

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The Commerce Board of Education realizes that teachers may occasionally be absent from the classroom and recognizes the need for qualified substitute teachers. In recognizing that need, the board has decided that noncertified substitute teachers or substitute teachers with a lapsed or expired teaching certificate shall be paid at the rate of \$60.00 per teaching day. Certified substitute teachers shall be paid \$75.00 per day.

Substitute teachers are to be approved by the superintendent. All substitutes will be employed by the school system and paid by the school system.

No noncertified, non-degreed substitute teacher shall be employed for a total period of time in excess of 135 days per school year and may not be employed for the same assignment for more than 135 days during a school year.

No substitute teacher with a lapsed or expired certificate or who has a bachelors level college degree shall be employed for a total period of time in excess of 145 days per school year and may not be employed for the same assignment for more than 145 days during a school year.

Substitute teachers who do not hold a valid certificate and who are employed to teach special education for physically handicapped students or mentally retarded students are not subject to these restrictions if no certified teachers are available to teach such students and the students would be denied instruction in special education if the substitute teacher were not employed. The district will provide in-service training for a substitute teacher employed to teach special education for more than 15 consecutive days or 30 total days in the same assignment.

A certified substitute teacher may be employed on a monthly or annual basis in accordance with the terms of a written employment contract in the same manner and under the same conditions as regular teachers. Such substitute teachers shall receive the same compensation as regular teachers, at the same salary level, and will be employed pursuant to a temporary employment contract.

**REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §6-105
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