Policy 4111: Recruitment And Selection

Certificated Personnel

The Governing Board is committed to employing suitable, qualified individuals to effectively carry out the district's vision, mission, and goals, and believes that students benefit when district staff reflects the racial, ethnic, linguistic, and cultural diversity of the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop recruitment and selection processes, consistent with applicable law, Board policy, and collective bargaining agreements, that are designed to promote fairness and equity so that individuals are selected for employment in the district based on demonstrated knowledge, skills, and competence and in compliance with applicable antidiscrimination laws.

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall, through the recruitment and selection processes and procedures and consistent with applicable law, seek to recruit a diverse pool of qualified applicants.

When a vacancy occurs, the Superintendent or designee shall review, as appropriate, the job description for the position to ensure that it accurately describes the major functions and duties of the position. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall disseminate job announcements in a manner reasonably designed to reach a broad pool of qualified candidates.

When posting an employment opportunity, the Superintendent or designee shall include the pay scale for the open position. (Labor Code 432.3)

The Superintendent shall develop and maintain appropriate hiring procedures to identify qualified candidates who meet district needs. In doing so, an interview committee may be established to rank candidates and recommend finalists. During job interviews, applicants may be asked to describe or demonstrate how they will be able to perform the duties of the job. All discussions and recommendations shall be treated as confidential to the extent consistent with law.

When considering an applicant for a certificated position, the district shall inquire with each district, county office of education (COE), charter school, state special school or diagnostic center operated by the California Department of Education (CDE), or private school that previously employed the applicant as to whether the applicant was the subject

of any credible complaints of, substantiated investigations into, or discipline for, egregious misconduct, including any instance that was reported to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). (Education Code 44939.5)

Additionally, when considering an applicant for a classified position, the district shall inquire with each district, COE, charter school, state special school or diagnostic center operated by CDE, or private school that previously employed the applicant as to whether the applicant was the subject of any credible complaints of, substantiated investigations into, or discipline for, egregious misconduct that were used to support a substantiated investigation. (Education Code 44051)

Upon receipt of an inquiry from another district, COE, charter school, state special school or diagnostic center operated by CDE, or private school, in regard to an applicant for employment to that entity, the Superintendent or designee shall disclose to the inquiring entity all relevant information related to any report of egregious misconduct to CTC within its possession in regard to such applicant, including information in the employee's or former employee's personnel file, as specified in Education Code 44051 and 44939.5.

No inquiry shall be made about any information prohibited by state or federal nondiscrimination laws.

Unless otherwise provided for in law, the district may not discriminate against a person in hiring based on the person's use of cannabis off the job and away from the workplace, including that the district may not request information from an applicant related to the applicant's prior use of cannabis, apart from the applicant's criminal history, or penalize an applicant based on a drug screening which finds that the applicant has nonpsychoactive cannabis metabolites in the applicant's hair, blood, urine, or other bodily fluid. (Government Code 12954)

However, the district retains the right to maintain drug-free schools or prohibit employees from possessing, being impaired by, or using cannabis while on the job. (Government Code 12954)

The Superintendent or designee shall not inquire, orally or in writing, about an applicant's salary history information, including compensation and benefits. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall not rely on salary history information as a factor in determining whether to offer employment to an applicant or the salary to offer. However, the Superintendent or designee may consider salary information that is disclosable under

state or federal law or that the applicant discloses voluntarily and without prompting. (Labor Code 432.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall not require an applicant to have a driver's license unless driving is an essential function of the position or it is otherwise reasonably expected for driving to be a job function for the position and that satisfying the job function using an alternative form of transportation would not be comparable in travel time or cost to the district. (Government Code 12940)

For each position, the Superintendent or designee shall present to the Governing Board one candidate who meets all qualifications established by law and the Governing Board for the position. No person shall be employed by the Governing Board without the recommendation or endorsement of the Superintendent or designee.

Incentives

With Governing Board approval and in accordance with district needs and any applicable collective bargaining agreements, the district may provide incentives to recruit teachers, administrators, or other employees, such as signing bonuses, assistance with beginning teacher induction and/or credential costs, mentoring, additional compensation, and/or subsidized housing.