

Master Agreement

2022-2023

Between

Western School Corporation

And

Western Education Association

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ARTICLE I Recognition

Section 1.

The Board of School Trustees of the Western School Corporation hereby recognizes the Western Education Association as the exclusive representative for all members of the certificated employee bargaining unit. The certificated bargaining unit shall include all full-time and part-time certificated school employees as defined in IC 20-29 except for: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principals, Assistant Principals, Athletic Director, School Nurse, Technology Director, Director of Exceptional Learners and Testing, Director of Counseling, Curriculum Director/Secondary Instructional Coach, Technology Integrators, KASEC Director, Special Projects Administrator, and KASEC Assistant Director.

Section 2.

Definitions.

- A. The term "teacher" when used in this Agreement shall refer to members of the certificated bargaining unit as set forth in Section 1 of this Article.
- B. The terms "board" and "association" shall include authorized officers, representatives and agent.
- C. The term "School Corporation", when used in this Agreement, shall refer to the Western School Corporation in the county of Howard in the State of Indiana.
- D. The term "workday" shall mean any day that teachers are required to be in attendance at school.

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Teachers who are contracted on less than a full-time basis shall receive compensation, benefits, and leaves on a pro rata basis. In the event a part-time teacher accepts a position listed in Appendix B, the extracurricular schedule, such teacher shall receive the full amount of compensation for said position.

ARTICLE II BOARD'S RIGHTS

The Association recognizes that the Board retains and reserves the full right, responsibility and authority to manage and direct all the operations and activities of the school corporation provided that such rights, responsibilities and authority are exercised in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE III Professional Compensation

Section 1. Salaries for the 2022-2023 School Year

The salaries of teachers covered by this Agreement are set forth in Appendix A.

Section 2. Conference/Graduate Course Expense Reimbursement

Each teacher may discuss with his/her principal educational conferences and graduate course work relating to their educational field. The Board shall provide up to Three Hundred (\$300.00.00) per teacher each year for expenses to conferences (excluding the cost of a substitute) and/or graduate courses at a rate of \$100.00.00 per semester hour, not to exceed the allotted amount, pursuant to subparagraphs A and B below as applicable. The "year" is to be computed from July 1 to June 30.

A. Conference Reimbursement.

If, in the principal's judgment, the advantages to the pupils outweigh the disadvantages of the absence, a request for professional improvement form, found in Appendix E, shall be prepared and submitted to the Board for approval.

1. Expenses must be claimed on regular mileage claim form and by receipts attached to a regular claim form.
2. The request for permission to attend the conference shall be submitted for school board approval at least one (1) week prior to the regular school board meeting prior to the conference. In the event this is not possible, the request for permission to attend must be approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

B. Graduate Course Reimbursement:

1. For reimbursement, approval of the course(s) in writing must be obtained from the superintendent prior to enrollment in (payment for) the course(s) for consideration (Appendix F). Generally, graduate courses must be in the subject area of the teacher's current license or in an area that may be added to the license. The Superintendent may approve other courses on an individual basis.
2. Graduate course work must be from an accredited college or university granting semester or quarter hours.
3. The teacher will be reimbursed for approved course(s) upon presentation of a receipt showing tuition paid by the teacher plus a final grade report of a "B-" or better.

Section 3. Extracurricular

All extracurricular positions created by the Board shall have salaries negotiated by the Association and the Board and/or its representatives. The schedule of additional teacher compensation for extracurricular time and responsibilities is set forth in Appendix B and incorporated in this Agreement. If two (2) or more teachers share additional time and responsibility for the same extracurricular activity, the scheduled compensation shall be apportioned between them on a pro rata basis.

Section 4. Supplemental Service Teacher's Contract

- A. All teachers of summer school, teaching state approved credit courses, shall be issued a supplemental service teacher's contract. The teacher shall be paid at the teacher's individual hourly rate of pay on a supplemental service teacher's contract. This pay is based on a 4-hour day.

Section 5. Payroll Options

- A. Teachers shall elect to be paid in twenty-six (26) or twenty-two (22) equal bi-weekly payments. This election will remain in effect for the entire year and will continue year to year thereafter unless the Superintendent's office is notified in writing by August 1 of any year that the teacher wishes to change the elected pay option. Both the twenty-six (26) and twenty-two (22) payroll options shall be made by direct deposit into the individual teacher bank account identified by the teacher to the Board. Each teacher shall have the right to change the bank account into which the Board deposits their payroll check upon seven (7) days written notice to the superintendent.
- B. Newly employed teachers will be informed of these two (2) pay options and shall select one or the other within two (2) weeks of their employment.
- C. Teachers will be notified of the school corporation's pay schedule for the ensuing year by July 15 of each year.

Section 6. Compensation for Textbook Adoption Committees and Related Curriculum Writing

Teachers selected to serve on the 2022-2023 textbook adoption committee(s) shall be paid an hourly rate using the following formula (beginning teacher salary divided by 183 divided by 6.83) for adoption committee work. In no event shall the teacher's pay exceed 10 hours of work for service on any textbook adoption committee, in any one school year. Teachers selected for related summer curriculum writing shall be paid an hourly rate using the same formula for textbook adoption committee work. In no event shall the teacher's pay exceed 30 hours of work for summer curriculum writing. When mutually agreed upon by the teacher and the teacher's principal, the teacher may waive the hourly payment and perform curriculum writing on release time (not to exceed one instructional day).

Section 7. Edmentum, or Similar Credit Recovery Software and HQ Facilitating Teacher Compensation

Highly Qualified (as defined by the No Child Left Behind regulation) Facilitating Teachers will be paid at a rate of \$75.00 for each student who is enrolled in an Edmentum course for which they serve as the facilitating teacher. The \$75.00 stipend per student would also apply to highly qualified teachers who are facilitating an Edmentum course for a homebound student. The facilitating teacher will be responsible for curriculum oversight, grading of written work, and determination of final grade. If the highly qualified teacher is assigned the equivalent of a class period, or periods, (including summer school) of multiple students taking Edmentum courses and serving as both operational and facilitating teacher, he/she would be compensated according to their hourly rate.

Section 8. Compensation for Open House Attendance

Teachers shall be paid an hourly rate using the following formula (beginning teacher salary divided by 183 divided by 6.83) for up to two hours for their open house attendance, as scheduled by their building principal.

Section 9. Background Checks

The Board shall pay the cost of any and all expanded criminal history background checks and expanded child protection index checks (exception - pre-employment checks) that are required by the School Corporation or per IC 20-26-5-10.

Section 10. CPR Certification

The Board shall pay for and provide CPR certification and/or recertification for all teachers as required by the School Corporation or for the teacher's license renewal.

