

**ASSIGNMENT**

In order to serve the best interests of students and the educational program, the Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to assign certificated personnel to positions for which their preparation, certification, professional experience, and aptitude qualify them.

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*

*(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)*

*(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Language Learners)*

*(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)*

*(cf. 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 - Employment of Relatives)*

Teachers may be assigned to any school within the district in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement or Board policy.

*(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)*

**Assignment to Courses/Classes**

The Superintendent or designee shall assign teachers to courses based on the grade level and subject matter authorized by their credentials.

When there is no credential authorization requirement for teaching an elective course, the Superintendent or designee shall select the credentialed teacher whose knowledge and skills best prepare him/her to provide instruction in that subject.

When specifically authorized by law or regulation, the Superintendent or designee may assign a teacher, with his/her consent, to a position outside his/her credential authorization in accordance with the local teaching assignment options described in the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's (CTC) Administrator's Assignment Manual. Assignments made pursuant to Education Code 44256, 44258.2, and 44263 shall be annually approved by Board resolution. In such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall reference in district records the statute or regulation under which the assignment is authorized.

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on teacher assignments and vacancies, including the number and type of assignments made outside a teacher's credential authorization through a local teaching assignment option. Whenever district misassignments and vacancies are reviewed by the County Superintendent of Schools or CTC, as applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall report the results to the Board and shall provide recommendations for remedying any identified issues.

*(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

**ASSIGNMENT** (continued)

**Equitable Distribution of Qualified Teachers**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that highly qualified and experienced teachers are equitably distributed among district schools, including those with higher than average levels of low-income, minority, and/or academically underperforming students. He/she shall annually report to the Board comparisons of teacher qualifications across district schools, including the number of teachers serving under a provisional internship permit, short-term staff permit, intern credential, emergency permit, or credential waiver.

*(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)*

Strategies for ensuring equitable access to experienced teachers may include, but are not limited to, incentives for voluntary transfers, provision of professional development, and/or programs to recruit and retain effective teachers.

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

*(cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection)*

*(cf. 4114 - Transfers)*

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4131.1 - Teacher Support and Guidance)*

*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

33126 School accountability report card

35035 Additional powers and duties of superintendent

35186 Complaint process

37616 Assignment of teachers to year-round schools

44225.6 Commission report to the legislature re: teachers

44250-44277 Credentials and assignments of teachers

44314 Subject matter programs, approved subjects

44824 Assignment of teachers to weekend classes

44955 Reduction in number of employees

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

80003-80005 Credential authorizations

80020-80020.5 Additional assignment authorizations

80335 Performance of unauthorized professional services

80339-80339.6 Unauthorized certificated employee assignment

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 State plan

6312 Local educational agency plans

6601-6651 Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund

*Management Resources: (see next page)*

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*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

California State Plan to Ensure Equitable Access to Excellent Educators

Every Student Succeeds Act 2016-17 School Year Transition Plan, April 2016

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

Administrator's Assignment Manual - Updates and Revisions, May 2014

The Administrator's Assignment Manual, rev. September 2007

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Transitioning to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): Frequently Asked Questions, rev. May 4, 2016

Improving Teacher Quality State Grants: ESEA Title II, Part A, rev. October 5, 2006

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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**VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Visalia, California

## **Certificated Personnel**

### **ASSIGNMENT**

#### **Assignment to Departmentalized Classes Outside Credential Authorization**

Any holder of a credential other than an emergency permit may be assigned, with his/her consent, to teach departmentalized classes in grades K-12 regardless of the designations on his/her teaching credential, provided that their subject matter knowledge is verified prior to the assignment. (Education Code 44258.3)

Procedures for verifying a teacher's subject matter knowledge shall be developed and implemented by the Superintendent or designee with the involvement of appropriate subject matter specialists, including curriculum specialists, resource teachers, classroom teachers certified to teach the subject, staff assigned to regional subject matter projects or curriculum institutes, or college faculty. (Education Code 44258.3)

Procedures to be used for this purpose shall specify: (Education Code 44258.3)

1. One or more of the following ways in which subject matter competence shall be assessed:
  - a. Observation by subject matter specialists
  - b. Oral interviews
  - c. Demonstration lessons
  - d. Presentation of curricular portfolios
  - e. Written examinations
2. Specific criteria and standards for verifying subject matter knowledge by any of the above methods. These criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, evidence of the individual's knowledge of the subject matter to be taught, including demonstrated knowledge of the curriculum framework for the subject and the specific content of the district's course of study for the subject at the grade level to be taught.

*(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)*

Whenever a teacher is assigned to teach departmentalized classes pursuant to Education Code 44258.3, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the exclusive representative of the district's certificated employees. (Education Code 44258.3)

*(cf. 4140/4240 - Bargaining Units)*

**ASSIGNMENT** (continued)

**Assignment to Elective Courses Outside Credential Authorization**

A full-time teacher with special skills and preparation outside his/her credential authorization may, with his/her consent and the prior approval of a district committee on assignments, be assigned to teach an elective course in the area of the special skills or preparation, excluding a course in English, mathematics, science, or social studies. (Education Code 44258.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a committee on assignments, consisting of an equal number of teachers selected by teachers and school administrators selected by school administrators, to approve such assignments. (Education Code 44258.7)

When determining whether a teacher is qualified for an assignment pursuant to Education Code 44258.7, the committee may consider the teacher's education, prior experience, observation by subject matter specialists, oral interviews, demonstration lessons, presentation of curricular portfolios, and/or written examinations.

Assignments approved by the committee shall be for a maximum of one school year, but may be extended by action of the committee upon application by the principal and teacher. (Education Code 44258.7)

**Assignment to Special Schedules**

The Superintendent or designee shall make every reasonable effort to accommodate the preferences of certificated staff when assigning them to schools with year-round or regular schedules. (Education Code 37616)

*(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)*

Full-time probationary or permanent classroom teachers employed by the district prior to implementation of weekend classes shall not, without their written consent, be required to teach for more than 180 full days during a school year or for more than the number of full days during the preceding school year, whichever is greater. No teacher shall be assigned to work on a Saturday or Sunday if he/she objects in writing that such assignment would conflict with his/her religious beliefs or practices. (Education Code 44824)

*(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)*

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