

WINDHAM SCHOOL

DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

AUTHORITY: Tex. Gov't Code § 825.4092; 34 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 31.3, 41.4;

Windham Board Policy (WBP)-03.02, "Windham School District

Superintendent Responsibilities and Authority"

APPLICABILITY: Windham School District

EMPLOYMENT AT WILL CLAUSE:

This policy does not constitute an employment contract or guarantee of continued employment and does not create a legally enforceable interest or limit the superintendent's authority to implement personnel policies. Windham School District (Windham) reserves the right to revise this policy at any time.

POLICY:

Retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) or the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) (together "retirees") are eligible for employment or re-employment consideration for in accordance with this directive.

PROCEDURES:

I. Disclaimer

Retirees are responsible for being aware of and understanding the consequences of employment with Windham, which may include loss of monthly retirement annuity, and/or the requirement to reimburse the contribution(s) (surcharge(s)) Windham is required to pay to TRS when employing retirees, if applicable.

II. Application Procedures

A retiree seeking employment with Windham must follow the normal application process for the position sought, and indicate their retiree status on the application.

III. Required Periods of Separation

A. A TRS or ERS retiree must be separated from employment for at least one full calendar month after the effective date of retirement before applying for Windham employment.

Example: If the retiree's effective date of retirement was July 15, one full calendar month would end August 31.

TRS retirees who retired from a TRS-covered employer after January 1, 2021, may forfeit his or her annuity by reemploying with Windham full time prior to a 12 consecutive-calendar month break in service. However, returning to work in half-time or substitute positions, only a one-month break in service is required.

B. If a TRS or ERS retiree is the final applicant for a position, Windham Human Resources department (HR) will verify the required period of separation.

IV. Surcharge Payments

A. Pension Surcharge

While employing a TRS retiree for more than 92 hours per month, Windham is required to pay a monthly pension surcharge to TRS, based on a percentage of the compensation paid to the employee. A TRS retiree is responsible for reimbursing this surcharge through payroll deduction. The percentage of compensation paid as a surcharge will be specified on the job posting.

B. TRS-Care Surcharge

While employing a TRS retiree who is and will continue to be covered under TRS-Care while employed with Windham, Windham is required to pay a monthly TRS-Care surcharge, which currently is \$535.00. A TRS retiree to which this surcharge applies is responsible for reimbursing the surcharge amount through payroll deduction. The amount of monthly TRS-Care surcharge will be specified on the job posting.

The surcharges do not apply to TRS retirees who retired prior to September 1, 2005.

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Superintendent

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