teacher, with approval from the Joint Committee.
- 14.3.3** All communication between the Consulting Teacher and the Voluntary Participating Teacher shall be confidential, and without written consent of the Voluntary Participating Teacher, shall not be shared with any others, including the site administrator and the Joint Committee.

## **14.4 TEACHER INDUCTION PROGRAM**

- 14.4.1** The TSN Program for first- and second-year teachers new to the profession, teachers clearing preliminary credentials, and/or for out-of-state teachers with less than five years of classroom experience, will be the District's Teacher Induction Program.
- 14.4.2** Probationary and temporary unit members not included in the District's Teacher Induction Program may request teacher support and assistance from the TSN Joint Committee. When approved, assistance will be provided by a Consulting Teacher or a Mentor Teacher under the same terms of this article which apply to Volunteer TSN Participants.

#### **14.5 CONSULTING TEACHERS**

- 14.5.1** A Consulting Teacher provides support and assistance to a Participating Teacher pursuant to the TSN program. The qualifications for the Consulting Teacher shall be set forth in the Rules and Procedures, with the minimum qualifications:
- a) Must be a permanent, credentialed, bargaining unit member.
  - b) Must have successfully taught in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District or three of the last five years, spending at least fifty percent of a full-time position providing instruction to students.
  - c) With Association Representative Council approval, the minimum number of years in Article 13.3.1.b may be changed from three to two. Request must be in writing.
  - d) Shall demonstrate exemplary teaching abilities, as indicated by effective communication skills, extensive knowledge and mastery of subject matter, and mastery of a range of teaching strategies necessary to meet the needs of pupils in different contexts.
- 14.5.2** Each applicant for the position of Consulting Teacher shall be required to submit three written letters of reference from individuals with specific knowledge of his/her expertise, as follows:
- a) One recommendation from a site principal or other school district administrator and,
  - b) One recommendation from an Association member, and
  - c) One recommendation of applicant's choice.
- 14.5.3** Consulting Teachers shall be selected and submitted for approval to the Governing Board by five (5) affirmative votes of the Joint Committee following classroom observations by the committee members.
- 14.5.4** A Consulting Teacher shall be provided necessary release time as approved by the Joint Committee.
- 14.5.5** A Consulting Teacher who has been selected to fill an administrative position within the District may not continue to serve as a Consulting Teacher.
- 14.5.6** The Joint Committee will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Consulting Teachers and make decisions regarding their continuation in the program. The Joint Committee may remove a Consulting Teacher from the position at any time because of the specific needs of the TSN Program, unsatisfactory performance of the Consulting Teacher, or for other reasons which serve the TSN Program's best interest. Prior to the effective date of such removal, the Joint Committee will meet with the Consulting Teacher.

- 14.5.7** Consulting Teachers shall assist Participating Teachers by demonstrating, observing, coaching, conferencing, in-servicing, referring, or by any other activities which, in their professional judgement, will assist the Participating Teacher.
- 14.5.8** The Consulting Teacher shall meet with the Referred Participating Teacher to discuss the TSN program, establish mutually agreed upon performance goals, develop the improvement plan, and develop a process for determining successful completion of the plan. The Consulting Teacher shall conduct multiple observations of the Referred Participating Teacher's performance with students and shall meet with the Participating Teacher to review and discuss observations.
- 14.5.9** The Referred Participating Teacher shall be entitled to review all reports generated by the Consulting Teacher prior to their submission to the Joint Committee and to have affixed thereto his/her comments. To effectuate this right, the Consulting Teacher shall provide the Participating Teacher being reviewed with copies of such reports at least ten (10) working days prior to any such meeting.
- 14.5.10** The Consulting Teacher shall monitor the progress of the Referred Participating Teacher and provide periodic written reports to the Referred Participating Teacher for discussion and review, prior to sending periodic written reports to the Joint Committee.
- 14.5.11** The Consulting Teacher shall provide support and assistance, not to exceed one school year, to the Referred Teacher until he/she concludes that the teaching performance of the Referred Teacher is satisfactory, or that further assistance will not be productive. The Joint Committee may offer support and assistance beyond the one-year period. A copy of the Consulting Teacher's Final Report shall be submitted to and discussed with the Referred Participating Teacher to receive his/her input before it is submitted to the Joint Committee. The Referred Participating Teacher shall sign the report to indicate that he/she received a copy. The Referred Participating Teacher shall have the right to submit a written response that shall be attached to the Consulting Teacher's report, within ten (10) working days. The Referred Participating Teacher shall also have the right to request and meet with the Joint Committee to discuss the Consulting Teacher's report accompanied by an Association representative.
- 14.5.12** The results of the Referred Participating Teacher's participation in the TSN program shall be made available for placement in his/her personnel file and may be used in the evaluation of the Referred Participating Teacher.
- 14.5.13** Upon the completion of the contracted term of service as a Consulting Teacher, if the Consulting Teacher were released from regular classroom duties, he/she shall be returned to the position he/she held prior to becoming a Consulting Teacher or be given a choice of any open position that he/she is credentialed to teach.
- 14.5.14** The District shall defend and hold harmless individual members of the Joint Committee and Consulting Teachers from any lawsuit or claim arising out of the performance of their duties under this Program. The Association retains the right to participate in the litigation.

#### **14.6 MENTOR TEACHERS**

- 14.6.1** A Mentor Teacher provides support and assistance to teachers requiring and/or requesting assistance per article 14.4 above (new teacher induction, out of state credentialed teachers, and teachers who do not have a preliminary or clear credential). The qualifications for the Mentor Teacher shall be set forth in the Rules and Procedures, with the minimum qualifications:

- a) Must be a permanent, credentialed, bargaining unit member.
  - b) Must have successfully taught in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District or three of the last five years, spending at least fifty percent of a full-time position providing instruction to students.
  - c) With Association Representative Council approval, the minimum number of years in Article 13.3.1.b may be changed from three to two. Request must be in writing.
  - d) Shall demonstrate exemplary teaching abilities, as indicated by effective communication skills, extensive knowledge and mastery of subject matter, and mastery of a range of teaching strategies necessary to meet the needs of pupils in different contexts.
- 14.6.2** Each applicant for the position of Mentor Teacher shall be required to submit three written letters of recommendations from individuals with specific knowledge of his/her expertise, as follows:
- a) One recommendation from a site principal or other school district administrator
  - b) One recommendation from an Association member, and
  - c) One recommendation of applicant's choice.
- 14.6.3** Mentor Teachers shall be selected and submitted for approval to the Governing Board by five (5) affirmative votes of the Joint Committee following completion of the application process, including classroom observations by the committee members.
- 14.6.4** A Mentor Teacher shall be provided necessary release time as approved by the Joint Committee.
- 14.6.5** A Mentor Teacher who has been selected to fill an administrative position within the District may not continue to serve as a Consulting Teacher.
- 14.6.6** The Joint Committee will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Mentor Teachers and make decisions regarding their continuation in the program. The Joint Committee may remove a Mentor Teacher from the position at any time because of the specific needs of the TSN Program, unsatisfactory performance of the Mentor Teacher, or for other reasons which serve the TSN Program's best interest. Prior to the effective date of such removal, the Joint Committee shall communicate with the Mentor Teacher in writing and will meet with the Mentor Teacher in person upon request.

## **14.7 BUDGET PRIORITIES AND CONSIDERATIONS**

- 14.7.1** The TSN budget will fund the direct program and administrative expenses of the Teacher Support Network, to include participant training and related staff development programs using available funds.
- 14.7.2** Consulting Teachers and Mentor Teachers shall each receive compensation to provide support and assistance as described in this Article. Compensation will be paid for time spent beyond the contractual workday, work that is outlined on the mentor/consulting teacher expectation agreements (as determined by the Joint Committee). Additional funds may be allocated for release of Consulting Teachers and Mentor Teachers to provide services, workshops for participants, administrative costs, and training/meetings of Committee members. Stipend compensation amounts are listed here:

- a. TSN Mentor Teachers: Induction--\$2,200 stipend annually per each assigned teacher
- b. TSN Mentor Teachers: Teachers that do not hold a California credential (i.e.: interns, out of state, PIP, STSP, etc.) --\$1100 stipend annually per each assigned teacher.
- c. TSN Consulting Teacher (referred TSN and/or voluntary TSN): C5 hourly
- d. TSN Mentor teacher: TPSL (long term substitute) credential: C5 hourly

**14.7.3** Funds may also be budgeted to provide training for permanent teachers to receive assistance including workshops, training, release time for observations and related costs.

**14.7.4** Consulting Teachers, Mentor Teachers, and teacher members of the Joint Committee shall not be considered management or supervisory employees as defined in the Educational Employment Relations Act and shall retain their status as bargaining unit members.

#### **14.8 TEACHER EVALUATION BASED UPON PUPIL PROGRESS**

**14.8.1** The District and Association shall agree to the selection of student assessment instruments for teacher evaluation to be used to determine the progress of pupils towards meeting grade-level standards.

**14.8.2** The District and Association shall agree to the frequency for administration of student assessment instruments to be used to determine the progress of pupils towards meeting grade level standards.

**14.8.3** A committee of teachers shall be formed at each elementary site and at each elementary grade level to recommend the structure of classes for the following year with the goal of balancing classes as regards the gender, achievement levels, learning styles/behavior, Special Program placement and attendance history of students. An effort will be made at the secondary level to adhere to the above criteria when scheduling student placement.

**14.8.4** The District and Association shall agree to the methods by which student assessment data are analyzed and used to establish teacher evaluation ratings for determination of pupil progress towards meeting grade-level standards including, but not limited to: Achievement levels of students upon entry,

- a. Special Program Placement (Special Education, ELL, etc.),
- b. Student attendance (e.g. hours/days of instruction),
- c. The amount of time/days that a teacher has been assigned to a specific class and/or subject area,
- d. Relationship between assessment, instruction, and district curriculum, including but not limited to, academic rigor of a class, overall performance in all classes, and/or transition to a new school.
- e. Availability of materials to support the instructional program,
- f. Student behavior as evidenced by discipline records.

