

**GBQA Reduction of Teaching Staff**

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If the board decides that the size of the teaching staff must be reduced, guidelines in this policy or the negotiated agreement shall be followed. Insofar as possible reduction of staff shall be accomplished by attrition due to resignations and retirement.

The following steps will be utilized by the district's administrative staff to reduce the teaching staff:

The number of teaching positions to be reduced shall be in accordance with the educational goals established by the board. The number of teachers needed to implement the district's educational program will then be determined by the administrative staff based on those educational goals in determining which teachers will be nonrenewed due to reduction in force.

The educational goals and needs of the district, individual certifications, qualifications, training, skills, evaluations and interests shall be considered.

If two or more teachers have similar certifications, qualifications, training, skills, evaluations and interests in a teaching area, those teachers who have tenure will be retained over those who are nontenured. If all of the teachers have similar certifications, qualifications, training, skills, evaluations and interests and all are tenured, the teacher(s) who best meets the needs of the district, considering the factors outlined above and any other relevant factors, will be retained.

Any certified employee who has not been reemployed as a result of reduction of the teaching staff shall be considered for reemployment if a vacancy exists for which the teacher would qualify. Certified employees who may be eligible for reemployment are required to notify the district of their current address. The superintendent will recommend to the board reinstatement of any teacher he/she deems qualified and able to serve the best interests of the district. The board shall not be required to consider reinstatement of any teacher after a period of one year from the date of nonrenewal.

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