Section 11. Ancillary Duty Pay

Ancillary duties (i.e. curriculum writing, attendance at Open House or Back to School Night, etc.) performed prior to ratification and Board Approval of 2022-2023 Teacher Contract will be computed on the base pay of the previous year. Ancillary duties performed after ratification and Board approval of 2022-2023 Teacher Contract will be computed on the base pay of the current contract. Ancillary Duty Pay is calculated by taking the beginning teacher salary divided by 183 divided by 6.83.

Technology Presentation Stipend - Building level technology presentations will be coordinated by the Technology Integrator. Availability to have 3 presentations per building per year involving 3 presenters each time for a total of 12 presenters each cycle. (The preceding two sentences are for informational purposes only and were not bargained). Compensation is at the ancillary duty pay with one hour paid for preparation and one hour for the presentation if outside of the presenters' contractual time.

Section 12. Class Coverage

A teacher in middle or high school who is assigned by administration to cover a class for another teacher, either during his/her prep or during his/her class period, will receive ancillary pay per period covered. An elementary teacher who is assigned by administration to cover a class for another teacher during their prep period will receive ancillary pay for that period of time. This money will be paid into the teacher's 403(b) account or in a regular check per the teacher's election.

ARTICLE IV INSURANCE

Section 1. Insurance Benefits

- A. For the 2022-2023 school year, the Board will provide a High Deductible Health Insurance Plan in conjunction with a Health Savings Account. The Board will pay the following toward the medical premiums for the 2022-2023 school year:
- Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-six Dollars and Fifty-one cents (\$5,866.51) toward the medical insurance premium for those teachers selecting Plan A-Employee Only Coverage during the school year.
 - Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars and Thirty-three Cents (\$9,740.33) toward the medical insurance premium for those teachers selecting Plan A-Employee and Dependent Coverage during the school year.

- Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars and Eighty-seven Cents (\$12,840.87) toward the medical insurance premium for those teachers selecting Plan A-Employee and Spouse Coverage during the school year.
- Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars and Seventy-four Cents (\$14,168.74) toward the medical insurance premium for those teachers selecting Plan A-Employee and Family Coverage during the school year.
- In the event that two full time teachers are spouses of one another, the Board will contribute up to Twenty Thousand Thirty-five Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$20,035.25) toward their choice of two Plan A – Employee Only Medical Plans, one Plan A - Employee Only Medical Plan and one Plan A - Employee and Dependent Medical Plan, one Plan A – Employee and Spouse Medical Plan, or one Plan A – Employee and Family Medical Plan.

At the start of the 2022-2023 school year, the Board will contribute Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750) to each teacher's Health Savings Account who is participating in Plan A medical coverage.

- B. Insurance Plan A: Teachers will be offered a High Deductible Health Insurance Plan, provisions equal to the Comprehensive Major Medical offered by Physicians Health Network (QP52-09) in conjunction with a Health Savings Account and Major Dental.
- C. A teacher will have the option of either single or family coverage for Dental, at the teacher's expense regardless of their choice on Plan A Major Medical Coverage.
- D. The Association pledges to work cooperatively with the administration to continue to study the cost of health insurance and to mutually arrive at any needed changes in order to preserve the financial health of the corporation.
- E. The Association and the administration will continue to work cooperatively looking for ways to cut the cost of health care by looking into a health clinic for the Western School Corporation Employees.
- F. A teacher will have the option of either single or family coverage for Vision Insurance, regardless of their choice on Major Medical Coverage. The Board will provide to those teachers selecting Vision Insurance the full cost of a single or family membership at the cost of the plan less one dollar (\$1.00) per annum per teacher.

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The Board will provide to those teachers selecting Plan B the full cost of a Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000) term life insurance policy and dental insurance single or family membership at the cost of the plans (not to exceed the single Plan A Board Contribution) less one cent (\$.01) per annum per teacher. Insurance Plan B: Provisions equal to the Dental Plan offered by American General (AIG) to the Western School Corporation on March 1, 2004.

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The Board will pay the cost of long-term disability for all teachers less One Dollar (\$1.00) and the long-term disability shall have a ninety (90) day elimination period, provide monthly benefits equal to sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the teacher's base

compensation calculated from the basic salary schedule with a maximum benefit of Three Thousand Fifty-six Dollars (\$3,056) per month, and provide accident and sickness benefits to be paid up to the age of sixty-five (65) or five (5) years, whichever is greater; but not beyond the age of seventy (70) provided said coverage can be secured at the premium cost of forty-five cents (\$.45) per month per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of covered monthly salary. There shall be a social security freeze and COLAs shall not be subtracted from monthly benefits. It will not correlate with the Indiana Teachers Retirement Fund.

Section 4. Payroll Deduction

Teacher's contribution toward insurance benefits provided for in this Article will be deducted beginning with the first paycheck of the school year in twenty (20) equal installments from their pay.

Section 5. Election of Plan B Benefits

Those teachers enrolled in Plan A may enroll in any of the coverages in Plan B at their own expense if the carriers provide that option.

Section 6. Open Enrollment

An open enrollment period shall be held for newly hired teachers from August 1 through October 1 each year and the Board will make its insurance contribution for newly hired teachers based upon their selection of either Plan A or Plan B effective the first paycheck of the school year.

Section 7. Continuation of Insurance Benefits

Teachers on approved, unpaid leaves of absence for more than one (1) month shall have the option to continue in any or all of the insurance programs provided for in this contract by paying the premiums at their own expense in a manner directed by the business office.

Section 8. Insurance Committee

If the Insurance Trust were to dissolve, an insurance committee consisting of three (3) members appointed by the President of the Association and three (3) members appointed by the Superintendent will review and study insurance benefits and make a written recommendation to the Board by June 1 of each year. The Board will make the final determination of the insurance carrier.

Section 9. Section 125

The benefits provided to employees by Section 125 of the Revenue Act of 1978 shall be made available to any bargaining unit member so requesting. An amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of salary may be set aside by the employee for the selection of benefits, under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, which are non-taxable benefits of major medical, long-term disability, short-term disability, Section 79 Life, non-reimbursable medical and dependent care. The plan will be administered through an insurance carrier selected by the Board. All administration fees for participation in the plan shall be paid by the plan participants.

ARTICLE V LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Sick Leave

Each teacher on a regular teaching contract shall be credited with twelve (12) days sick leave without loss of pay at the beginning of each school year. The leave may be used for personal illness or disability of a teacher or for personal illness or disability involving a member of the teacher's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as father, mother, brother, sister, child, grandparent, grandchild, these same relatives by marriage, spouse, or any person for whom the teacher is a court appointed guardian. All leaves taken shall be debited against such sick leave, and shall be taken in not less than one-half (1/2) day increments.

