

Recruitment and Selection of Staff

Responsible Governance

Staff are recruited and selected to assure that students grow and meet their full potential in district programs. Staff are highly effective, and have the necessary skills and experience to meet the learning needs of all students. The District works with teacher preparation programs, communicating the teaching skills, competencies, and experiences it considers of primary importance in its staff, and providing field experiences designed to train teachers to be able to improve student learning. Decisions about hiring, assigning, or transferring staff are based on maximizing the effectiveness of that staff member within the district's programs.

Creating Conditions for Student and Staff Success

Staff positions are established by the West Valley School District Board of Directors to provide the district's comprehensive program of education. New positions are established by the West Valley School District Board of Directors as needed. The Superintendent establishes the necessary skills, competencies, qualifications, education, experience, and past performance levels for each position, as it relates to the district's comprehensive program of education, and the goal of continued improvement in student learning. Selection of staff is based on which candidate is the most qualified for the position, and is made pursuant to the district's standard screening, interview, and reference check process, and equity requirements.

High Expectations for Student Learning

Positions are created within budget parameters, and legal requirements. Part of the District's strategic and short-term planning processes analyze current and projected staffing requirements. The filling of individual positions is done with consideration to salary issues, budget parameters, and legal requirements. The Superintendent regularly evaluates the effectiveness of the district's staff recruitment and selection processes, and reports the findings and recommendations from the evaluation to the West Valley School District Board of Directors.

Community Engagement

The West Valley School District Board of Directors and District regularly communicate to staff, professional associations, employee bargaining units, teacher and professional preparation programs in higher education, students, parents, and the larger community the district's commitment to hiring those people best prepared and able to improve student achievement.

Cross References: Board Policy 5005 Employment: Disclosures, Certification
 Board Policy 5610 Requirements, Assurances and Approval
 Substitute Employment

Legal References: RCW 28A.400.300 Hiring and discharging employees—Written leave
 policies -Seniority and leave benefits of employees
 transferring between school districts and other
 educational employers

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Personnel

RCW 28A.405.210	Conditions and contracts of employment-- Determination of probable cause for non-renewal of contracts--Non-renewal due to enrollment decline or revenue loss--Notice--Opportunity for hearing
RCW 43.43.830	Background checks--Access to children or vulnerable persons--Definitions
RCW 43.43.832	Background checks--Disclosure of information - Sharing of criminal background information by health care facilities
RCW 49.44.200	Personal social networking accounts - Restrictions on employer access - Definitions
RCW 49.44.205	Violations of RCW 49.44.200 - Civil action - Remedies
WAC 162-12	Pre-employment Inquiry Guide (Human Rights Commission)
P.L. 99-603 (IRCA)	Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986
Title 8 USC Ch. 12,	1324a and 1324b
WAC 392-190-0591	Public school employment and contract practices - Nondiscrimination

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