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3125.2 EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The Board of Education will employ substitutes in order to ensure continuity in the instructional program and will approve a list of substitutes on an annual basis and additional approved substitutes will be added to the approved list throughout the school year. Substitute teachers will be employed from the substitute list recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. The Board shall also approve the substitute rate of pay.

All substitute teachers must possess a substitute credential issued by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. ~~6A:9-6.5~~ **6A:9B-7.1 et seq.** All substitute teachers are required to undergo a criminal history record check in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq. and New Jersey Department of Education regulations and procedures for criminal history record checks. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1b., a substitute teacher who is rehired annually by the Board shall only be required to undergo a criminal history record check as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq. upon initial employment, provided the substitute continues in the employ of at least one of the districts at which the substitute was employed within one year of the approval of the criminal history record check.

A substitute teacher shall follow the daily lesson plan provided by the regular teacher and, when that plan is exhausted or unavailable, the instructions of the Principal. A substitute teacher may not plan or direct an instructional program except as expressly permitted by the Superintendent.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1b. **and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.4(c)**, a vacant teaching position **may only** ~~shall not~~ be filled ~~in any school year~~ by one or more individuals employed as substitute teachers and holding an **instructional** certificate of eligibility (CE), ~~or a~~ certificate of eligibility with advanced standing (CEAS), **or standard certificate** issued by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners **with an endorsement within the scope of the subject being taught** ~~and working in an area authorized by their credentials~~ for **no more than a total amount of time exceeding sixty school instructional days in the same classroom per year. The sixty day limit may be extended if the Executive County Superintendent is notified of an extension by the school district which shall demonstrate:**



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1. **The school district was unable to hire an appropriately certified teacher for the vacant position;**
2. **The school district is filling the position subject to the limitations in a local contract or N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.1; and**
3. **Holders of an instructional CE or CEAS with an endorsement within the scope of the subject being taught meet the following provisions:**
 - a. **CE or CEAS holders obtain a provisional certificate;**
 - b. **CE or CEAS holders are enrolled in a district mentoring program upon obtaining a provisional certificate;**
 - c. **CE holders are accepted into a CE educator program and will begin coursework in the program's next available cohort.**

~~The Executive County Superintendent of Schools may grant an extension upon written application from the school district demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately certified teacher for the vacant position within the original sixty-day time limit. In the event that one individual employed pursuant to this~~ **the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1b.** ~~is employed in the same position for more than sixty days, the substitute shall be compensated by the school district on a pro-rata basis consistent with the salary provided to a teacher with similar credentials in the school district.~~

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1c. **and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.4(b),** a vacant teaching position **may only** ~~shall not~~ be filled ~~in any school year~~ by one or more individuals employed as substitute teachers and holding an **instructional certificate of eligibility CE, or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing CEAS, or a standard certificate** issued by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners **with an endorsement not within the scope of the subject being taught** ~~and working in an area not authorized by their credentials~~ **for no more than forty instructional days in the same classroom per year** ~~a total amount of time exceeding twenty school days.~~ The Executive County Superintendent of Schools **shall be notified by the Superintendent or**



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~~designee if a holder of an instructional CE or CEAS substitutes for more than twenty instructional days in the same classroom. may grant an extension of up to an additional twenty days upon written application from the school district demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately certified teacher for the vacant position within the original twenty-day time limit.~~

~~In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1d., a vacant teaching position shall not be filled in any school year by one or more individuals employed as substitute teachers and holding a standard instructional certificate issued by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners and working in an area not authorized by their credentials for a total amount of time exceeding forty school days.~~

Holders of a career and technical education substitute credential pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.5 shall be permitted to substitute for no more than forty instructional days in the same classroom per year in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.4(b)2.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1a. **and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.4(a)**, a vacant teaching position **may only** ~~shall not~~ be filled in ~~any school year~~ by one or more individuals holding a substitute credential **or holding an administrative or educational services certificate without an instructional CE, CEAS, or standard certificate** issued by the New Jersey State Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-38 for **no more than a total amount of time exceeding twenty instructional school days in the same classroom per year.** The Commissioner of Education may grant an extension of up to an additional twenty school days upon written application from the school district demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately certified teacher for the vacant position within the original twenty-day time limit.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.; 18A:16-1.1a.; 18A:16-1.1b.;
18A:16-1.1c.; 18A:16-1.1d.

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.1; 6A:9B-7.2; 6A:9B-7.3; 6A:9B-7.4; 6A:9B-7.5

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