

PERSONNEL REDUCTION

The Board of Trustees may reduce the number of certificated personnel, or their hours and wages, due to any of the following conditions: (Education Code 44955)

1. Declining enrollment, provided that the percentage of reduction in probationary and permanent certificated personnel shall not exceed the corresponding percentage of student attendance lost
2. Reduction or discontinuance of programs or services
3. State-mandated modification of the curriculum
4. The fiscal crisis that may occur after enactment of the Budget Act when the total revenue limit per ADA has not increased by at least two percent (Education Code 44955.5)
5. Changes in the distribution of student population, student supervision needs, changes in the daily schedule when students are on campus, changes in early/late start, or changes in recess/lunch times

The Board recognizes that its authority in the reduction of personnel is subject to legal requirements. Except as otherwise provided by statute, a permanent employee who is certificated and competent to render a service shall not be terminated or given a reduction in hours and wages while a probationary employee or other employee with less seniority is retained to render the service. (Education Code 44955)

Classified employees to be considered competent must have academic training and one year of full-time experience in the specialized area to which the district would be able to assign him/her. The district will also consider the recency of the employee's experience.

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

PERSONNEL REDUCTION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44830 *Employment of certificated persons*

44949 *Dismissal of probationary employees*

44955 *Reduction in number of permanent employees*

44955.5 *Termination of certificated employees*

44956-44959.5 *Rights of employees*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 *Scope of representation*

COURT DECISIONS

Menagh v. Montebello Unified School District (1993) 20 Cal.App.4th 1846

Forker v. Board of Trustees (1984) 160 Cal.App.3d 13

Moreland Teachers Assoc. v. Kurze (1980) 109 Cal.App.3d 648

King v. Berkeley Unified School District (1979) 89 Cal.App. 3d 1016

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