- A. Unused annual sick leave shall accumulate to not more than one hundred eighty-three (183) days. Accumulated sick leave may only be used for absences caused by the personal illness or disability of a teacher, with the exception that up to five (5) days may be used for the personal illness or disability involving a dependent or spouse.
- B. Sick leave accumulated by a teacher prior to a leave of absence of not more than one (1) year shall be credited to that teacher upon return to school duties.
- C. The Board may request a teacher to provide a medical certificate of illness or disability.
- D. A teacher returning from a leave of absence of more than five (5) days granted for reasons of health or physical disability may be requested to furnish a medical certificate of fitness before resuming school duties.
- E. A teacher who is absent fifteen (15) days during a school year may be requested to furnish for all subsequent absences, a medical certificate stating the cause of the illness or disability and the period the teacher was unable to work because of that disability. Days taken in excess of fifteen (15) days during a school year without the requested medical certificate may result in loss of pay for the days missed.
- F. If sick leave is used while the teacher is receiving worker's compensation benefits, the School Corporation will continue its practice of coordinating sick leave with the worker's compensation benefits.
- G. The employee shall designate on the appropriate form whether the employee's absence is due to personal illness or disability, or family illness or disability.
- H. If a teacher is teleworking or working remotely with administrative approval, no leave days will be charged.

Section 2 Anticipated Temporary Medical Disability

When sick leave is to be taken for hospitalization planned in advance of a teacher's absence, and/or convalescence and recuperation from physical disability, the teacher's attending physician must certify the cause of disability and the period the teacher is unable to work because of that disability.

- A. Disability leave beyond any accumulated sick leave shall be available, without pay and consistent with state law, for such reasonable further period of time as an employee is

determined by an attending physician to be disabled from performing school duties because of a temporary physical disability.

Section 3 Personal Leave

Each teacher shall be granted three (3) days, accumulative to six (6) days, of personal leave without loss of pay during a school year, subject to the following conditions:

- A. Personal leave shall not be taken in less than one-half (1/2) day increments.
- B. Whenever possible, notification of personal leave shall be made at least two (2) days prior to such leave.
- C. Days in excess of six (6) will be transferred to sick leave. These days shall not increase the maximum total accumulated sick leave days of one hundred eighty-three (183).

Section 4 Adoptive Leave

A teacher can be granted a leave of absence without pay not to exceed one (1) year. If the necessity for leave is foreseeable based on the expected birth or placement, the teacher shall provide the Superintendent with not less than thirty (30) days' notice before the date of the leave is to begin, except if the date of birth or placement requires the leave to begin in less than thirty (30) days, the teacher shall provide such notice as is practicable.

Section 5 Non-Birthing Parent Leave

A teacher can be granted a leave of absence without pay not to exceed one (1) year. If the necessity for leave is foreseeable based on the expected birth or placement, the teacher shall provide the Superintendent with not less than thirty (30) days' notice before the date of the leave is to begin, except if the date of birth or placement requires the leave to begin in less than thirty (30) days, the teacher shall provide such notice as is practicable.

Section 6 Bereavement Leave

A leave, not to exceed eight (8) working days, is granted teachers in the event of the death of a father, mother, spouse, child, or these same relatives by marriage. In case of death in the immediate family, a teacher shall be entitled to be absent without loss of compensation for not more than five (5) working days. Immediate family is defined as brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, these same relatives by marriage or any person for whom the teacher is a court appointed guardian. In the case of the death of an aunt, uncle, niece or nephew by blood or marriage, a teacher will be granted one (1) day of leave without loss of compensation.

Regular bereavement leave shall not extend beyond more than three (3) calendar weeks after death. If a teacher needs additional time, such teacher may make a written request through the Superintendent to the Board, which may grant an extension of leave without pay. If the teacher provides notice of the need for bereavement leave during the three (3) calendar weeks after death, then one (1) business day can be utilized for bereavement leave within 90-days after death.

Section 7 Jury Duty Leave

The salary of a teacher required to serve on jury duty will be the difference between the teacher's regular salary and the remuneration received for jury duty.

Section 8 Special Leaves

A tenured teacher may be granted a year's leave of absence without pay for health, education, travel or personal reasons. Any teacher may be granted a leave of absence without pay for periods of up to one (1) school year when justifiable reasons exist. In granting such leaves, the Board may attach conditions to include but not be limited to the minimum and maximum period of leave and earliest and latest date of return. A teacher who is refused a leave shall be informed of the reasons. The request for a leave under this Section must be submitted in writing through the Superintendent to the Board prior to May 15 of the year requested, unless extenuating circumstances make this impossible. A teacher returning from such leave shall have accrued benefits restored. Any leave of absence will be granted with the understanding that it is a leave of absence from the school corporation and not from a particular position. Upon a teacher's return from leave, reasonable efforts will be made to return that teacher to the same or comparable position held before the leave. When this is not possible in the Board's judgment, the returning teacher shall be offered another bargaining unit position. A teacher's refusal to accept such a position shall constitute resignation. Special consideration will be given to leaves for governmental positions.

Section 9 Pregnancy Disability Leave

A teacher who is pregnant may continue in active employment as late into pregnancy as she wishes, if she can fulfill the requirements of her position. Temporary disability caused by pregnancy shall be governed by the following:

- A. Any teacher who is pregnant shall be granted a leave of absence anytime between the commencement of her pregnancy and one (1) year following the birth of the child, if she notifies the Superintendent at least thirty (30) days before the date on which she wishes to start her leave. She shall notify the Superintendent of the expected length of the leave, including with this notice either a physician's statement certifying her pregnancy or a copy of the birth certificate of the newborn, whichever is applicable. However, in the case of a medical emergency caused by pregnancy, the teacher shall be granted a leave, as otherwise provided in this Section, immediately on her request and the certification of the emergency from an attending physician.
- B. All or part of a leave taken by a teacher because of a temporary medical disability connected with, or resulting from her pregnancy may, at the teacher's option and as applies to Sections 1 & 2 be charged to her available sick leave. However, the teacher is not entitled to take accumulated sick leave days when the teacher's attending physician certifies that the teacher is capable of performing the teacher's regular teaching duties. The teacher is entitled to complete the remaining leave without pay.

Section 10 Sick Leave Bank

The Sick Leave Bank has been established to benefit members of the bargaining unit.

Provisions for this bank are set forth in Appendix **D** and incorporated as part of this

Agreement.

Section 11 Association Leave Days

The Association will be provided up to twelve (12) school days for conducting Association business provided:

- A. The Association makes a written request for each leave day at least two (2) school days prior to the date of the requested leave, except in the case of emergency.
- B. No more than two (2) teachers, per building, may request an Association leave day for the same school day.
- C. The Association pays the cost of the substitute employed to replace the teacher on Association leave.

