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BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT/INDUCTION

The Governing Board recognizes that intensive professional development and support will help beginning teachers apply their academic preparation more effectively in the classroom and result in greater retention of capable beginning teachers. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that first- and second-year teachers receive individualized guidance to help them make an effective transition into the teaching career.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform beginning teachers about induction programs that are available to help them fulfill the requirements of the professional clear multiple- or single-subject teaching credential pursuant to Education Code 44259.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4112.21- Interns)

(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)

District-Sponsored Induction Program

When approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the district may serve as a sponsor of an induction program. The program shall support beginning teachers in meeting the competencies described in the California Standards for the Teaching Profession adopted by the CTC, state-adopted academic content standards and performance levels for students, and state-adopted curriculum frameworks.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

Each participating teacher shall be assigned to a support provider who is an experienced teacher, knowledgeable about beginning teacher development and needed competencies, and effective in interpersonal and communication skills. The Superintendent or designee shall develop processes for identifying support providers and pairing the providers with participating teachers.

Professional development provided to a participating teacher shall be based on an individual induction plan which takes into consideration the teacher's prior preparation and experience. The participating teacher's knowledge and classroom practice shall be regularly assessed using multiple measures, and the results shall be used to monitor and revise subsequent individual induction plans.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a complete record of each participating teacher's participation and progress toward completion of professional credential requirements.

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The Superintendent or designee shall conduct an annual evaluation of the induction program and shall report to the Board regarding its effectiveness in meeting district program goals and state standards.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

41520-41522 Teacher Credentialing Block Grant

41530-41532 Professional Development Block Grant

44259 Credential requirements

44259.5 Standards for professional preparation programs

44279.1-44279.7 Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program (BTSA)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

6100-6125 Teacher qualifications, No Child Left Behind Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6319 Highly qualified teachers

6601-6702 Preparing, training and recruiting high quality teachers and principals

7801 Definitions, highly qualified teacher

Management Resources:

CTC PUBLICATIONS

Induction Manual: A Credential Application Processing Guidebook for Commission-Approved Induction Programs, June 2004

Final Report on the Individual Implementation of the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program, 2003

Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Professional Teacher Induction Programs (SB 2042), March 2002

California Standards for the Teaching Profession, 1997

CDE PUBLICATIONS

NCLB Teacher Requirements Resource Guide, March 2004

WEB SITES

Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment: <http://www.btsa.ca.gov>

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

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

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