- 14.8.5** Student assessment data used for teacher evaluation shall be confidential. The information shall be available to individual teachers and their immediate supervisors for purposes of evaluation.

**14.9 STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

- 14.9.1** The District shall annually survey the bargaining unit members during the last forty-five (45) days of the school year for recommendations as to what staff development opportunities should be made available during the following school year.
- 14.9.2** The District shall compile, inform, and make available to bargaining unit members a library of assessment resources, composed of teacher-created assessments, and commercially published assessment tools.

**14.10 PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

- 14.10.1** This Article will be reopened one year after its implementation, and thereafter, with the mutual consent of both parties

## **ARTICLE 15      DISCIPLINE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES**

The District shall have the authority to discipline a bargaining unit member for just cause.

- 15.1** The District may suspend the bargaining unit member without pay for up to three (3) days for one or more of the following causes:
- a. Insubordination;
  - b. Unprofessional conduct;
  - c. Carelessness or negligence in performance of duty or use of District property;
  - d. Discourteous, offensive, or abusive conduct or language toward other bargaining unit members, students, or public;
  - e. Dishonesty;
  - f. Consuming intoxicants on the job or working while intoxicated;
  - g. Immoral conduct;
  - h. Violation of District policy or school rules and regulations;
  - i. Abuse of illness leave privileges;
  - j. Falsifying any information provided to the District;
  - k. Violation of state statutory or regulatory requirements;
  - l. Failure to provide satisfactory service as evidenced by performance evaluations; and
  - m. Habitual absenteeism.
- 15.2** Except as provided in section 15.3 below, prior written notice of suspension without pay shall be provided the bargaining unit member and shall contain a statement of the nature of and reason for the disciplinary action, effective date of imposition, right to review documentation upon which the charges are based and procedure for administrative appeal as set forth in section 15.4.
- 15.3** Suspension without pay shall be deferred pending exhaustion of the administrative appeal set forth in section 15.4 below, except where the District believes that the bargaining unit member's conduct may constitute a hazard or a clear possibility of a hazard to students, employees, property, or involve dishonesty or gross misconduct, in which case said discipline may be imposed immediately with written notice as set forth in section 15.2 above provided to the bargaining unit member within five (5) calendar days after the suspension.
- 15.4** Any bargaining unit member suspended without pay shall be entitled to a hearing before the Superintendent or designee, provided the bargaining unit member filed the request for hearing with the Superintendent or designee at the District Office, within five (5) workdays of service of the written notice provided in section 15.2 above. At such hearing, the bargaining unit member shall be given an opportunity to present testimony, documentation and examine witnesses in response to the charges. The decision of the Superintendent or designee shall be subject to the grievance procedure contained in this Agreement, beginning at Level 2.
- 15.5** Nothing herein shall preclude or affect the District's right to discharge the bargaining unit member pursuant to the Education Code or other law, District rules or regulations, board policy, or other provisions of this Agreement.
- 15.6** The District reserves the right to impose at any time other forms of disciplinary action against the bargaining unit member which is not covered by this section, including, but not limited to: oral and written reprimands, suspension pursuant to Education Code Section 44940 through 44942, deduction of salary

in accordance with Education Code Section 45055, and involuntary transfers or reassignments consistent with this Agreement provided; however, it has been investigated and determined that the charge against the member is true and the disciplinary action is warranted.

- 15.7** All discipline applied in accordance with this Article shall be progressive in nature, which means that except in extreme instances as described in section 15.3, no suspension shall take place unless the bargaining unit member shall have been given first an oral reprimand, and then a written reprimand for the same type of offense.



## **ARTICLE 16     GRIEVANCE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES**

### **16.1     DEFINITIONS**

- 16.1.1** A "**GRIEVANCE**" is a formal written allegation by a grievant that he/she has been adversely affected by a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the specific provisions of this Agreement. Actions to challenge or change the policies of the District as set forth in the rules and regulations or administrative regulations and procedures must be undertaken under separate legal processes. Other matters for which a specific method of review is provided by law, by the policy rules and regulations of the Board of Trustees, or by the administrative procedures of this District are not within the scope of this procedure.
- 16.1.2** A "**GRIEVANT**" may be any bargaining unit member or the Association.
- 16.1.3** A "**DAY**" is any day in which the administrative office of the Murrieta Valley Unified School District is open for business.
- 16.1.4** The "**IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR**" is the District-designated management employee who has immediate jurisdiction over the grievant, or who has been designated to adjust grievances.
- 16.1.5** All documents, communications, and records dealing with the processing of a grievance will be filed in a separate grievance file, unless the grievance is denied at the final level of appeal, in which case the records will be transferred to the personnel file of the participant.
- 16.1.6** Failure to file and appeal the grievance in a timely manner shall be deemed a waiver of the grievance and bar further prosecution thereof.

### **16.2     INFORMAL LEVEL**

- 16.2.1** Before filing a formal written grievance, the grievant shall attempt to resolve it by an informal conference with his/her immediate supervisor.

### **16.3     LEVEL I - IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR**

- 16.3.1** Within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the act or omission giving rise to the grievance, the grievant must present his/her grievance in writing on the appropriate form (Appendix E) to the immediate supervisor.
- 16.3.2** This statement shall be a clear, concise statement of the grievance, the contract provisions allegedly violated, the circumstances involved, the decision rendered at the informal conference, and the specific remedy sought.
- 16.3.3** The immediate supervisor shall communicate his decision to the grievant in writing within ten (10) days after receiving the grievance. If the immediate supervisor does not respond within the time limits, the grievant may appeal to the next level.

### **16.4     LEVEL II - SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE**

- 16.4.1** If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Level I, he/she may within ten (10) days after receiving the decision submit a written request (Appendix E) to the Superintendent or designee for review.
- 16.4.2** The Superintendent or designee shall communicate his/her decision to the grievant within ten (10) days after receiving the grievance. If the Superintendent or designee does not respond within the time limits, the grievant may appeal to the next level.

## **16.5 LEVEL III - MEDIATION**

- 16.5.1** If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Level II, he/she may, within ten (10) days submit a written request (Appendix E) for mediation of the grievance. In this event the Association shall, within ten (10) days, submit to the California State Conciliation Service a written request for the immediate services of a mediator.
- 16.5.2** The function of the mediator shall be to assist the parties to achieve a mutually satisfactory resolution of the grievance. At the outset of this process, the mediator shall schedule a meeting at a mutually agreeable time for the purpose of resolving the matter through mediation. Mediation shall be limited to one day unless both parties agree to extend the mediation beyond one day.
- 16.5.3** If a satisfactory resolution of the grievance is achieved by means of this mediation process, both parties to the grievance shall sign a written statement to that effect, and thus waive the right of either party to any further appeal of the grievance.
- 16.5.4** The District and the Association have agreed that this level (Level III of this Grievance Procedure) may be waived by mutual agreement. If no satisfactory settlement is reached after Mediation, either party may appeal the grievance to the next level (Level IV).

## **16.6 LEVEL IV - ARBITRATION**

- 16.6.1** If the Association is not satisfied with the decision at Level III, the grievant shall within thirty (30) days after receiving the decision submit a written request (Appendix E) to the Superintendent or designee for arbitration.
- 16.6.2** If the Association decides to submit the grievance to arbitration, the Association and the District shall attempt to agree upon an arbitrator. The order of the striking shall be determined by lot.
- 16.6.3** The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the hearing shall be borne equally by the District and the Association. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them.
- 16.6.4** The arbitrator shall, as soon as possible, hear evidence and render a decision on the issue or issues submitted to him/her. If the parties cannot agree upon a submission agreement, the arbitrator shall determine the issues by referring to the written grievance and the answers thereto at each step.
- 16.6.5** The arbitrator will have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify the terms of this Agreement or the written policies, rules, regulations, and procedures of the District.
- 16.6.6** After a hearing and after both parties have had an opportunity to make written arguments, the arbitrator shall submit in writing to all parties his/her award, which shall be binding.

## **ARTICLE 17    UNSUBSTANTIATED PUBLIC COMPLAINTS**

- 1.17**    Unsubstantiated public complaints will not be a part of the bargaining unit member's personnel file. Documents relating to an unsubstantiated public complaint shall be sealed and filed under the complainant's name. Access to such file shall require the signatures of both the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and the Association President or their designees. The materials may also be made available as required by law. Oral complaints shall be deemed to be unsubstantiated and complaints originating with unidentified persons shall not be appropriate matters within this complaint procedure. Reference to such complaints shall not be utilized in any manner related to a bargaining unit member's evaluation.

## **ARTICLE 18     WORKPLACE SAFETY**

- 18.1** The District is committed to providing a safe and healthful workplace for all employees. Bargaining unit members shall not be required to work in unsafe conditions or to perform tasks that endanger their health and/or safety.
- 18.2** Bargaining unit members must notify their immediate supervisor in writing concerning any unsafe condition in the District affecting their health and safety. The immediate supervisor shall investigate the reported unsafe condition and advise the unit member(s) in writing within ten (10) days of any findings and suggested corrected action. The District shall take the necessary steps to have the condition corrected in a timely manner.
- 18.2.1** Should an unsafe working condition be discovered by district personnel other than a unit member who is directly affected by the unsafe working condition, the unit member shall be notified via district email of the issue and the plans for resolution.
- 18.3** The District shall ensure adequate means for communication between a teacher and the office for emergency situations. An administrator or designee shall be designated at each site at all times
- 18.4** When requested by either party, Education Code Provisions related to workplace safety will be incorporated into next subsequent employee handbook printing. Provisions include, but are not limited to:
- 49079 – Teacher notification related to pupils enrolled in his/her class who have been suspended/expelled.
- 44014 – Notification to law enforcement of any abuse of school personnel/students, assault or battery on a school employee.
- 48910 – Teacher ability to suspend pupils from their class.
- 44807 – Exercising necessary physical control over pupils.
- 18.5** Nurses shall receive notification of known serious student health concerns when information is received by the District. The Nurse will be given three days upon notification to investigate the student's healthcare needs and obtain necessary physician authorizations and medical supplies.