ARTICLE VI RETIREMENT PAY

Section 1. Access to Retiree Health

- A. This Section shall apply to any teacher retiring from the School Corporation on or after the earlier of (i) attainment of age 50 plus total ISTRF service equal to 15, (ii) attainment of age 55 plus age and total ISTRF service equal to 85 or more, (iii) attainment of age 60 plus total ISTRF service equal to 15, or (iv) attainment of age 65 plus total ISTRF service equal to 10, but in no event will eligibility occur without the completion of 10 years with the School Corporation.
- B. Any such teacher shall be eligible to continue in the group's hospital, surgical, medical and major medical plan until the teacher is eligible for Medicare by contributing the full premium owed the insurance carrier directly to the School Corporation a minimum of one (1) month in advance. For example, payment for insurance covering the period 1 through 30 of September must arrive at the Payroll Department of the School Corporation on or before August 1.
- C. A retired teacher who is eligible for insurance coverage may elect to have the teacher's spouse covered under the health insurance program at the time the teacher retires. The coverage of the teacher's spouse will not be affected by the death of the retired teacher and he/she will be allowed to remain on the plan until eligible for Medicare. The coverage of the teacher's spouse will not be affected if the retiree reaches Medicare eligibility before the spouse. The spouse will be allowed to remain on the plan and would be allowed to go to a single plan. The surviving spouse's eligibility ends on the earliest of the following:
 - (1) When the spouse becomes eligible for Medicare coverage as prescribed by 42 U.S.C. 1395 ET SEQ.
 - (2) When contractually, the employer terminates the health insurance program.
 - (3) The date of the spouse's remarriage.Once a retiree or their spouse terminates insurance there is no re-entry.

Section 2. \$2,000 Retirement Pay

- A. This Section applies to all teachers. If a teacher meets the following qualifications he/she shall be paid a one-time stipend of \$2,000.00 in their last contract:
1. The teacher must declare their intent to retire by March 1 of their last school year. The parties may mutually waive the March 1 required notice date on a case-by-case basis.
 2. The teacher must complete at least 10 years with the School Corporation.
 3. The teacher must have attained retirement age, which is the earlier of: (i) attainment of age 50 plus total ISTRF service equal to 15 or more, (ii) attainment of age 55 plus age and total ISTRF service equal to 85 or more, (iii) attainment of age 60 plus total ISTRF service equal to 15, or (iv) attainment of age 65 plus total ISTRF service equal to 10.

Section 3. Annual Contribution to 401(a) Plan

- A. This Section applies to all teachers.
- B. Each year the School Corporation shall pay two percent (2%) of the teacher's contract salary as scheduled, excluding extracurricular and supplemental contracts, to the teacher's 401(a) plan.
- C. This account will be immediately vested.

Section 4. Retirement Committee

A committee of the President of WEA, three (3) teachers appointed by the WEA, the Superintendent of Schools, and three (3) additional persons appointed by the Superintendent of Schools will determine the 401(a) vendor(s) and monitor and analyze the retirement provisions established with in the Master Agreement.

ARTICLE VII TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

Section 1. Use of Private Automobile

A teacher who is authorized in writing to use a private automobile in the conduct of assigned school duties shall be reimbursed at the standard IRS rate per mile traveled. Mileage shall be computed according to the shortest map distance between the points traveled. Mileage allowance, in this Section, is computed only after the person has reached his or her initial established work location for that day and specifically excludes traveling to and from such established work location.

Section 2. School Liability Insurance Extended to Teachers

When teachers are authorized to use private automobiles for the purposes enumerated in Section 1 the Board's liability insurance shall extend to such teachers.

ARTICLE VIII GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Intention of Grievance Procedure

This grievance procedure is intended to supplement, but not supplant, routine procedures for resolving personnel problems at the lowest possible administrative level. The formal grievance procedure shall be employed only after other means to resolve problems satisfactorily have not been successful.

Section 2. Definitions

- A. Grievance: A claim by one or more teachers that a clause, provision or article of this Agreement has been violated or misapplied in such a way as to personally and adversely affect the teacher or group of teachers.
- B. Grievant: A teacher or group of teachers asserting a grievance. The Association may be a grievant if the affected teacher(s) also sign the grievance form at each step of the grievance procedure.
- C. Party in Interest: Any Board employee who might be required to take action, or against whom action might be taken, in order to resolve a grievance.
- D. Working Day: Any day that the teachers are required to be in attendance at school.

Section 3. General Provision

- A. Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each level of the grievance procedure should be considered as a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits specified, however, may be extended by mutual agreement.
- B. A grievant must initiate formal action within fifteen (15) working days of the time he had knowledge, or reasonably should have had knowledge, of the act of omission giving rise to the grievance. Any grievance not appealed to the next step of the procedure within the prescribed time limits shall be considered settled on the basis of the answer given the preceding step.
- C. A grievant must be present at all stages of the grievance procedure, but may be represented by the Association, or by a person of his choice.
- D. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a teacher or group of teachers from seeking resolution of a complaint without recourse to this grievance procedure.

Section 4. Procedures

- A. Informal Resolution.

When a teacher or group of teachers has a complaint, an informal conference with the Principal will be requested. Principals shall grant at least one such conference. Additional conferences should be held if it appears that resolution of the complaint may be achieved without resort to the formal grievance procedure.

At any time within ten (10) working days after the last mutually agreed upon conference, the grievance procedure may be invoked if the complaint has not been resolved satisfactorily.

B. Step 1 - Formal Grievance.

A grievant may invoke the grievance procedure by filing a completed grievance form with the Building Principal and submitting a copy to the Superintendent. Grievance forms will be provided by the Board and will be available at all school buildings. The grievant shall provide:

1. A description of the specific grounds of the grievance, including all information necessary for a complete understanding of the grievance.
2. The reasons why the Principal's proposed resolution of the complaint is unsatisfactory.
3. The specific action(s) requested to remedy the grievance.
4. A request for a formal conference with the Principal, if desired.

If the Principal so desires he may request a conference with the grievant and the party in interest, if any. If either the grievant or the Principal requests a conference, the request shall be granted.

The Principal shall present a written decision to the grievant and a copy to the Superintendent and the Association President, within ten (10) working days after receipt of the written grievance, or within ten (10) working days following a conference with the grievant, if such is held.

C. Step 2 - Appeal.

Within ten (10) working days after receiving the immediate supervisor's written decision, or if no decision has been made at Step 1 in the time period specified, the grievant may appeal in writing to the Superintendent. Information shall include in addition to that required in Step 1:

1. The complete file of formal actions, supporting papers, memoranda, letters and other documentary materials constituting the record of Step 1.
2. The reasons why the immediate supervisor's decision on the grievance is unacceptable.
3. A request for a formal conference with the Superintendent, if desired.

