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District & Association Resolving Class Size Concerns

President David Navar will publish a Joint Communication with Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Zepure Hacopian regarding payment for class size overages. The Association seeks compensation for Bargaining Unit members with class sizes and caseloads greater than three students over the negotiated max. *More information on the compensation formula will be available this week.* Continue to report overages on MontebelloTeachers.org.



When Am I Required To Be On Campus?

The Board Day for each site is 7 hours and 15 minutes. Within the confines of the Board Day, the remaining minutes beyond instructional minutes, are interpreted as preparation time. The time within the Board Day and outside of instructional minutes is called the *Professional Day*. (Article IV. Section F.1.)

TK-12 teachers are required to be on the school site 7 minutes prior to the start of their first class. All other preparation time need not occur at the school site providing the site administrator (or designee) has not scheduled a meeting. This includes short days at sites where site specific waivers have been authorized for banking minutes.

Tuesdays Are Reserved for MTA Business

The Association schedules meetings on Tuesdays. The District has agreed <u>not</u> to schedule meetings Tuesdays in order to allow Bargaining Unit members to participate in union activities (<u>Article XX. Section J.</u>)

Requests to Advance on the Salary Schedule Due October 1 & December 31

Bargaining Unit members have two opportunities each year to file an intent to qualify for a change in salary with the Human Resources Department: October 1 and December 31. In addition, official transcripts verifying course work completed must be filed with the Human Resources Department prior to a change in salary classification.

Seek Approval for Lower Division and Professional Growth Units

Coursework that enhances a Bargaining Unit member's ability or potential to address identified District needs and/or state mandate(s) in the Bargaining Unit member's current assignment will receive salary credit, if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the District Salary Credit Committee. The course work must be approved and filed, with the required documentation, with the District within sixty (60) days of completion of the coursework.

Lower division units from an accredited institution and with a grade of at least a "C" that are aligned to a Bargaining Unit member's District-approved credential or degree/waiver plan on file with the District.

Article XII. Wages Section C.10.b.c. (page 24)

How Do I Advance on the Salary Schedule?

Information regarding placement on the salary schedule is available through the **Human Resources Office**. Request for advancement on the salary schedule is the responsibility of the Bargaining Unit member.

Bargaining Unit members must file an intent to qualify for a change in salary with the Human Resources Office according to the time lines listed below. In addition official transcripts verifying course work completed by the dates listed below must be filed with the Human Resources Office prior to a change in salary classification. (Article XII. Section D)

In order to be implemented for the first pay warrant - Submit no later than October 1 (Implementation date: August 1 for 12 paychecks, September 1 for 11 paychecks)

In order to be implemented at mid-year - Submit no later than December 31

(Implementation date: February 1 for 12 and 11 paychecks)

Salaries will not be adjusted until Human Resources submitted the change to the Board of Education. Payment will be retroactive if approval occurs after the implementation date.

There are 4 ways to advance on the salary schedule:

- Upper division units that would or could lead to a degree or credential (Article XII. Section C.10.a)
- Professional development units (Article XII. Section C.10.b)
- Lower division units that are aligned to a District approved credential or degree/waiver program (Article XII. Section C.10.c)
- District salary credits. The Committee meets at least twice a year. (<u>Article XII. Section D.2</u>)

<u>College Units</u>: All units earned subsequent to the BA/BS degree that are upper division or graduate level units and would or could lead to a credential or degree, with a grade of "C" and from an accredited institution are *automatically approved*.

District Salary Credit can be earned for staff development activities conducted outside the Board Day and for which the member has <u>not</u> been compensated.

<u>Professional Development Units and Lower Division Units</u>: Course work that does <u>not</u> fit the criteria above for college units may be eligible for professional development units. Course work that enhances a teacher's ability or potential to address identified District needs and/or state mandate(s) in the teacher's current assignment will receive salary credit *if approved by two-thirds* of the District Salary Credit Committee. The course work must be approved and filed with the required documentation with the District Salary Credit Committee within 60 days of completion of the course work. District Salary Credit can be earned for staff development activities conducted outside the Board Day and for which the member has <u>not</u> been compensated.

<u>Lower Division Units Toward A Credential or Degree/Waiver:</u> Lower division units from an accredited institution and with a grade of at least a "C" that are aligned to a Bargaining Unit members District-approved credential or degree/waiver plan on file with the District are *automatically approved*. District Salary Credit can be earned for staff development activities conducted outside the Board Day and for which the member has <u>not</u> been compensated.

<u>District Salary Credit</u>: These are credits that are unique to the Montebello Unified School District. **District Salary Credit can be** earned for staff development activities conducted outside the Board Day and for which the member has <u>not</u> been compensated. Fifteen hours of staff development equals one district salary credit. A form is available through the Instructional Division. District Salary Credit may be earned by

- Staff development programs developed by the District or the Association (MTA IPD activities.)
- Individual staff development programs if approved by the District Salary Credit Committee within 60 days of completion of the work.

Type of Units	Notify Human Resources	Requires DSCC Approval	Limits on Columns
College Units	Yes	No	No
Professional Development/Lower Division	Yes	Yes	No
Lower Division Aligned with District Approved Credential/Induction or Degree/Waiver Plan	Yes	No	No
District Salary Credit MTA or District Offered	Yes	No	Yes
District Salary Credit Individual Staff Development	Yes	Yes	Yes