

Ashland School District 5

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Staff Development

Licensed Staff

The Board recognizes the importance of continued educational experiences and other professional growth activities as a means to improve job performance. Continual work toward professional growth will be expected of all licensed staff members.

Professional growth experiences may include, but are not limited to, college courses, workshops, curriculum planning, research, travel, supervision of teacher trainees and other activities approved by the supervisor.

When contracting with third parties to provide training for employees, the Board recognizes it is not relieved of the responsibility to ensure that appropriate reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities have been made. The Board will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure such training, whether provided by the district or through district contracts with third parties, is made available for disabled employees.

Requests for release time for attendance at meetings or conferences may be approved as deemed appropriate by the district and with the stipulation that:

1. Requests are to be submitted sufficiently in advance to permit Board consideration; and
2. Where release time is granted, a written report will be submitted to the administration after such meeting or conference. Where such meetings or conferences are devoted primarily or exclusively to organizational or business affairs of associations of teachers, political workshops, training sessions for consultation committees and like activities, it is not considered appropriate for the Board to expend district funds.

Completion of continuing professional development (CPD) requirements, as set forth in OAR Chapter 584, Division 090 by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) for license renewal, are the sole responsibility of the employee. The selection of the employee's CPD advisor shall be subject to approval by the individual's supervisor.

Classified Staff

The district expects all classified personnel to assume the responsibility of self-improvement and growth in their specific duties and responsibilities. When changes are made in materials, techniques, assignments or policies which affect employee performance, staff training will be provided.

The administration may grant reimbursement for travel, subsistence and other expenses for attendance at special professional meetings and other activities when, in the opinion of the administration, the district will be the benefactor.

Request for reimbursement for any expenses must be approved in advance of travel or other matters requiring expenditures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.095](#)

[ORS 329.125](#)

[ORS 329.704](#)

[ORS 342.135\(2\)\(a\)](#)

[ORS 342.138\(3\)](#)

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[OAR 581-022-1720](#)

[OAR 584-018-0105](#)

[OAR 581-018-0205](#)

[OAR 584-090-0100-0120](#)

Clackamas IED Assn. v. Clackamas IED, No. C-141-77, 3 PUB. EMPL. COLL. BARG. REP. 1848 (ERB 1978).

Eugene Educ. Ass'n v. Eugene Sch. Dist. 4J, No. C-93-79, 5 PUB. EMPL. COLL. BARG. REP. 3004 (ERB 1980).

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006).

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.