If the Superintendent so desires, he may request a conference with the grievant and such other persons as may be involved or affected by the grievance. If either the grievant or the Superintendent requests a conference at Step 2, the request must be granted.

The Superintendent shall present a written decision to the grievant within ten (10) working days after receipt of the grievance appeal, or within ten (10) working days after a conference with the grievant, if such is held. Information copies of the decision shall be sent by the Superintendent to any representative of the grievant and to the party in interest, if any.

D. Step 3 - Binding Arbitration.

Within twenty (20) working days of the Superintendent's decision, if the grievant is not satisfied with the decision on the grievance by the Superintendent, the grievance may be submitted to arbitration before an impartial arbitrator by the Association making in writing a demand for arbitration to the president of the Board. The arbitrator shall be selected by the AAA in accordance with all rules which shall likewise govern the arbitration procedure.

The arbitrator shall have no power to alter, add to or subtract from the terms of the Agreement. The arbitrator's report will be binding. The fees and expense of the arbitrator, in all cases, shall be shared equally by the grievant and the Board.

- E. All documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel file of the participant.
- F. The parties mutually agree to exchange relevant information to aid disposition of grievances brought pursuant to this Article at each step of the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE IX SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement, or any application of this Agreement to a teacher or group of teachers is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE X GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.

The Board and the Association agree that all negotiable items have been discussed during the negotiations leading to this Agreement, and that no additional negotiations on this Agreement will be conducted on any item, whether contained herein or not, except by mutual consent.

Section 2.

This Agreement shall supersede any rules, regulations, or practices of the Board that are contrary to or inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 3.

Any individual contract between the Board and any individual teacher shall be expressly subject to the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XI TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2022, upon ratification by the parties and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2023.

The undersigned attest to the following:

1. A public hearing was held in compliance with I.C. 20-29-6-1(b) on, and electronic participation from the parties and/or public was not permitted; and
2. A public meeting in compliance with I.C. 20-29-6-19 was held on to discuss the tentative agreement and electronic participation from the governing body and/or public was not permitted.
3. A public meeting in compliance with I.C.20-29-6-19 was held by the Board on the date set forth below for ratification of the tentative agreement. Electronic participation was not available.

Made and entered into in Howard County by and between the Board of School Trustees of the Western School Corporation and the Western Education Association, both of Howard County, Indiana and so attested to by their signatures below.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION
Date Board ratified: _____

WESTERN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
Date Association ratified: _____

Appendix A 2022-2023 School Year Salary

1. Eligibility: In order to be eligible for a salary increase, a teacher must not have received an evaluation rating of Needs Improvement for Ineffective on his/her evaluation for the previous school year. Teachers who received an evaluation rating of Needs Improvement or Ineffective are not eligible to receive any raise, except those who qualify per IC 20-28-9-1.5 (f).

2. Factors:

A. Evaluation –

In order to meet the Evaluation factor, a teacher must not have received an evaluation rating of Needs Improvement for Ineffective on his/her evaluation for the previous school year. Teachers who received an evaluation rating of Needs Improvement or Ineffective are not eligible to receive any raise, except those who qualify per IC 20-28-9-1.5 (f).

B. Experience:

In order to meet the Experience factor, the teacher must meet the INPRS rules for a year of service during the previous school year and must continue to be employed by the Western School Corporation for the current school year.

C. Academic Needs of Students

Academic needs of students is defined as the need to retain effective and highly effective teachers and to ensure educational continuity.

3. Compensation Range and Increase Amounts:

The salary range was \$41,250 - \$70,100 prior to increases under this Agreement.

A. An eligible teacher who meets the *Evaluation* factor will transition to the 2022-2023 Compensation Table, with a 1.65% increase, and advance one row. .

B. A teacher retention catch-up adjustment, as defined by IC 20-28-9-1.5(d)(2) and based on the *Academic Needs* factor defined above, will be applied in order to allow teachers currently employed by the school corporation to be placed on the schedule with a salary adjusted in comparison to starting base salaries of new teachers. The specific teachers impacted and the amount of the adjustments are defined in the Retention Catch-Up Table.

2022-2023 Compensation Table (The rows do not represent years of experience or the ability for future row changes.)	
A	41931
B	42904
C	43877
D	44851
E	45829
F	47103
G	48375
H	49649
I	50922
J	52195
K	53468
L	54742
M	56014
N	57288
O	58561
P	59834
Q	61107
R	62381
S	63653
T	64927
U	66200
V	67473
W	68746
X	70020
Y	71292

2022-2023 Retention Catch-Up Table		
Row on Compensation Table	Years Experience	Salary Adjustment
A	-	\$ -
B	1.0 +	\$ 248.00
C	1.5 +	\$ 495.00
D	5.0 +	\$ 743.00
E	4 +	\$ 985.00
F	5.0 +	\$ 938.00
G	9.0 +	\$ 890.00
H	7.5 - 8.5	\$ 843.00
H	9.0	\$ -
H	10.0 +	\$ 843
I	11.0 +	\$ 795.00
J	11.5 +	\$ 748.00
K	13.5 +	\$ 700.00
L	11.0+	\$ 653.00
M	13.5 +	\$ 605.00
N	13.5 +	\$ 558.00
O	15.0 +	\$ 510.00
P	16.0 +	\$ 463.00
Q	16.5 +	\$ 415.00
R	10.0 +	\$ 368.00
S	19.0 - 20.0	\$ 320.00
S	21.0 +	\$ -
T	20.0 +	\$ 273.00
U	21.0+	\$ 225.00
V	22.0 +	\$ 178.00
W	23.0 +	\$ 130.00
X	23.0 +	\$ 83.00
Y	25.0 +	\$ 35.00

4 . New Teacher Starting Salary

To establish a new teacher's starting salary from the ratification date through the remainder of the term of this Agreement:

- a. See the New Teacher Salary Placement Table in E.
- b. Up to 10 years of verified (120+ days/year at 25+ hours/week) job related clinical and medical experience outside of education will count toward placement on the salary table for Speech Language Pathologists and School Psychologists.
- c. Nine months of military service between July 1 and June 30 of any given year is counted as one-year experience up to a maximum of four (4) years of total service credit awarded.

Teachers new to the Corporation will not be placed above or below where a teacher of the same experience and education is currently placed.

- D. In addition to the salary set forth herein the school employer agrees to pay the required teacher's three per cent (3%) contribution to the Indiana Teachers Retirement Fund.
- E. The parties will meet as a committee during the 2022-2023 school year to develop a strategy for the 2023-2024 contract to address the remaining compression that exists between where new hires are placed and current employee's wages at the same level of education and experience. This committee will look at the cost, process, and sustainability of adjusting current returning employees, so they do not make less than new hires at the same level. This committee was not bargained and is for informational purposes only.

