EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: EMPLOYEES

TITLE: EMPLOYMENT OF

SUBSTITUTE AND SHORT-

TERM EMPLOYEES

ADOPTED: <u>NEW POLICY</u> 2018

(Combined language from Policy 405 & 505 into one policy.)

	305. EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE AND SHORT-TERM EMPLOYEES
1. Purpose	Qualified and competent substitute and short-term employees shall be employed in order to provide continuity in the operation of the district.
2. Authority SC 1101, 1106, 1148	The Board shall approve annually the names of potential substitute professional/classified/support personnel and the positions in which they may substitute. Additional names may be added to the list of substitutes by the Board during the school year.
	Approval shall normally be given to those candidates for employment recommended by the Superintendent.
3. Guidelines	Utilization of substitute or short-term employees prior to approval by the Board is authorized when necessary to maintain continuity of services in the district and the candidate has satisfied legal pre-employment requirements. Retroactive employment shall be recommended to the Board at the next meeting.
	Any employee's misstatement of fact material to qualifications for employment or determination of salary shall constitute grounds for dismissal by the Board.
	Pre-Employment Requirements
SC 111.1	The district shall conduct an employment history review in compliance with state law prior to issuing an offer of substitute employment to a candidate. The employment history review shall remain valid as long as the substitute continues to be employed by the district or remains on the approved substitute list. Failure to accurately report required information shall subject the candidate to discipline up to, and including, denial of employment or termination if already hired, and may subject the candidate to civil and criminal penalties. The district may use the information for the purpose of evaluating an applicant's fitness to be hired or for continued employment and may report the information as permitted by law.
SC 111, 111.1	Each candidate shall report, on the designated form, arrests and convictions as specified on the form. Candidates shall likewise report arrests and/or convictions that occur subsequent to initially submitting the form. Failure to accurately report

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	such arrests and convictions may subject the individual to denial of employment, termination if already hired, and/or criminal prosecution.
SC 111 Title 22 Sec. 8.1 et seq 6344	No candidate shall be employed until such candidate has complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history, child abuse, and FBI Criminal History Record; and the district has evaluated the results of the screening process.
42 U.S.C. Sec. 653a	The school district shall submit a New Hire Report for each employee required to be reported by law.
	Compensation
	Classified/Support Substitute and Short-Term Employees
SC 406	The Board shall approve the employment, set the compensation, and establish the period and terms of employment for each short-term classified/support employee.
	Substitutes for classified/support employees will be paid at an hourly rate set annually by the Board for the various classes of substitute and short-term employees.
	Substitute Teachers and Other Professional Staff
SC 1109, 1201 24 P.S. Sec. 2070.2 Title 22 Sec. 49.1 et seq	A candidate for employment in the district shall not receive a recommendation for employment without evidence of his/her certification when such certification is required.
SC 1148	Substitutes shall be paid on a per diem basis at a rate set periodically by the Board.
SC 1148	A substitute employed for a full marking period or more for a professional employee on leave for a specified period will be compensated at a per diem rate equal to that of a temporary professional employee and will be eligible for the same fringe benefits of such employee.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement procedures to recruit, screen, recommend, assign and evaluate candidates for substitute and short-term support employment.
	The administration may seek recommendations from former employers and others to assess the candidate's qualifications. Recommendations and references shall be retained confidentially and for official use only.
	The Superintendent or designee shall recommend retention on the Board's approved

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substitute list only for those substitutes who have satisfactorily performed their duties.

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare a written statement for all approved substitutes informing them of their pay rate and status as employees, schedule of work, and other matters to enable them to perform their duties to the best of their ability. A copy of this statement shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec 111, 111.1, 506, 510, 1101, 1106, 1109, 1148, 1201

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 8.1 et seq., 49.1 et seq.

Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec 6301 et seq.

Educator Discipline Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 2070.1

Board Policy – 104, 304, 404, 504