BRITTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 4112.24 - TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

Recognizing the importance of teacher effectiveness in improving student achievement, the Governing Board desires to recruit and hire teachers for core academic subjects who possess the subject matter knowledge and teaching skills required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

All teachers employed to teach core academic subjects shall be "highly qualified" as defined by federal law and the State Board of Education. (20 USC 6319, 7801; 34 CFR 200.55; 5 CCR 6100-6126)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform teachers of NCLB requirements and shall identify additional qualifications, if any, that individual teachers need to demonstrate in order to meet the requirements. He/she shall work with individual teachers to develop a plan for attaining full qualifications.

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor the distribution of "highly qualified" teachers among district schools and develop strategies, as needed, to encourage teachers who meet NCLB requirements to teach in schools with the lowest student performance.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the progress of the district's teachers toward becoming fully qualified. Such reports shall include, but need not be limited to, the percentage of teachers in core academic subjects, districtwide and at each school, who meet the definition of a "highly qualified" teacher in accordance with federal law, and the percentage of teachers who are receiving professional development to enable them to satisfy this definition. (20 USC 6319)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44500-44508 Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers

44662 Performance evaluation; Stull Act review

44664 Teacher evaluation; program to improve performance

44865 Alternative programs

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

6100-6126 Teacher qualifications, No Child Left Behind Act

80021 Short-term staff permit

80021.1 Provisional internship permit

80089.3-80089.4 Subject matter authorizations

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1401 Definition of highly qualified special education teacher

6311 Parental notifications

6312 Title I local educational agency plan

6314 Schoolwide programs

6315 Targeted assistance schools
6319 Highly qualified teachers
7345-7345b Small Rural Schools Achievement Program
7801 Definitions, highly qualified teacher
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
200.55-200.57 Highly qualified teachers
200.61 Parent notification regarding teacher qualifications
300.18 Highly qualified special education teachers