2022-2023 New Teacher Salary Placement Table, Initial Compression Adjustment*1.65%

	Experience	BS	BS+15	MS - For teachers who received MS Degree before 7/1/2016	MS+24 - For teachers who received MS Degree and 24 hours beyond MS before 7/1/2016
A	0	\$41,931	\$41,931	\$42,904	\$43,877
B	1	\$42,904	\$42,904	\$43,877	\$44,851
C	2	\$43,877	\$43,877	\$44,851	\$45,829
D	3	\$44,851	\$44,851	\$45,829	\$45,829
	4	\$44,851	\$44,851	\$45,829	\$45,829
	5	\$44,851	\$44,851	\$45,829	\$47,103
	6	\$44,851	\$44,851	\$47,103	\$48,375
E	7	\$45,829	\$45,829	\$48,375	\$49,649
F	8	\$47,103	\$47,103	\$49,649	\$50,922
G	9	\$48,375	\$48,375	\$50,922	\$52,195
H	10	\$49,649	\$49,649	\$52,195	\$53,468
I	11	\$50,922	\$50,922	\$53,468	\$54,742
J	12	\$52,195	\$52,195	\$54,742	\$56,014
K	13	\$53,468	\$53,468	\$56,014	\$57,288
L	14	\$54,742	\$54,742	\$57,288	\$58,561
M	15	\$56,014	\$56,014	\$58,561	\$59,834
N	16	\$56,014	\$57,288	\$59,834	\$61,107
O	17	\$56,014	\$58,561	\$61,107	\$62,381
P	18	\$56,014	\$59,834	\$62,381	\$63,653
Q	19	\$56,014	\$61,107	\$63,653	\$64,927
R	20	\$56,014	\$62,381	\$64,927	\$66,200
S	21	\$56,014	\$62,381	\$66,200	\$67,473
T	22	\$56,014	\$62,381	\$67,473	\$68,746
U	23	\$56,014	\$62,381	\$68,746	\$70,020
V	24	\$56,014	\$62,381	\$70,020	\$71,292
W	25	\$56,014	\$62,381	\$71,292	\$71,292
X	26	\$56,014	\$62,381	\$71,292	\$71,292
Y	27	\$56,014	\$62,381	\$71,292	\$71,292

F. General Salary Procedures and Stipend Information

1. Teachers compensation increases will be distributed within 30 days of receipt of the final Corporation A – F Letter Grade from the State. The retroactive money will be distributed in one separate check.
2. Any raise that would have been distributed to a teacher rated Needs Improvement or Ineffective shall be redistributed to the qualifying teachers.
3. Teachers receiving and then possessing their Master's Degree after July 1, 2016, as outlined in IC 20-28-9-1.5 will receive a stipend in the amount of \$2,600. Teachers who obtained their Master's Degree prior to July 1, 2016, were previously placed on the salary table based on possession of their Master's Degree and are not eligible for the \$2,600 stipend.
4. Teachers who receive 24 graduate hours beyond their Master's Degree after July 1, 2016, in their content area will receive a stipend in the amount of \$1,300. Teachers who obtained 24 graduate hours beyond their Master's Degree prior to July 1, 2016, were previously placed on the salary table based on the additional credit hours are not eligible for the \$1,300 stipend.
5. Teachers who receive an Indiana Growth Model Score from the state of a 4 (Highly Effective), will receive a stipend in the amount of \$500.
6. Teachers who receive Dual Credit certification will receive \$650 per semester upon teaching dual credit courses, and \$1,300 for two semesters total for all classes..

Note: Stipends resulting from the addition of a Master's Degree as defined in #3 above or 24 hours of additional graduate course work as defined in #4 above shall be paid as follows:

- Qualifying by September 1 – teacher will receive the full stipend for the school year
- Qualifying after September 1 but prior to January 15 – teacher will receive half of the stipend for the school year.

APPENDIX B Additional Time and Responsibility Schedule

The following extra-curricular schedule is for Western teachers covered by this contract. (The following sentence is for informational purposes only and was not bargained: In the event a qualified teacher is not available to fill a duty listed, the administration may hire a qualified non-certified person to fill the vacancy, and may pay that person as outlined under Non-Bargaining Unit.)

The Teacher salary amount is computed by multiplying the index factor by \$41,250. The Non-Bargaining Unit salary amount is the index listed in the Master Agreement for informational purposes only and was not bargained.

2022-2023				
		Index	Bargaining Unit	Non-Bargaining Unit
Basketball	Varsity Boys	0.24	10,063	7,529
	Varsity Boys Assistant	0.15	6,290	4,706
	J.V. Boys	0.15	6,290	4,706
	9th Grade Boys	0.11	4,612	3,451
	8th Grade Boys	0.08	3,354	2,510
	8th Grade Boys Assistant	0.06	2,516	1,882
	7th Grade Boys	0.08	3,354	2,510
	7th Grade Boys Assistant	0.06	2,516	1,882
	6th grade Boys	0.04	1,677	1,255
	Varsity Girls	0.24	10,063	7,529
	Varsity Girls Assistant	0.15	6,290	4,706
	J.V. Girls	0.15	6,290	4,706
	9th Grade Girls	0.11	4,612	3,451
	8th Grade Girls	0.08	3,354	2,510
	8th Grade Girls Assistant	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Wrestling	Varsity	0.17	7,128
High School Assistant		0.11	4,613	3,451
J.V. Wrestling Coach		0.09	3,774	2,823
Middle School		0.08	3,354	2,510
Middle School Assistant		0.06	2,516	1,882
Swimming		Varsity Boys	0.17	7,128
	Boys Assistant	0.07	2,935	2,196
	Varsity Girls	0.17	7,128	5,333
	Girls Assistant	0.07	2,935	2,196
	Diving Coach	0.07	2,935	2,196
	Middle School	0.08	3,354	2,510