## **ARTICLE 19     SAVINGS PROVISIONS**

- 19.1**     If any provisions of this Agreement are held to be contrary to law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provisions will not be deemed valid and subsisting except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions will continue in full force and effect.

<b>ARTICLE 20      EFFECT OF AGREEMENT</b>
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- 20.1**    It is understood and agreed that the specific provisions contained in this Agreement shall prevail over District practices and procedures and over state laws to the extent permitted by state Law, and that in the absence of specific provisions in this Agreement, such practices and procedures are discretionary.
- 20.2**    Specific provisions contained in this agreement shall prevail over all other previously negotiated agreements and such agreements if not addressed in the language of this agreement are hereby considered null and void.

<b>ARTICLE 21</b>	<b>COMPLETION OF MEET AND NEGOTIATION</b>
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- 21.1** During the term of this Agreement, the Association and the District shall not be obligated to meet and negotiate any subject or matter which may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both the District or the Association at the time they met and negotiated on and executed this Agreement, even though such subjects or matters were proposed and later withdrawn.

<b>ARTICLE 22            NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBER</b>
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- 22.1**    The Association may elect a representative, to serve for the term of one year, beginning July 1 of each year, to serve as a non-voting member of the Murrieta Governing Board. This representative may participate in all areas in which regular board members participate, with the exception of closed sessions.
- 22.2**    Criteria for selection of the representative shall be at the discretion of the Association.



## ARTICLE 23 FAMILY SERVICES LEAD AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEACHERS

**23.1** Child Development Teachers and Family Services Lead are members of the certificated bargaining unit represented by the Association. All Child Development Teachers and Family Services Leads shall be subject to provisions of this article.

**23.2** In addition to Article 23, the following articles and sections of this Agreement shall be applicable to Child Development Teachers and Family Services Leads:

Articles 1-5  
Article 6.0 only  
Article 7  
Articles 8.6.2, 8.6.3 only  
Article 10 (all but 10.1.2)  
Article 11.2.4 only  
Articles 13-22  
Applicable Appendices

**23.3 SALARIES** – Bargaining unit members who are Child Development Family Services Leads (FSLs) and/or Teachers (CDTs) will be paid salaries as provided in Article 6, Appendix A. Effective July 1, 2023, the “New PERS” Child Development Teacher and Family Services Lead salary schedules will be eliminated and affected bargaining unit members will be placed on the “Classic PERS” salary schedules reflecting their current position and duty day assignment. These salary schedules will be renamed “Salary Schedule”

### **23.3.1 Initial Salary Placement – Step**

Upon initial employment by the District, child Development Teachers and Family Services Leads shall be given up to 7 years of credit for prior experience in a full-time teaching position with a State or Federally funded program, where the number of days worked in any given school year were in excess of 135. Step 8 is the maximum entry level placement.

### **23.3.2 Initial Salary Placement – Column**

Credit toward initial column placement begins with the Child Development Permit. Courses completed in addition to the Permit must be completed through an accredited college and shall be those courses offered for the attainment of an Associate or Bachelor’s degree and applicable to the field of Early Childhood education. Coursework grades need to be “C” or better, (Pass or Credit also apply). The teacher is required to provide an official transcript to Human Resources to verify and confirm their column placement.

### **23.3.3 Salary Advancement – Column**

Salary Placement for the school year shall be made by the Human Resources Office upon documentary evidence by an official transcript that has been received on or before September 15. It is the responsibility of each bargaining unit member to ensure official transcripts of training have been provided to Human Resources prior to September 15. In the event official transcripts are not available by September 15, a grade card or a written signed statement from the course instructor will be accepted, however, official transcripts of course work must be in the Human Resources Office no later than November 1. Coursework grades need to be “C” or better, (Pass or Credit also apply).

### **Clarification of Collegiate Courses Taken at an Accredited College or University**

1. Lower division courses applied to an Associate or Bachelor’s degree in the field of Early Childhood education will count towards advancement on the salary schedule.
2. A maximum of one (1) column advancement per school year will be available.

3. Work to be taken at a foreign university or college must be approved in advance.
4. No credit will be allowed for work taken in the armed services except for that work taken as regular university or college work at an accredited institution.

Prior approval by the Superintendent or designee shall be required for all training taken by bargaining unit members for the purpose of column advancement on the District Salary Schedule. (Please see Appendix F.)

- 23.3.4 Additional Compensation** – Compensation for any extra-duty beyond contract requirements shall be paid at the bargaining unit member's hourly rate, not to exceed C5.
- 23.4 WORK DAY AND WORK YEAR** – The length of the work year shall be one hundred and eighty-four (184) days or two hundred and twenty three (223) days, depending on county, state, and/or federal program requirements and needs. For full day 10-month (184 day) or 12-month (223 day) teachers, the work week shall consist of 5 consecutive days, working 8 hours per day and additional time for an unpaid, minimum 30-minute, duty free lunch. For part-time 10-month (184 day) teachers, the work week shall consist of 5 consecutive days of 4 hours per day.
- 23.5 PREP TIME** – For full day 10-month (184 day) or 12-month (223 day) teachers, 45 minutes of uninterrupted daily prep time will be provided to each teacher to be used for professional activities (for example, classroom preparations, parent conferences, and peer consultations).
- 23.6 LAYOFF** – Layoffs for Family Services Lead Teachers and Child Development Teachers shall be implemented in accordance with the Education Code applicable to child development teachers (Education Code section 8366).
- 23.7 CHILDREN'S SCHOOL ACTIVITY LEAVE** – Full time Family Services Lead and Child Development Teachers shall be granted up to forty (40) hours of unpaid leave time each school year (not to be exceed eight (8) hours monthly) in order to participate in their children's school activities. Such leave is not cumulative from year to year. Part time employee allotments are pro-rated accordingly. This leave will be pre-approved by the bargaining unit member's immediate supervisor or designee. School activities shall include, but not be limited to, events such as awards assemblies, student performances, or school plays. Events or activities requiring a short period of time not to exceed two (2) hours, need not be reported for payroll purposes but will be recorded at the site or department level. Activities requiring more times such as school field trips or school sports events will be reported and taken without pay.
- 23.8 EXTENDED SICK LEAVE BENEFIT** – For Child Development Teachers and Family Services Lead Teachers, after all earned leave is exhausted, additional non-accumulated leave shall be available for a period not to exceed five (5) school months, provided that the provisions of 10.1.4 are met. Upon exhaustion of all accumulated sick leave credit, a unit member who continues to be absent for purposes of this section will receive differential (50%) pay as per Education Code up to five (5) calendar months. The five-month period shall begin on the eleventh (11) day of absence due to illness or injury.
- 23.9 FILLING A VACANCY** – When a "true open" vacant child development teacher position has been identified, permanent, probationary, and temporary child development teacher employees will be given an opportunity to apply and interview for the open position.

MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

and

MURRIETA EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

APPENDICES

to the 7/1/21 - 6/30/24  
Labor Agreement

TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE							
184 DUTY DAYS							
Effective 7-01-2023 (7% increase; BOE Approved 5-11-2023)							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	BA	BA+15	BA+30	BA+45 MA	BA+60 MA+15	BA+75 MA+30	BA+75/wMA MA+45
STEP							
1	59,529	61,913	64,286	66,673	69,054	71,432	
2	62,353	64,846	67,346	69,836	72,334	74,825	
3	65,178	67,789	70,399	73,005	75,614	78,220	
4	68,010	70,730	73,449	76,172	78,891	81,612	
5	70,840	73,671	76,507	79,339	82,174	85,012	
6	73,667	76,614	79,558	82,508	85,458	88,399	
7	76,493	79,552	82,611	85,672	88,732	91,789	
8		82,491	85,670	88,841	92,011	95,187	
9			88,722	92,007	95,294	98,577	
10				95,170	98,574	101,974	
11					101,855	105,367	
12						108,757	
13						112,151	
14						115,546	
15							119,095
16							122,754
19						119,095	126,527
22							130,412
25							134,417
28							138,450
30							142,604
<b>PLACEMENT ON SALARY SCHEDULE</b>							
1. YEARS OF EXPERIENCE - The Murrieta Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) will recognize up to 7 years of experience for salary placement.							
a. Experience must be in a public school or meet the requirements of Article 6.2 of the Murrieta Teachers Association contract, (MTA).							
b. A year of experience is based on a minimum of 75% of duty days in a paid status.							
2. COLUMN PLACEMENT (Units) - As per the schedule under the following conditions:							
a. All units must be from an accredited college/university.							
b. Only units earned after the initial degree, or credits earned as post-baccalaureate taken prior to receipt of the initial degree, will be used in salary placement.							
c. A grade of "C" or better is required for units to be counted.							
d. Refer to MTA contract Article 6.3 for courses applicable to salary advancement.							
3. VERIFICATION - Employees are responsible to ensure all required documents verifying prior teaching experience & official, sealed transcripts for column placement are sent to MVUSD to confirm initial salary placement.							
EMPLOYEES & PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTRACT.							

MURRIETA VALLEY USD NURSE Effective 7-01-2023 (7% increase; BOE approved 5-11-2023)											
POSITION	DUTY DAYS	ANNUAL SALARY									
		STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6*	STEP 7*	STEP 8*	STEP 9*	CE Range
Nurse BA	195	92,516	97,146	102,000	107,099	112,457	115,269	118,150	121,103	123,525	26
Nurse MA	195	96,347	100,977	105,831	110,930	116,288	119,099	121,980	125,030	127,531	27
Lead Nurse	195	110,799	116,123	121,707	127,570	133,731	136,964	140,277	143,784	146,659	27.1
2. Eligibility for annual stipend determined by job description requirements. Annual stipend paid as applicable: Doctorate \$1000.											
3. <b>STEP 6*, STEP 7*, STEP 8* &amp; STEP 9* Longevity Steps:</b>											
<b>Step 6</b> is a longevity step that will be awarded to the above employees who have completed Step 5 with a full year of creditable service as defined by 75% of annual duty days in paid status in their position and have completed ten (10) years of service in the Murrieta Valley USD.											
<b>Step 7</b> is a longevity step that will be awarded to the above employees who have completed Step 6 with a full year of creditable service as defined by 75% of annual duty days in paid status in their position and have completed fifteen (15) years of service in the same position in the Murrieta Valley USD.											
<b>Step 8</b> is a longevity step that will be awarded to the above employees who have completed Step 7 with a full year of creditable service as defined by 75% of annual duty days in paid status in their position and have completed twenty (20) years of service in the same position in the Murrieta Valley USD.											
<b>Step 9</b> is a longevity step that will be awarded to the above employees who have completed Step 8 with a full year of creditable service as defined by 75% of annual duty days in paid status in their position and have completed twenty-five (25) years of service in the same position in the Murrieta Valley USD.											

MURRIETA VALLEY USD PSYCHOLOGIST Effective 7-01-2023 (7% increase; BOE approved 5-11-2023)											
POSITION	DUTY DAYS	ANNUAL SALARY									
		STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6*	STEP 7*	STEP 8*	STEP 9*	CE Range
Psychologist	199	107,359	112,727	118,361	124,281	130,491	133,753	137,099	140,527	143,337	31
3. Eligibility for annual stipend determined by job description requirements. Annual stipend paid as applicable: Doctorate \$1000.											
4. <b>STEP 6*, STEP 7*, STEP 8* &amp; STEP 9* Longevity Steps:</b>											
<b>Step 6</b> is a longevity step that will be awarded to the above employees who have completed Step 5 with a full year of creditable service as defined by 75% of annual duty days in paid status in their position and have completed ten (10) years of service in the Murrieta Valley USD.											
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MURRIETA VALLEY USD SPEECH PATHOLOGIST SALARY SCHEDULE Effective 7-01-2023 (7% increase; BOE approved 5-11-2023)											
POSITION	DUTY DAYS	ANNUAL SALARY									
		STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6*	STEP 7*	STEP 8*	STEP 9*	CE Range
Speech Pathologist	195	106,338	111,652	117,235	123,097	129,248	132,483	135,791	139,185	141,969	31
4. Eligibility for annual stipend determined by job description requirements. Annual stipend paid as applicable: Doctorate \$1000.											
5. <b>STEP 6*, STEP 7*, STEP 8* &amp; STEP 9* Longevity Steps:</b>											
<b>Step 6</b> is a longevity step that will be awarded to the above employees who have completed Step 5 with a full year of creditable service as defined by 75% of annual duty days in paid status in their position and have completed ten (10) years of service in the Murrieta Valley USD.											
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<b>MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> <b>CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE (184 DD)</b> <b>Effective 7-01-2023 (7% increase; BOE approved 5-11-2023)</b>					
21 STEP	A CDT PERMIT	B CDT PERMIT W/AA	C CDT PERMIT AA+30	D CDT PERMIT W/BA	
1	40,690	41,706	42,750	43,817	Annual
2	42,728	43,797	44,891	46,013	Annual
3	44,861	45,984	47,133	48,311	Annual
4	47,110	48,288	49,494	50,731	Annual
5	49,460	50,695	51,963	53,263	Annual
8	51,937	53,235	54,565	55,930	Annual
12	54,532	55,896	57,293	58,725	Annual
16	57,262	58,694	60,162	61,666	Annual
20	60,124	61,627	63,168	64,747	Annual
23	61,327	62,860	64,432	66,042	Annual

<b>MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> <b>CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE (223 DD)</b> <b>Effective 7-01-2023 (7% increase; BOE approved 5-11-2023)</b>					
21 STEP	A CDT PERMIT	B CDT PERMIT W/AA	C CDT PERMIT AA+30	D CDT PERMIT W/BA	
1	48,856	50,077	51,329	52,612	Annual
2	51,305	52,587	53,903	55,250	Annual
3	53,867	55,213	56,593	58,009	Annual
4	56,567	57,982	59,430	60,916	Annual
5	59,388	60,873	62,395	63,953	Annual
8	62,361	63,920	65,517	67,156	Annual
12	65,481	67,118	68,796	70,515	Annual
16	68,757	70,476	72,238	74,044	Annual
20	72,196	73,999	75,850	77,745	Annual
23	73,640	75,479	77,367	79,300	Annual



<b>MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILY SERVICES LEAD SALARY SCHEDULE (223 DD) Effective 7-01-2023 (7% increase; BOE approved 5-11-2023)</b>						
25 STEP	A CDT PERMIT	B CDT PERMIT W/AA	C CDT PERMIT AA+30	D CDT PERMIT W/BA		
1	53,289	54,622	55,987	57,387	Annual	
2	55,953	57,352	58,785	60,257	Annual	
3	58,750	60,218	61,723	63,268	Annual	
4	61,693	63,236	64,817	66,436	Annual	
5	64,775	66,394	68,053	69,756	Annual	
8	68,021	69,721	71,465	73,251	Annual	
12	71,417	73,204	75,034	76,910	Annual	
16	74,983	76,858	78,779	80,748	Annual	
20	78,732	80,700	82,717	84,787	Annual	
23	80,307	82,314	84,372	86,483	Annual	

## MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT JROTC SALARY SCHEDULE

- JROTC Instructor Certificated Salary Schedule shall be effective July 1, 2019.
- JROTC instructors will receive the Minimum instructor Pay (MIP) or appropriate step and column designation on the JROTC Salary Schedule, whichever is greater. It will be up to the individual employee to notify payroll to request movement from the MIP to the District Salary Schedule or vice versa. No retroactive pay will be approved.
- Beginning July 1, 2019, JROTC Instructors being paid on the District JROTC Salary Schedule will receive negotiated schedule salary increases. Those receiving Minimum Instructor Pay (MIP) will receive negotiated off schedule one-time payments only.
- The JROTC Instructor salary schedule is based upon 194 workdays, comprised of the 184 Certificated Teacher workdays plus 10 extra days to be used for programmatic needs to be directed in collaboration with site administration and the Senior Officer throughout the fiscal year, which would include weekends.
- For 2019-2020 ONLY: initial step and column placement will be determined based on each individual JROTC Instructor's current salary or MIP in conjunction with longevity, credential, and official transcripts outlining current education levels from an accredited university as outlined in Article 6.3.1. Instructors with initial salaries being paid on the District Salary Schedule above their qualified step and column will remain stationary until longevity or appropriate education level is exceeded to warrant a step and column increase.
- English Learner (EL) authorization will be required for step and column advancement on the current JROTC salary schedule.
- Article 6.2.3 and 6.3.4 will not apply for JROTC instructors.

<b>MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> <b>JROTC</b> <b>SALARY SCHEDULE</b> <b>Effective 7-01-2023 (7% increase; BOE approved 5-11-2023)</b>							
Row	AA/BA W/EMERGENCY CREDENTIAL	AA/BA W/DESIGNATED SERVICES CREDENTIAL	BA + 30	BA + 45 OR MA	BA + 60 OR MA + 15	BA + 75 OR MA + 30	BA + 75 W/MA OR MA + 45
1	62,745	65,259	67,760	71,358	72,787	75,292	0
2	65,882	68,523	71,149	74,925	76,426	79,057	0
3	69,176	71,948	74,705	78,671	80,247	83,010	0
4	72,635	75,546	78,441	82,605	84,259	87,160	0
5	0	79,324	82,364	86,736	88,473	91,518	0
6	0	83,290	86,482	91,072	92,895	96,094	0
7	0	87,454	90,805	95,626	97,540	100,899	0
8	0	0	95,345	100,408	102,417	105,944	0
9	0	0	100,113	105,427	107,538	111,241	0
10	0	0	0	110,699	112,915	116,803	0
11	0	0	0	0	118,561	122,643	0
12	0	0	0	0	124,489	128,775	0
13	0	0	0	0	130,713	135,214	0
14	0	0	0	0	137,249	141,975	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	145,524

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND LANGUAGE**

- All vacant extra-duty/stipend positions will be posted for five (5) working days. Any position that opens during a season may be filled on a temporary basis by school administration until the season is concluded. These positions will be opened for the following season.
- All extra-duty/stipend percentages are based on Step 1, Column A of the current teacher's salary schedule. In cases of coaching movement from assistant to head coach within a single sport, placement will be at step guaranteeing an increased pay rate.
- Coaches of CIF playoff teams or individuals will be granted an additional 1/12 of their stipend amount for each week or any portion of a week or coaching time beyond the regularly scheduled season.
- Coaches will receive 1/60 of their extra-duty/stipend per day after two weeks of coaching during a December or April intersession. If the school calendar changes, this language will be open for revision.
- Extra-duty stipends may be shared if all members involved, and site administration are in agreement.
- A listed stipend does not necessarily guarantee its funding. However, the Site Leadership Team and District Office agree to work closely together to ensure that schools will have the necessary funding to provide quality programs. All stipend funding provided to the sites by the District must be utilized for contract-listed stipends.
- Teachers working off-track on curriculum and instructional activities will be paid at the daily, non-emergency credentialed teacher substitute rate.
- Y-rating means the person in the extra-duty/stipend position will continue to receive their current rate of pay until they leave the position.
- Teacher release time may be substituted in lieu of hourly rate when SST meetings are held within the school day.