	Middle School Assistant	0.06	2,516	1,882
Track	Varsity Boys	0.14	5,870	4,392
	High School Boys Assistant	0.09	3,774	2,823
	High School Boys Assistant	0.05	2,097	1,569
	Middle School Boys	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Middle School Boys	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Varsity Girls	0.14	5,870	4,392
	High School Girls Assistant	0.09	3,774	2,823
	High School Girls Assistant	0.05	2,097	1,569
	Middle School Girls	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Middle School Girls	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Unified Track	0.03	1,258	941
Softball	Varsity	0.17	7,128	5,333
	High School Assistant	0.11	4,612	3,451
	J.V.	0.09	3,774	2,823
	J.V. Assistant	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Middle School Softball	0.06	2,516	1,882
Baseball	Varsity	0.17	7,128	5,333
	High School Assistant	0.11	4,612	3,451
	J.V.	0.09	3,774	2,823
	J.V. Assistant	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Middle School Baseball	0.06	2,516	1,882
Golf	Varsity Boys	0.11	4,612	3,451
	Varsity Girls	0.11	4,612	3,451
	Middle School	0.06	2,516	1,882
Tennis	Varsity Boys	0.11	4,612	3,451
	Boys Assistant/JV	0.07	2,935	2,196
	Varsity Girls	0.11	4,612	3,451
	Girls Assistant/JV	0.07	2,936	2,196
	Middle School	0.06	2,516	1,882
Cross Country	Varsity Boys	0.11	4,612	3,451
	Varsity Girls	0.11	4,612	3,451
	Middle School	0.06	2,516	1,882
Football	Varsity	0.24	10,063	7,529
	Varsity Assistant	0.15	6,290	4,706
	Varsity Assistant	0.15	6,290	4,706
	Varsity Assistant	0.15	6,290	4,706
	Varsity Assistant/J.V.	0.15	6,290	4,706
	9th Grade	0.09	3,774	2,823
	9th Grade Assistant	0.07	2,935	2,196
	8th Grade	0.08	3,354	2,510
	8th Grade Assistant	0.06	2,516	1,882
	7th Grade	0.08	3,354	2,510
	7th Grade Assistant	0.06	2,516	1,882
Volleyball	Varsity	0.14	5,870	4,392

	Varsity Assistant/J.V.	0.07	2,935	2,196
	9th Grade	0.05	2,097	1,569
	8th Grade	0.06	2,516	1,882
	7th Grade	0.06	2,516	1,882
Gymnastics	Varsity	0.11	4,612	3,451
	Assistant	0.07	2,935	2,196
Soccer	Varsity Boys	0.14	5,870	4,392
	Varsity Boys Assistant	0.07	2,935	2,196
	J.V. Boys Coach	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Middle School Boys	0.04	1,677	1,255
	Varsity Girls	0.14	5,870	4,392
	Varsity Girls Assistant	0.07	2,935	2,196
	J.V. Girls Coach	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Middle School Girls	0.04	1,677	1,255
eSports	eSports Coach	0.02	839	
	eSports Assistant	0.01	419	
Athletic Supervisors	Fall Athletic Supervisor	0.07	2,935	
	Winter Athletic Supervisor	0.07	2,935	
	Spring Athletic Supervisor	0.07	2,935	
Music	Band Director	0.22	9,225	6,902
	Assistant Director	0.13	5,451	4,078
	Marching Instructor	0.11	4,612	3,451
	Woodwind Instructor	0.11	4,612	3,451
	Percussion Instructor	0.11	4,612	3,451
	Fall Guard	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Westernettes	0.03	1,258	941
	Winter Guard	0.04	1,677	1,255
	Vocal Music	0.16	6,709	5,020
	Assistant Vocal Music	0.1	4,193	3,137
Auditorium Director	Director	0.1	4,193	3,137
	Assistant Auditorium Director	0.05	2,097	1,569
Cheerleader	Varsity & J.V.	0.11	4,612	3,451
(Basketball & Football)	Varsity & J.V. Assistant	0.06	2,516	1,882
	8th Grade	0.03	1,258	941
	7th Grade	0.03	1,258	941
Sponsors	Yearbook	0.09	3,774	2,823
	High School Drama	0.06	2,516	1,882
	FCCLA	0.07	2,935	2,196
	FFA	0.06	2,516	1,882
	Speech	0.04	1,677	1,255
	Assistant Speech Coach	0.02	839	627
	Middle School Drama	0.04	1,677	1,255
	National Honor Society	0.02	839	627
	Junior National Honor Society	0.01	419	314

	Western Youth Organization	0.03	1,258	941
	High School Student Council	0.05	2,097	1,569
	High School Art Club	0.02	839	627
	Ping Pong Club	0.02	839	627
	Middle School Art Club	0.01	419	314
	Middle School FACS Club	0.01	419	314
	Spanish/Latin Club	0.01	419	314
	French Club	0.01	419	314
	Japanese Club	0.01	419	314
	Science Club	0.01	419	314
	Panther Tech	0.08	3,354	2,510
	Panther Tech Assistant	0.04	1,677	1,255
	Middle School Panther Tech	0.02	839	627
	W-Club	0.01	419	314
	Freshmen Mentor Sponsor	0.02	839	627
	6th Grade Sponsor	0.01	419	314
	7th Grade Sponsor	0.01	419	314
	8th Grade Sponsor	0.01	419	314
	9th Grade Sponsor	0.01	419	314
	10th Grade Sponsor	0.01	4196	314
	11th Grade Sponsor	0.04	1,677	1,255
	12th Grade Sponsor	0.02	839	627
	Intermediate Student Council	0.02	839	627
	AMTAG	0.02	839	627
	AMTAG	0.02	839	627
	AMTAG	0.02	839	627
	AMTAG	0.02	839	627
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	AMTAG	0.02	839	627
	AMTAG	0.02	839	627
	AMTAG	0.02	839	627
	Little Hoosiers Historians	0.02	839	627
	Little Hoosiers Historians	0.02	839	627
	Little Hoosiers Historians	0.02	839	627
	Little Hoosiers Historians	0.02	839	627
	Senior High Spell Bowl	0.01	419	314
	Middle School Spell Bowl	0.01	419	314
	Super Bowl Coordinator	0.03	1,258	941
	Super Bowl English Coach	0.02	839	627
	Super Bowl Math Coach	0.02	839	627
	Super Bowl Science Coach	0.02	839	627
	Super Bowl Fine Arts Coach	0.02	839	627
	Super Bowl Social Studies Coach	0.02	839	627

	Super Bowl All-Around Coach	0.02	839	627
	High School Newspaper	0.04	1,677	1,255
	Middle School Newspaper	0.01	419	314
	Middle School Yearbook	0.01	419	314
	Middle School Academic - Humanities	0.01	419	314
	Middle School Academic - Humanities	0.01	419	314
	Middle School Academic - Math	0.01	419	314
	Middle School Academic - Science	0.01	419	314
	Middle School KWIT Club	0.01	419	314
	Battle of Books	0.01	419	314
	Midwest Talent Search	0.01	419	314
	XL Project	0.01	419	314
	Whit & Whims	0.04	1,677	1,255
Team Leaders (duties include PLC Facilitator and Curriculum Map)	K	0.03	1,258	
	1	0.03	1,258	
	2	0.03	1,258	
	3	0.03	1,258	
	4	0.03	1,258	
	5	0.03	1,258	
	Middle School Team Leader - 6	0.03	1,258	
	Middle School Team Leader - 6	0.03	1,258	
	Middle School Team Leader - 7	0.03	1,258	
	Middle School Team Leader - 7	0.03	1,258	
	Middle School Team Leader - 8	0.03	1,258	
	Middle School Team Leader - 8	0.03	1,258	
Department Chairs	Art	0.02	839	
	College and Career (CTE)	0.03	1,258	
	English	0.03	1,258	
	Foreign Language	0.03	1,258	
	Math	0.03	1,258	
	Music	0.03	1,258	
	Physical Education Health	0.03	1,258	
	Science	0.03	1,258	
	Social Studies	0.03	1,258	
	Counseling	0.03	1,258	
	Special Education	0.02	839	

*The following information on extended contract days and hours is included for informational purposes only and was not bargained. The rate of pay is bargained.