MEA STIPEND SCHEDULE						
Effective 7-01-2023 (7% increase; BOE Approved 08-10-2023)						
POSITION	I	II	III	Cost per	Cost per	Cost per
Based on current A/1 of Salary Schedule (\$59,529)	1 - 3 years	4 - 9 years	10+ years	Position I	Position II	Position III
<b>FOOTBALL</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0950	0.1100	0.1250	5655.238	6548.170	7441.103
Varsity Assistant	0.0700	0.0850	0.1000	4167.018	5059.950	5952.882
JV Head	0.0650	0.0800	0.0950	3869.373	4762.306	5655.238
JV Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
Frosh Head	0.0650	0.0800	0.0950	3869.373	4762.306	5655.238
Frosh Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>BASEBALL</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
Varsity Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
JV Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
Frosh Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>SOFTBALL</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
Varsity Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
JV Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
Frosh Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>WRESTLING BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
Varsity Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
JV Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
Frosh Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>VOLLEYBALL, BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
Varsity Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
JV Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594

MEA STIPEND SCHEDULE

Frosh Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>TENNIS, BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
JV Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>WATER POLO, BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
JV Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Cost per</b>	<b>Cost per</b>	<b>Cost per</b>
<b>Based on current A/1 of Salary Schedule (\$59,529)</b>	<b>1 - 3 years</b>	<b>4 - 9 years</b>	<b>10+ years</b>	<b>Position I</b>	<b>Position II</b>	<b>Position III</b>
<b>GOLF, BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
JV Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>BASKETBALL, BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0850	0.1000	0.1150	5059.950	5952.882	6845.814
Varsity Assistant	0.0650	0.0800	0.0950	3869.373	4762.306	5655.238
JV Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
Frosh Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>LACROSSE, BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
Varsity Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
JV Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
Frosh Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>SOCCER, BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
Varsity Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
JV Head	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594

MEA STIPEND SCHEDULE

<b>SWIMMING, BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>TRACK, BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>CROSS COUNTRY, BOYS/GIRLS</b>						
Varsity Head	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
Assistant	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>STRENGTH &amp; CONDITIONING</b>						
Off-season coach (per semester)	0.0300	0.0375	0.0450	1785.865	2232.331	2678.797
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Cost per</b>	<b>Cost per</b>	<b>Cost per</b>
<b>Based on current A/1 of Salary Schedule (\$59,529)</b>	<b>1 - 3 years</b>	<b>4 - 9 years</b>	<b>10+ years</b>	<b>Position I</b>	<b>Position II</b>	<b>Position III</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>						
<b>SUPPORT POSITIONS</b>						
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR	0.1800	0.1950	0.2100	10715.188	11608.120	12501.053
ATHLETIC TRAINER	0.1600	0.1750	0.1900	9524.611	10417.544	11310.476
CHEER COACH (fall, winter & competition)	0.1250	0.1400	0.1550	7441.103	8334.035	9226.967
ASST. CHEER COACH (fall, winter, competition)	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
<b>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</b>						
<b>ACADEMIC COMPETITION:</b>						
MOCK TRIAL	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
ROBOTICS	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
SPEECH	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
VIRTUAL ENTERPRISE	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
ACADEMIC DECATHLON	0.0300	0.0375	0.0450	1785.865	2232.331	2678.797
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY LEADER	0.0400	0.0475	0.0550	2381.153	2827.619	3274.085

MEA STIPEND SCHEDULE

CLASS ADVISOR, 9-10	0.0200	0.0275	0.0350	1190.576	1637.043	2083.509
CLASS ADVISOR, 11-12	0.0300	0.0375	0.0450	1785.865	2232.331	2678.797
DEPARTMENT CHAIR	0.0250	0.0325	0.0400	1488.221	1934.687	2381.153
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAM (PLT) LEAD	0.0250	0.0325	0.0400	1488.221	1934.687	2381.153
NEWSPAPER	0.0500	0.0575	0.0650	2976.441	3422.907	3869.373
YEARBOOK	0.0500	0.0575	0.0650	2976.441	3422.907	3869.373
ROTC	0.0400	0.0475	0.0550	2381.153	2827.619	3274.085
<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b>						
MARCHING BAND DIRECTOR	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
ASST. MARCHING BAND (>75)	0.0500	0.0575	0.0650	2976.441	3422.907	3869.373
DRAMA DIRECTOR ( minimum 3 plays)	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
ASST. DRAMA (per play)	0.0150	0.0225	0.0300	892.932	1339.398	1785.865
CHOIR DIRECTOR	0.0800	0.0950	0.1100	4762.306	5655.238	6548.170
DANCE DIRECTOR	0.0600	0.0750	0.0900	3571.729	4464.662	5357.594
PERFORMANCE CORE DIRECTOR	0.0700	0.0850	0.1000	4167.018	5059.950	5952.882
ASST. PERFORMANCE CORE (>30)	0.0500	0.0575	0.0650	2976.441	3422.907	3869.373
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Cost per</b>	<b>Cost per</b>	<b>Cost per</b>
<b>Based on current A/1 of Salary Schedule (\$59,529)</b>	<b>1 - 3 years</b>	<b>4 - 9 years</b>	<b>10+ years</b>	<b>Position I</b>	<b>Position II</b>	<b>Position III</b>
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>						
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR	0.1	0.115	0.13	5952.882	6845.814	7738.747
G.A.T.E. FACILITATOR	0.04	0.0475	0.055	2381.153	2827.619	3274.085
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY LEADER	0.04	0.0475	0.055	2381.153	2827.619	3274.085
BAND DIRECTOR	0.04	0.0475	0.055	2381.153	2827.619	3274.085
CHORUS DIRECTOR	0.04	0.0475	0.055	2381.153	2827.619	3274.085
DRAMA DIRECTOR	0.04	0.0475	0.055	2381.153	2827.619	3274.085
CLUB ADVISOR	0.02	0.0275	0.035	1190.576	1637.043	2083.509
DEPT/GRADE LEADER	0.0250	0.0325	0.0400	1488.221	1934.687	2381.153
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAM (PLT) LEAD	0.0250	0.0325	0.0400	1488.221	1934.687	2381.153
SST COORDINATOR	\$25 per hour					



SST MEMBER	\$20 per hour					
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MEA STIPEND SCHEDULE

YEARBOOK	0.05	0.0575	0.065	2976.441	3422.907	3869.373
INTRAMURAL SPORTS (per season 3)	0.02	0.0275	0.035	1190.576	1637.043	2083.509
SPECIAL EVENTS DAY COACH	0.02	0.0275	0.035	1190.576	1637.043	2083.509
(i.e., History, Math, Geography,						
Science, Spelling, Language,						
GATE, Drill, Dance)						
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>						
SST FACILITATOR	\$25 per hour					
SST MEMBER	\$20 per hour					
GRADE LEVEL/DIVISION LEADER	0.0250	0.0325	0.0400	1488.221	1934.687	2381.153
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAM (PLT) LEAD	0.0250	0.0325	0.0400	1488.221	1934.687	2381.153
ASB ADVISOR	0.02	0.0275	0.035	1190.576	1637.043	2083.509
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY LEADER	0.04	0.0475	0.055	2381.153	2827.619	3274.085
SPECIAL EVENTS COACH	0.02	0.0275	0.035	1190.576	1637.043	2083.509
(i.e., Math Day, T/F, Yearbook,						
Science, Spelling Bee, GATE, Tech Night)						

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2023-24 STUDENT CALENDAR**  
180 Student Attendance Days (numbered 1-180)

H = Holiday - No School  
S = Saturday or Sunday

P = Preparation Day  
PD = Professional Development Day

JULY 2023					BOE Approved 2/10/22																									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SS	SS		H				SS	SS						SS	SS							SS	SS					SS	SS	

AUGUST																														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				SS	SS	P	PD	1	2	3	SS	SS	4	5	6	7	8	SS	SS	9	10	11	12	13	SS	SS	14	15	16	17

SEPTEMBER																														
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18	SS	SS	H	19	20	21	22	SS	SS	23	24	25	26	27	SS	SS	28	29	30	31	32	SS	SS	33	34	35	36	37	SS	

OCTOBER																														
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SS	38	39	40	41	42	SS	SS	43	44	45	46	47	SS	SS	48	49	50	51	52	SS	SS	53	54	55	56	57	SS	SS	58	59

NOVEMBER																														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
PD	60	61	SS	SS	62	63	64	65	H	SS	SS	66	67	68	69	70	SS	SS				H	H	SS	SS	71	72	73	74	

DECEMBER																														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
75	SS	SS	76	77	78	79	80	SS	SS	81	82	83	84	85	SS	SS					H	SS	SS	H	H				SS	SS

Winter Break (12/18/23 -1/05/24)

JANUARY 2024																														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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FEBRUARY																														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
102	103	SS	SS	104	105	106	107	108	SS	SS	109	110	111	112	H	SS	SS	H	113	114	115	116	SS	SS	117	118	119	120		

MARCH																														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
121	SS	SS	122	123	124	125	126	SS	SS	127	128	129	130	131	SS	SS	132	133	134	135	136	SS	SS	137	138	139	140	141	SS	SS

APRIL																														
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				H	SS	SS	142	143	144	145	146	SS	SS	147	148	149	150	151	SS	SS	152	153	154	155	156	SS	SS	157	158	
Spring Break (Week of 4/01/24) Classified Spring Holiday 4/05/24																														

Spring Break (Week of 4/01/24) Classified Spring Holiday 4/05/24

MAY																														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
159	160	161	SS	SS	162	163	164	165	166	SS	SS	167	168	169	170	171	SS	SS	172	173	174	175	176	SS	SS	H	177	178	179	180

JUNE																														
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**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES**

Name of Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Period: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Status: ☐ Tenured ☐ Probationary / Year ☐ Intern ☐ One (1) or ☐ Two (2) ☐ Temporary**INSTRUCTIONS: Print one of the ratings for each factor**

**KEY:**      **ME** = Meets or Exceeds Expectations  
               **NI** = Needs Improvement  
               **U** = Unsatisfactory

Descriptors are available and must be used as a reference to establish ratings for each area.  
 Ratings of "U" or "NI" must be accompanied by specific suggestions for improvement.

Specific comments are required for performance that Exceeds Expectations.

<b>STANDARD ONE Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Overall Rating</b>
1. Connects students' prior knowledge, life experience, and interests with learning goals.			
2. Uses a variety of instructional strategies and resources to respond to students' diverse needs.			
3. Facilitates learning experiences that promote autonomy, interaction, and choice.			
4. Engages students in problem solving, critical thinking, and other activities that make subject matter meaningful.			
5. Promotes self-directed, reflective learning for all students.			

<b>STANDARD TWO Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Overall Rating</b>
1. Creates a physical environment that engages all students.			
2. Establishes a climate that promotes fairness and respect.			
3. Promotes social development and group responsibility.			
4. Establishes and maintains standards for student behavior.			
5. Plans and implements classroom procedures and routines that support student learning.			
6. Uses instructional time effectively.			

Employee Name:

Date:

**INSTRUCTION 8: Print one of the ratings for each factor**

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<b>STANDARD THREE</b> <b>Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Overall Rating</b>
1. Demonstrates knowledge of subject matter content and student development.			
2. Organizes curriculum to support student understanding of subject matter.			
3. Inter-relates ideas and information within and across subject matter areas.			
4. Develops student understanding through instructional strategies that are appropriate to the subject matter.			
5. Uses materials, resources, and technologies to make subject matter accessible to students.			

<b>STANDARD FOUR</b> <b>Planning Instruction and Design Learning Experiences for All Students</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Overall Rating</b>
1. Draws on and values students' backgrounds, interests, and developmental learning needs.			
2. Establishes and articulates goals for student learning.			
3. Develops and sequences instructional activities and materials for student learning.			
4. Designs short-term and long-term plans to foster student learning.			
5. Modifies instructional plans to adjust for student needs.			

<b>STANDARD FIVE</b> <b>Assessing Student Learning</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Overall Rating</b>
1. Establishes and communicates learning goals for all students.			
2. Collects and uses multiple sources of information to assess student learning.			
3. Involves and guides all students in assessing their learning.			
4. Uses the results of assessments to guide instruction.			
5. Communicates with students, families, and other audiences about student progress.			
6. Students demonstrate progress towards the attainment of grade-level academic standards or IEP goals as evidenced by results from multiple performance measures. *			

Employee Name:

Date:

**INSTRUCTION 8: Print one of the ratings for each factor**

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Specific comments are required for performance that Exceeds Expectations.

STANDARD SIX Developing as a Professional Educator	Rating	Comments	Overall Rating
1. Reflects on teaching practice and plans professional development.			
2. Establishes professional goals and pursues opportunities to grow professionally.			
3. Works with communities to improve professional practice.			
4. Works with families to improve professional practice.			
5. Works with colleagues to improve professional practice.			
6. Balances professional responsibilities and maintains motivation.			

- Employees who receive three (3) or more Unsatisfactory ratings within a Standard shall be rated as overall Unsatisfactory in that standard.
- Employees who receive one (1) Unsatisfactory or three (3) Needs to Improve ratings shall be rated as an overall Needs to Improve in that Standard.
- Permanent employees who receive two (2) or more overall ratings of Unsatisfactory within Standards one through five (1-5) shall be referred to the Teacher Support Network.
- Analysis of student performance assessments takes into account mitigating factors such as student attendance, entry-level achievement, special program membership and other measurable variables that influence student achievement in accordance with the provisions of MVUSD/MEA Article 13.5.4

**COMMENDATION 8 (Additional pages may be attached)**


Employee Name:

Date:

[illegible][illegible]

OVERALL RATING: ☐ Meets or Exceeds District Standards  
☐ Needs Improvement  
☐ Unsatisfactory

 **Refer to** Teacher Support Network (TSN).

Evaluated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**NOTE:** Signature of the evaluatee indicates this performance evaluation was discussed with evaluatee and does not necessarily indicate agreement on the part of the evaluatee. If the evaluatee disagrees with this performance evaluation, he/she may submit a written statement within ten (10) working days from receipt to the evaluator, which will be attached to this performance appraisal.

Employee Signature:

Date:

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT TEACHER EVALUATION  
DESCRIPTORS**

**STANDARD ONE: ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS IN LEARNING**

<b>FACTOR</b>	<b>UNSATISFACTORY</b>	<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>MEETS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>	<b>EXCEEDS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>
<b>1. Connects students' prior knowledge, life experience, and interests with learning goals</b>	<p>The teacher makes no connections between the learning goals and the students' prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests.</p> <p>The teacher does not elicit student questions or comments during a lesson.</p>	<p>The teacher makes only cursory connections between the learning goals and the student's prior knowledge, life experience, and interest.</p> <p>The teacher elicits cursory questions from students during a lesson to monitor their understanding.</p>	<p>The teacher makes substantial connections between the learning goals and the students' prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests.</p> <p>The teacher elicits and uses student's questions and comments during a lesson to extend their understanding.</p>	<p>The teacher facilitates as students connect and apply their prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests to new learning and the achievement of learning goals.</p> <p>The teacher builds on students' questions and comments during lessons to modify instruction.</p>
<b>2. Uses a variety of instructional strategies and resources to respond to students' diverse needs</b>	The teacher uses instructional strategies, but they lack variety, are poorly carried out, or are inappropriate to the students or the instructional goals. No adjustments are made to respond to students' needs.	The teacher uses a selection of instructional strategies that are largely appropriate to the students and the instructional goals, but they may lack variety or may not be responsive to students' needs.	The teacher uses a variety of instructional strategies that are appropriate to the students and the instructional goals. The teacher carries these strategies out thoughtfully, make some adjustments to respond to students' needs.	The teacher makes skillful use of a wide repertoire of instructional strategies to engage all students in learning, make adjustments while teaching to respond to students' needs.
<b>3. Facilitates learning experiences that promote autonomy, interaction, and choice</b>	The teacher, permitting no student autonomy, interaction, or choice directs learning experiences.	Learning experiences are directed by the teacher and allow marginal student autonomy, interaction, and choice.	Learning experiences are facilitated by the teacher to promote constructive interactions, autonomy, and choice; and to encourage and support student involvement in learning.	Learning experiences are facilitated by the teacher and students to promote and support a variety of constructive interactions, autonomy, and choice in the pursuit of significant learning.
<b>4. Engages students in problem solving, critical thinking, and other activities that make subject matter meaningful</b>	No learning opportunities are provided for students to engage in problem solving, analysis, or inquiry within or across subject matter areas.	Some learning opportunities are provided for students to engage in problem solving within subject matter areas, but no support is given to develop necessary skills.	Learning opportunities and support are provided for students to engage in problem solving and in investigating and analyzing subject matter concepts and questions within subject matter areas.	Learning opportunities are provided that extend student thinking and engage and support all students in problem posing, problem solving, inquiry, and analysis or subject matter concepts and questions within or across subject matter areas.
<b>5. Promotes self-directed, reflective learning for all students</b>	No opportunities are provided for students to initiate their own learning or to monitor their own work.	Students' learning is directed and monitored by the teacher, but only marginal opportunities are provided for students to reflect on their work individually	Students are supported in developing the skills needed to monitor their own learning during activities. Students reflect on and talk about their own work with peers.	Students take initiative for their own learning, and reflect on, talk about, and evaluate their own work with peers.

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS**


**STANDARD TWO: CREATING AND MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR STUDENT LEARNING**

<b>FACTOR</b>	<b>UNSATISFACTORY</b>	<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>MEETS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>	<b>EXCEEDS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>
1. Creates a physical environment that engages all students	The physical environment does not support student learning. There are one or more safety hazards, and materials are difficult to access when needed.	The physical environment is arranged for safety and accessibility, but it does not facilitate individual student engagement in learning.	The arrangement of the physical environment ensures safety and accessibility. Most students work well individually or together as they participate in learning activities.	The arrangement of the physical environment ensures safety and accessibility, and facilitates constructive interaction and purposeful engagement for all students in learning activities.
2. Establishes a climate that promotes fairness and respect	Unfairness or disrespect, either between the teacher and students or among students characterizes the classroom climate.  Students are unwilling to take risks.  Teacher response to inappropriate behaviors is unfair or inequitable.	A climate of fairness, caring, and respect is established by the teacher for most students, but few students extend themselves academically, and the teacher does not encourage them.  The pattern of teacher response to inappropriate behavior is inconsistent.	The teacher maintains a climate of fairness, caring and respect, and students are encouraged to take risks and be creative.  The pattern of teacher response to inappropriate behavior is fair and equitable.	Students ensure that a climate of equity, caring, and respect is maintained in the classroom, and students take risks and are creative.  The pattern of teacher response to inappropriate behavior is fair and equitable.
3. Promotes social development and group responsibility	Students' social development, self-esteem, and diversity are not supported, and students have no sense of responsibility for each other.	Students respect each other's differences and work together marginally well.  The teacher provides cursory opportunities for students to assume responsibility.	Students respect each other's differences and work independently and collaboratively, taking responsibility for themselves and their peers.	Students work independently and collaboratively and maintain a classroom community in which they respect each other's differences, assume leadership, and are responsible for themselves and their peers.
4. Establishes and maintains standards for student behavior	No standards for behavior appear to have been established, or students are confused about what the standards are.	The teacher has established standards for behavior.  The teacher's response to student behavior is marginally appropriate.	Standards for behavior are established, are clear to all students, and are maintained by the teacher.  The teacher's response to student behavior is appropriate.	Students and teacher develop standards for behavior together, and students are responsible for helping each other maintain standards.
5. Plans and implements classroom procedures and routines that support student learning	Classroom procedures and routines have not been established or are not being enforced.	Procedures and routines have been established and work marginally well.	Procedures and routines work smoothly, with no loss of instructional time.	Students and teacher ensure that classroom procedures and routines operate seamlessly and efficiently.