Extended Contracts: High School Counselors may have their contracts extended up to twelve (12) working days.

Elementary and Middle School Counselors may have their contract extended up to five (5) working days.

If extended, the counselors shall be paid their daily rate for each day worked.

The Corporation's Librarian will have his/her contract extended up to five (5) working days at 7 hours per day.

Appendix C GRIEVANCE REPORT FORM

Western School Corporation, Russiaville, IN 46979-0247

Grievance # _____

_____	_____	_____
Building	Assignment	Name of Grievant(s)
_____	_____	
Date Filed	Filed With	

Step I

A. Date Cause of Grievance occurred _____

B. Statement of Grievance _____

C. Violation of the master Agreement, Article(s) _____
Section(s) _____

D. Relief Sought _____

Signature

Date

Appendix D SICK LEAVE BANK

Western School Corporation

1. Purpose

The purpose of the bank shall be to provide a teacher income protection in the event of illness or injury which exhausts his or her accumulated sick leave.

2. Eligibility

All members of bargaining unit employed under regular contract. Members must be enrolled during the open enrollment period between September 1 to October 1 of any given school year to be eligible to use the sick leave bank.

3. Enrollment Period.

Any teacher donating two (2) days shall become a charter member and eligible to withdraw from the Sick Leave Bank. No further reductions shall be made of these members until the bank falls below 120 days. At such time, each member will be required to donate one additional day. This procedure will be enacted at any time the bank falls below 120 days.

Upon individual accumulation of maximum sick days, those members do contribute any additional days to the Sick Leave Bank. Upon individual accumulation of maximum sick days, non-members of the bank may authorize transfer of any additional days to the Sick Leave Bank by applying for membership in the Sick Leave Bank.

4. Discontinuation.

In the event the Sick Leave Bank is discontinued, any days contributed by teachers during previous years shall be restored to said teachers' personal accumulated sick leave. Any days left in the Bank at the end of the school year shall be credited to next year's Sick Leave Bank.

5. Administration.

The Sick Leave Bank shall be administered by a committee of representatives appointed by the W.E.A. This committee shall review application requests for the use of the Sick Leave Bank and shall recommend approval or denial of such request.

Applicants reserve the right to withdraw their request at any time prior to use.

Applications may be picked up from the W.E.A. building representatives and building principal's office.

6. Organization/Operation of the Sick Leave Bank Committee.

- (a) The committee shall select one of its members to serve as chairman for the term of this contract.
- (b) The committee shall meet during the school year as required at times mutually agreeable to the members.

- (c) All official actions of the committee shall require approval of a majority of the members of the committee.
- (d) The decisions of the committee shall be final.
- (e) Accurate records of membership eligibility shall be kept by WEA. Accurate records of days available and days used shall be kept by both WEA and WSC.

7. Use of Sick Leave Bank.

- (a) Application for use of Sick Leave Bank days shall be submitted by eligible teachers to the chairman of the committee.
- (b) All applications for use of Sick Leave Bank days shall be accompanied, by a statement from the teacher's attending physician which shall
 1. certify and describe the nature of the disability or illness;
 2. state the treatment being provided; and
 3. state the prognosis for return to performance of assigned duties and responsibilities.
- (c) A teacher may, upon recommendation of the committee, use up to a maximum of 20 days from the Sick Leave Bank during any one regular school year.
- (d) A teacher who has used at least fifty (50) of their individually accumulated sick leave days prior to applying for sick leave bank days and who has been granted the maximum days provided for under sub-paragraph (c) above may apply for up to a maximum of an additional twenty (20) days which application the committee may or may not approve.

8. Repayment of Sick Leave Bank Days

- (a) Upon return to full employment, the teacher shall repay the Sick Leave Bank for days owed, calculated as the number of days borrowed minus the number of days contributed, at the rate of three (3) days minimum per year, said days to be deducted from the annual allotment provided as of the first day of each school year.
- (b) In the event that a teacher leaves employment in the school corporation while owing days to the Sick Leave Bank, such debt shall be canceled.

Appendix E Professional Improvement Request Form

Request for Permission to Attend a Conference or Workshop

_____ hereby requests permission to attend

at _____ on _____

The following benefits would be derived: _____

Signature: _____ Estimated Cost _____

Principal's Signature: _____

Available Professional Improvement Funds and Appropriation (by Treasurer)

_____yes _____no

Superintendent: _____ Board Action: _____ Approved _____

Denied _____ Approved _____ Denied _____

Secretary of Board _____

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Available Professional Improvement Funds and Appropriation (by Treasurer)

_____yes _____no

Superintendent: _____ Approved _____ Denied _____

Board Action: _____ Approved _____ Denied _____

Secretary of Board _____

Appendix F Graduate Course Reimbursement Request

Request for Permission to Receive Reimbursement toward Graduate Course as Outlined in Article IV

Step 1 - To be completed prior to beginning the Graduate Course.

Teacher Requesting Reimbursement _____

Current Teacher License _____

Graduate Course Requested _____

Term or Semester Graduate Course is Offered _____

Beginning Date of Course _____ Ending Date of Course _____

College/University _____

Credit Hours _____ semester/quarter (circle one)

The following benefits would be derived from this class: _____

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____

Step 2 - Funds Available Check

Available Professional Improvement Funds and Appropriation Yes _____ No _____

School Year Professional Improvement Funds are to be taken from _____

Director of Finance _____

Date _____

Step 3 – Superintendent’s Determination When Funds Are Available

Requested Course Approved _____

Requested Course Denied _____

Date _____

Return a copy of form following Step 3 to teacher making request.

Step 4 - Completed Following Final Grade Report

Director of Finance Approval for Reimbursement _____

Original form to be filed in Business Office with a copy of receipt showing tuition paid in full by the teacher, plus a final grade report of a “B-” or better.