**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS**

**STANDARD TWO: CREATING AND MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR STUDENT LEARNING (continued)**

 <b>6. Uses instructional time effectively</b>	<p>Learning activities are often rushed or too long.</p> <p>Neither pacing of lessons nor student engagement is observed.</p> <p>Transitions are rough or confusing, resulting in a loss of instructional time.</p>	<p>Instructional time is not paced so that students can complete learning activities.</p> <p>Pacing of lessons is not appropriate to activities and does not enable all students to engage with content.</p> <p>Transitions used to move students into new activities are marginally effective.</p>	<p>Pacing of lessons is appropriate to activities and enables all students to engage successfully with the content.</p> <p>Transitions are smooth.]</p>	<p>Pacing of lessons is adjusted as needed to ensure the engagement of all students in learning activities.</p> <p>Transitions are seamless.</p>
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**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS**

**STANDARD THREE: UNDERSTANDING AND ORGANIZING SUBJECT MATTER FOR STUDENT LEARNING**

FACTOR	UNSATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	MEETS DISTRICT STANDARDS	EXCEEDS DISTRICT STANDARDS
1. Demonstrates knowledge of subject matter content and student development	The teacher's working knowledge of subject matter and student development is not evident, does not support students' learning, and not current.	The teacher's working knowledge of subject matter and basic principles of student development reflects a single perspective, supports some students' learning, and is marginally current.	The teacher's working knowledge of subject matter and basic principles of student development incorporates different perspectives, supports all students' learning, and is current.	The teacher's working knowledge of subject matter and individual students' development incorporates a broad range of perspectives, strongly supports all students' learning, and is current.
2. Organizes curriculum to support student understanding of subject matter	The curriculum is not <u>organized</u> and it does not demonstrate concepts, themes, and skills; does not value different perspectives or does not support students' understanding of core concepts.	The curriculum is not coherently organized, inconsistently demonstrates concepts, themes, and skills; marginally reveals and values different perspectives; and marginally supports an understanding of core concepts for all students.	The curriculum is organized and sequenced and demonstrates concepts, themes, and skills reveals and values different perspectives.  It supports an understanding of core concepts for all students.	The curriculum is organized and sequenced and demonstrates concepts, themes, and skills, and the relationships between them. It reveals and values a <u>broad range</u> of perspectives, and is organized to ensure that all students develop a deep understanding of core concepts.
3. Inter-relates ideas and information within and across subject matter areas	The teacher presents curriculum without identifying or integrating key concepts and information, or does not relate content to previous learning <u>in order to</u> support students' understanding.	The teacher identifies insufficient key concepts and information within the curriculum, and attempts to relate content to previous learning without extending students' understanding.	The teacher identifies and integrates key concepts and information within the curriculum, relates content to students' lives, and uses previous learning to extend students' understanding.	The teacher facilitates students as they identify and integrate concepts and information within and across curriculum, relate content to their lives and previous learning, and use this to extend their understanding.
4. Develops student understanding through instructional strategies that are appropriate to the subject matter	Instructional strategies are not appropriately matched to subject matter content or concepts, and do not encourage students to think critically or to extend their knowledge.	The teacher uses minimal strategies to make the content accessible to students, and then encourages students to think critically or to extend their knowledge of subject matter.	The teacher uses appropriate instructional strategies to make content accessible to students, to encourage them to think critically, and to extend their knowledge of subject matter.	The teacher facilitates students as they identify and integrate concepts and information within and across curriculum, relates content to their lives and previous learning, and uses this to extend their understanding.
5. Uses materials, resources, and technologies to make subject matter accessible to students	Instructional materials, resources and technologies are either not used or used inappropriately.	Instructional materials, resources, and technologies are used infrequently to convey key subject matter concepts.	Instructional materials, resources, and technologies support the curriculum and promote students' understanding of content and concepts.	A range of instructional materials, resources, and technologies are integrated into the curriculum to extend students' understanding of content and concepts.

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS**

**STANDARD FOUR: PLANNING INSTRUCTION & DESIGNING LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

<b>FACTOR</b>	<b>UNSATISFACTORY</b>	<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>MEETS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>	<b>EXCEEDS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>
<b>1. Draws on and values students' backgrounds, interests, and developmental learning needs</b>	Instructional plans do not match or reflect students' backgrounds, experiences, interests, and developmental needs, and do not support students' learning.	Instructional plans are minimally related to information about students' backgrounds, experiences, interests, and developmental needs to support students' learning.	Instructional plans reflect students' backgrounds, experiences, interests, and developmental needs to support students' learning.	Instructional plans are built on students' backgrounds, experiences, interests, and developmental needs to support all students' learning.
<b>2. Establishes and articulates goals for student learning</b>	Instructional goals are not established or do not address students' language, experience, or home and school expectations.	Instructional goals do not regularly address students' language, experience, and/or home and school expectations.	Short-term and long-term instructional goals are based on students' language, experiences, or home and school expectations. Goals are appropriately challenging for most students and represent valuable learning.	Short-term and long-term instructional goals are set by teacher and students, and integrate students' language, experiences, and home and school expectations. Goals are appropriately challenging for all students and represent valuable learning.
<b>3. Develops and sequences instructional activities and materials for student learning</b>	Instructional activities and materials are not appropriate to the students, or the instructional goals, do not engage students in meaningful learning.  Activities are not logically sequenced.	Instructional activities and materials are marginally appropriate to students and learning goals, and minimally engage students in meaningful learning.  Few activities are logically sequenced within individual lessons.	Instructional activities and materials are appropriate to students and the learning goals, make content and concepts relevant, and engage most students in meaningful learning.  Activities are logically sequenced within individual lessons.	Instructional activities and materials are differentiated to reflect individual students' interests and developmental needs, and engage all students in meaningful learning.  Activities support the learning goals and are logically sequenced to clarify content and concepts.
<b>4. Designs short-term and long-term plans to foster student learning</b>	No evidence of long-term plans; individual lesson plans no relation to established long-term goals.	Long-term plans have a recognizable structure, although the sequence of individual lessons is incoherent and only minimally helps students develop conceptual understanding.	Long-term plans have a coherent structure, with learning activities in individual lessons well sequenced to promote understanding of concepts.	Long-term plans are highly coherent. Learning sequences are responsive to the needs of individual students and promote understanding of complex concepts.

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS**

**STANDARD FOUR: PLANNING INSTRUCTION & DESIGNING LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR ALL STUDENTS** (continued)

<b>FACTOR</b>	<b>UNSATISFACTORY</b>	<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>MEETS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>	<b>EXCEEDS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>
<b>5. Modifies instructional plans to adjust for student needs</b>	Instructional plans are not modified, in spite of evidence that modifications would improve student learning.	Modifications to instructional plans address only cursory aspects of the lesson.	Instructional plans are modified as needed to enhance student learning based on formal and informal assessment.	Instructional plans are modified, as needed, based on formal and informal assessment and students' suggestions to ensure deeper conceptual understanding by all students.

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS**

**STANDARD FIVE:                    ASSESSING STUDENT LEARNING**

<b>FACTOR</b>	<b>UNSATISFACTORY</b>	<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>MEETS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>	<b>EXCEEDS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>
<b>1. Establishes and communicates learning goals for all students</b>	Few or no learning goals are established.  Learning goals are not revised or clearly communicated to students or families.	Learning goals are established to meet school and district expectations.  Goals are communicated to all students or families without revision (student needs excluded).	Learning goals are established in relation to student needs and the curriculum, and meet district and state expectations.  Goals are communicated to all student and their families, and are revised as needed.	Learning goals are established by the teacher, students, and families; are appropriate to students' needs and the curriculum, and meet district and state expectations.  Goals are fully integrated into long-term and short-term planning and communications.
<b>2. Collects and uses multiple sources of information to assess student learning</b>	The teacher uses no multiple performance measures to assess student learning and/or uses assessment strategies that are not appropriate to students' learning.	The teacher uses one or two multiple performance measures to assess student learning and one or two assessment strategies to understand student progress.	The teacher uses a variety of multiple performance measures to collect information about student learning and several appropriate assessment strategies to understand student progress.	The teacher uses a variety of multiple performance measures to collect information about student learning and a wide range of appropriate assessment strategies to understand student progress.
<b>3. Involves and guides all students in assessing their own learning</b>	Students have no opportunity to reflect on or assess their own work.	Student reflection is not regularly included during classroom activities.	Student reflection and self-assessment are included in most learning activities. The teacher <u>models</u> skills and assessment strategies to help students understand their own work.	Ongoing student reflection and self-assessment are integrated into the learning process. Students demonstrate assessment strategies
<b>4. Uses the results of assessment to guide instruction</b>	Information about student learning is not used by the teacher to plan, guide, or adjust instruction.	Information from a limited range of multiple performance measures is used to plan learning activities and support class needs and achievement.	Information from a variety of multiple performance measures is used to plan and modify learning activities, as well as to meet class and individual student needs and achievement.	Information from a variety of ongoing multiple performance measures is used to plan and modify learning activities, and to support class and individual student needs and achievement.
<b>5. Communicates with students, families, and other audiences about student progress</b>	The teacher does not provide information about learning to students, <u>families</u> and support personnel.	The teacher does not regularly provide information about student learning to students, families, and support personnel to promote understanding and academic progress.	The teacher regularly exchanges information about student learning with students, families, and support personnel in ways that improve understanding and encourage academic progress.	Students participate with the teacher to exchange information about their learning with families and support personnel in ways that improve understanding and encourage academic progress.

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS**

**STANDARD FIVE:            ASSESSING STUDENT LEARNING (continued)**

FACTOR	UNSATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	MEETS DISTRICT STANDARDS	EXCEEDS DISTRICT STANDARDS
<p>6. Students demonstrate progress* toward the attainment of grade-level academic standards** as evidenced by results from multiple performance measures</p> <p><u>e.g.</u> Learner outcomes as described in the district's course outlines and curriculum guides</p>	<p>Record keeping on assessment results is incomplete and/or the teacher has not administered assessments on a consistent basis according to established guidelines.</p> <p>Students show no progress in core academic areas.</p> <p>No students demonstrate progress towards the attainment of grade-level standards according to multiple performance measures.</p>	<p>Teacher has administered all required assessments and maintained records, yet a <u>majority of</u> students do not demonstrate a consistent pattern of progress in the subject areas taught. (Note * below)</p> <p>Students with baseline scores of <u>average</u> or above demonstrate progress toward grade-level standards, while students with lower baseline scores show little or no progress.</p> <p>Students may demonstrate measurable and significant progress, <u>a large number of</u> students may have demonstrated marginal gains or regressed.</p>	<p>Students who are members of special populations (<u>e.g.</u> ELL, RSP, etc.) are making progress in subject areas, through growth may be less, on the average, than students who are not members of a special population.</p> <p>Students demonstrate a consistent pattern of progress towards the attainment of grade-level standards according to multiple performance measures.</p>	<p>Students who are members of special populations demonstrate growth according to assessment results and may show increases <u>in excess of</u> expectations.</p> <p>The pattern of progress is consistent among subject areas and the correlation between grades and assessment results is strong.</p> <p>Students demonstrate a uniform pattern of progress towards the attainment of grade-level standards in subject area(s) taught.</p>

\* Analysis of student performance and assessment takes into account extenuating and mitigating factors such as student attendance, entry-level achievement, special program membership, and other variables that influence student achievement in accordance with the provisions of article 18.5.4.

\*\* When grade-level standards are assessed by a state adopted criteria referenced assessment, multiple performance measures, not just the state referenced test, will be used to assess student progress toward attaining grade level standards.



**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS**

**STANDARD SIX: DEVELOPING AS A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR**

<b>FACTOR</b>	<b>UNSATISFACTORY</b>	<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>MEETS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>	<b>EXCEEDS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>
<b>1. Reflects on reaching practice and planning professional development</b>	<p>The teacher does not reflect on specific problems or areas of concern in his or her teaching practice.</p> <p>Does not use reflection to assess growth over time or to plan professional development.</p>	<p>The teacher reflects on some lesson and areas of concern in his or her teaching practice, and assesses growth in these areas with assistance.</p> <p>Uses reflection to plan professional development.</p>	<p>The teacher reflects on his or her teaching practice in relation to areas of concern and student learning, and assesses growth over time.</p> <p>Uses reflection to plan professional development.</p>	<p>The teacher reflects on his or her teaching practice in relation to student learning and instructional goals, and assesses growth over time.</p> <p>Plans professional development based on reflection.</p>
<b>2. Establishes professional goals and pursues opportunities</b>	<p>Professional goals are not established to guide practice.</p> <p>The teacher rarely pursues opportunities to develop new knowledge or skills.</p> <p>Does not participate in the professional community.</p>	<p>Professional goals are established with assistance.</p> <p>The teacher pursues opportunities to acquire new knowledge and skills.</p> <p>Infrequently participates in the professional community.</p>	<p>Professional goals are developed.</p> <p>The teacher pursues opportunities to acquire new knowledge and skills.</p> <p>Participates in the professional community.</p>	<p>Professional goals are extended.</p> <p>The teacher pursues opportunities to expand knowledge and skills.</p> <p>Participates in and contributes to the professional community.</p>
<b>3. Works with communities to improve professional practice</b>	<p>The teacher has limited knowledge of students' communities or of how to access them to provide learning experiences for students or to promote collaboration with the school.</p>	<p>The teacher understands the importance of students' communities, but is not sure how to apply this to benefit students and families, provide experiences to support learning, or promote collaboration with the school.</p>	<p>The teacher values students' communities and develops knowledge of them to benefit students and families, provides some experiences to support student learning, and support collaboration between school and community.</p>	<p>The teacher values students' communities and uses knowledge of them to benefit students and families, provide students with experiences that support their learning, and promote collaboration between school and community.</p>
<b>4. Works with families to improve professional practice</b>	<p>The teacher does not demonstrate respect for students' families or their backgrounds, but has limited communication with families, and is not sure how to provide opportunities for participation in the classroom or school community.</p>	<p>The teacher respects some students' families, initiates communication and develops an understanding of their diverse backgrounds, and may provide some opportunities for families to participate in the classroom or school community.</p>	<p>The teacher respects students' families, develops positive communication and an understanding of their diverse backgrounds, and provides opportunities for families to participate in the classroom or school community.</p>	<p>The teacher respects all students' families, understands their diverse backgrounds, maintains ongoing positive interactions, and provides multiple opportunities for meaningful participation in the classroom or school community.</p>

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS**

**STANDARD SIX: DEVELOPING AS A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR (continued)**

<b>FACTOR</b>	<b>UNSATISFACTORY</b>	<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>MEETS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>	<b>EXCEEDS DISTRICT STANDARDS</b>
<b>5. Works with colleagues to improve professional practice</b>	The teacher rarely converses with colleagues, rarely seeks out other staff to meet student needs, and rarely participates in school or district events or learning activities.	The teacher engages in dialogue with some colleagues, seeks out staff to help meet students' needs, and participates in some school-wide events.	The teacher engages in dialogue with colleagues, collaborates with staff to meet students' needs, and participates in school-wide events.	The teacher engages in dialogue and reflection with colleagues, collaborates with staff to meet students' needs, and contributes to school-wide and district-wide decision making, events, and professional development.
<b>6. Balances professional responsibilities and maintains motivation</b>	<p>Fails to fulfill professional responsibilities.</p> <p>Acts and appears unprofessional.</p> <p>Does not adhere to the rules and regulations of the school and the district concerning legal responsibility for students' learning, behavior, and safety.</p>	<p>Attempts to fulfill professional responsibilities.</p> <p>Inconsistent professional conduct and appearance in the classroom and at the school.</p> <p>Usually adheres to the rules and regulations of the school and the district concerning legal responsibility for students' learning, behavior, and safety.</p>	<p>Fulfills professional responsibilities.</p> <p>Demonstrates professional conduct and appearance in the classroom and at the school.</p> <p>Adheres to professional and legal responsibilities for students learning, behavior, and safety.</p>	<p>Noteworthy efforts to enhance the professional caliber of the classroom at the school site.</p> <p>Models professional conduct, appearance, and integrity in the classroom and at the school.</p> <p>Adheres to and helps others understand the professional and legal responsibilities for student learning, behavior, and safety.</p>



**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CERTIFICATED GRIEVANCE FORM**

	Date Rcd	Date Rtd		Date Rcd	Date Rtd
<b>LEVEL 1</b>	_____	_____	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	_____	_____
<b>LEVEL 2</b>	_____	_____	<b>LEVEL 4</b>	_____	_____

Date of occurrence of cause of grievance \_\_\_\_\_

Date of informal discussion with supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF GRIEVANCE:**

This statement shall be a clear, concise statement of the grievance, the contract provisions allegedly violated, the circumstances involved, the decision rendered at the informal conference, and the specific remedy sought. (Use back if needed)

_____ Signature of Grievant	_____ Date of Signature
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**LEVEL 1: DECISION OF SUPERVISOR**

_____ Signature of Supervisor	_____ Date of Signature
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**LEVEL 2: DECISION OF SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE**

_____ Signature of Superintendent or Designee	_____ Date of Signature
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**LEVEL 3: DECISION OF THE MEDIATOR**

_____ Signature of Superintendent or Designee	_____ Date of Signature
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**LEVEL 4: ARBITRATION**

ARBITRATOR AGREED UPON: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF HEARING: \_\_\_\_\_

APPENDIX F

MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**CERTIFICATED COURSE APPROVAL FORM - (MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO TAKING COURSES)**

EMPLOYEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL SITE: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Title	Begin Date	End Date	Course #	Semester Units	Quarter Credit
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for taking course: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Accredited College or University)

Effective 7/1/09:

- Coursework must be in a subject directly & specifically related to education. A maximum of one column advancement per school year will be recognized for this type of coursework completed.
- Coursework taken specifically related to an Advanced Degree or an approved certificate program will be applied without the one column per year restriction.
- Courses taken for salary advancement must be completed outside of the regular duty day calendar and without the use of District funds, (\*Exceptions).
- Courses must be graduate or upper division level, (except for courses required to clear a credential or second language courses), and receive a grade of "C" or better.
- Duplication of prior courses taken will not be accepted.
- Courses must be completed by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Transcripts must be received in Human Resources for posting by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Employee Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ APPROVED

☐ DISAPPROVED

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Human Resources Designee

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Course Exceptions for 2009/10:** *(These courses require this form to be submitted and will be applicable towards column advancement.)*

~ BTSA/SP Training

~ BTSA/SP Service

~ BTSA/PT Participation

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2024****DEFINITION OF TERMS****ACCREDITED INSTITUTION**

An institution listed as accredited in an issue of the Accredited Institutions of Post-secondary Education.

**ALLOWABLE NECESSITY**

Any leave in which the bargaining unit member remains in a paid status; such leave can include, but not be limited to a doctor's authorized medical leave, pregnancy disability leave, catastrophic leave, bereavement leave, jury duty, personal leave, personal necessity, and industrial accident leave. In addition to the above-mentioned leaves, a call to active military service falls under the definition of Allowable Necessity. This section applies to section 6.3.4, Longevity Steps and is effective July 1, 2003.

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

Any earned Bachelor of Science or Arts Degree or equivalent from an accredited institution.

**DAY**

Any day in which the administrative office of the Murrieta Valley Unified School District is open for business.

**FULL-TIME**

A bargaining unit employee who works 75% of the contracted work year. For example, 138 days for a 184 day work year. This section applies to section 6.3.4.

**GRIEVANCE**

A formal written allegation by a grievant that he/she has been adversely affected by a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the specific provisions of this Agreement. Actions to challenge or change the policies of the District as set forth in the rules and regulations or administrative regulations and procedures must be undertaken under separate legal processes. Other matters for which a specific method of review is provided by law, by the policy rules and regulations of the Board of Trustees, or by the administrative procedures of this District are not within the scope of this procedure.

**GRIEVANT**

May be any bargaining unit member or the Association.

**IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR**

The District designated management employee who has immediate jurisdiction over the grievant or who has been designated to adjust grievances.

**MASTER'S DEGREE**

Any earned Master of Science or Arts Degree or equivalent from an accredited institution.

**MULTIPLE PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Multiple performance measures include a combination of state, district and teacher-generated assessments.

**NEW TEACHER**

Those teachers that were not employed with the Murrieta Valley Unified School District during the previous year's new teacher in-service.

**PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

A year of prior teaching experience for credit must equal seventy-five percent of the minimum 184-day teaching year required by California law. Only full-time teaching in grades TK-12 or Special Education programs is accepted.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

A course/workshop offered by the District.

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2024**

**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**TRAINING BEYOND BACHELOR'S OR MASTER'S DEGREE**

Accredited training beyond the Bachelor's or Master's Degree shall include only those courses taken after the date of issue of the Bachelor's or Master's Degree.

**TRANSCRIPT**

A documentary record of completed work certified by institutional seal and received by direct mail or electronically in the District Human Resources Office from an accredited institution.

## **MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **SCRIBE'S WAIVER**

**In the event of any inadvertent omission  
by the scribe of this contract,  
the original signed agreement shall prevail.**