



SUPPORT PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

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SECTION A BOARD OF EDUCATION

SA-1

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Guthrie Public School Board of Education recognizes the need and necessity for all personnel to be informed and have access to all school policies and procedures. Therefore the Board of Education has adopted the Support Personnel Handbook for distribution to all support employees.

A complete copy of the Guthrie Public Schools Policy Book will be kept in each building library and main administrative office. These copies are for employee use and reference.

SECTION B PERSONNEL

SB-1

APPLICATIONS

Applications for positions or promotions with Guthrie Public Schools shall be in the approved format provided by the district.

All applications submitted for employment or promotion becomes the sole property of Guthrie Public Schools. The application, references and other information are confidential and will be reviewed only by the appropriate authorized supervisory personnel.

An applicant's name or other information will not be given to any private business, agency, or institution.

SB-2

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Guthrie Board of Education is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in relation to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, alienage, handicap, or veteran status. This policy will prevail in all matters concerning staff, events, students, the public, employment, admissions, financial aid, educational programs and services, facilities access, and individuals, companies, and firms with whom the board does business.

The School District has adopted Grievance Procedures for Filing, Processing and Resolving Alleged Discrimination Complaints to address discrimination based on sex (including sexual harassment), race, color, national origin, religion, age or qualified disability. Students and their parents can obtain a free copy of the Grievance Procedures from their school principal or the superintendent. Employees may obtain a copy from their building principal, supervisor, or the director in charge of personnel.

SB-3

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The following are the rules and regulations to be followed by all employees of the Guthrie Public Schools:

1. "Sexual harassment" is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature by one employee towards another employee which (a) is made an explicit or implicit term or condition of a worker's employment, or (b) is used as a basis for employment decisions affecting that worker or (c) has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's work performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.
2. All employees are strictly prohibited from engaging in any form of sexual harassment of any other employee or applicant for employment. Any employee engaging in sexual harassment is subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension, demotion, forfeiture of pay or benefits and termination. Such penalties shall be imposed based on the facts taken as a whole and the totality of the circumstances such as the nature, extent, context and gravity of such activities or incidents.
3. Any employee who is or has been subjected to sexual harassment or knows of any employee who is or has been subjected to sexual harassment shall report all such incidents to the director of personnel or the office of the superintendent. All such reports should be made in person or in writing signed by the reporting party. However, in order to encourage full and complete reporting of such prohibited activities, any person may report such incidents in writing and anonymously by mailing such reports to the personal attention of the director of personnel or the office of the superintendent. All such reports should state the name of the employee or applicants involved, the nature, context and extent of the prohibited activity, the dates of the prohibited activity and any other information necessary to a full report and investigation of the matter.
4. Any employee who is subjected to job-related sexual harassment is entitled to protection under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Oklahoma Antidiscrimination Act and may report such incidents to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission.

SB-4 CONTRACTS

Support employees will be offered one of the following contracts: regular, duration of need, or part-time.

- A. Regular contracts are issued to employees working a complete contract year.
- B. Duration of need contracts are provided for by state law and are issued for a stated period of time as distinguished from regular contracts. These contracts are temporary agreements, written for a stated period of time, and no expectancy of future employment is implied. The circumstances under which duration of need contracts may be used are within the discretion of the Board of Education. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. Personnel employed for less than a full contract year are to be considered on a “Duration of Need Contract” only.
 - 2. Personnel employed to fill a temporary leave vacancy
 - 3. Other circumstances deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Schools

SB-5 PAYROLL

- A. Pay day shall be on the 25th day of each month. When that day falls on a weekend or holiday, checks will be issued on the last workday preceding that date. Summer checks will be available on the corresponding day in June.
- B. Guthrie Public Schools provides for electronic deposit of payroll checks to the financial institution of the employee’s choice. Guthrie Public Schools schedules an open enrollment period each year, which will coincide with existing Section 125 deadlines, and allow one additional change per year, per employee except in extenuating legal circumstances. The Business Office will provide employee authorization forms for electronic deposit.

NOTICE: Except as otherwise provided by law, the business office requires that new insurance companies applying for payroll deduction slots have a minimum of ten (10) policies in force and receive approval from the Superintendent of Schools or his designee.

The deadline for initiating Section 125 employee payroll deductions is September 1st each year. New employees are required to designate payroll deductions within thirty (30) days of employment.

SB-6 USE OF TELEPHONE

Employees are not to use the telephone for long distance school calls where the charge would be made to the school telephone without permission of the principal/supervisor.

SB-7 COMMISSIONS

School law prohibits an employee from receiving gratuities or commissions to influence the purchase of material or supplies.

SB-8 PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF PERSONNEL

The Board of Education makes no rules and regulations concerning the conduct of employees when not on duty. The Board assumes that each employee's training and good judgment is such that the employee knows what proper conduct is and will govern himself/herself accordingly.

SB-9

DRESS/APPEARANCE

All employees are expected to dress appropriately and to conduct themselves responsibly. The image they portray as a Guthrie Public Schools' employee through the day-to-day contact with the public and with colleagues has a direct bearing on how they judge the effectiveness of our school system. It is important that a positive image be portrayed. Cleanliness and personal grooming are important and expected.

SB-10

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The board of education expects employees of Guthrie Public Schools to pay all financial obligations promptly.

SB-11

CLOSING OF SCHOOL DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Should it be necessary to close school because of inclement weather, the three major network stations will announce the closing. Whenever possible, the stations will be informed of any closing in time to announce it on the 10:00 p.m. newscasts. Support personnel on a twelve (12) month contract will report to work at the discretion of the Superintendent.

SB-12

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

School district employees having reason to believe that a student under the age of 18 years has had physical injury inflicted upon the student by other than accidental means and the injury appears to have been caused as the result of physical abuse or neglect shall immediately report the matter to the principal of the student's school.

"Physical abuse and neglect" means harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare by the child's parent or guardian, or other person with whom the child resides, including non-accidental physical injury, sexual abuse, or negligent treatment or maltreatment including the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.

The school principal, the reporting employee and any other employees whom the school principal believes may have had opportunity to observe the student shall review the available information and indications of abuse. The school principal shall report the suspected abuse to the county office of the Department of Human Services for the county where the student resides if the school principal determines that there is reason to believe the student has been abused. The school principal shall advise the other employees and the superintendent of the decision.

If any employee involved in the review believes a report should have been made when it was not, or at any point believes that the student is in imminent physical danger, the employee should report the situation to the appropriate office of the Department of Human Services, with or without the concurrence of the other employees involved. The employee making the report shall notify the school principal and the superintendent.

If the Department of Human Services office is notified by telephone of suspected abuse, the oral report shall be followed by a written report from the school principal or other employee making the telephone report. The written report should contain the names and addresses of the child, the parents, and any other responsible persons, the child's age, the nature and extent of injuries, any previous incidents, and any other helpful information.

All information or documents generated by the school district in regard to the matter are confidential; shall not be disclosed except to investigators of the Department of Human Services, the school district's attorneys, or the District Attorney's office or other state or federal officials in connection with the performance of their official duties; and shall be maintained by the school district in a file separate from the student's general file.

At the request of appropriately identified investigators of the Department of Human Services or the district attorney's office, the school principal may permit the investigators access to a student whose suspected abuse has been reported by a school employee. The principal, or a designated counselor or teacher, must be present but shall not participate in the investigators' interview with the students.

Oklahoma law provides that any school employee who in good faith and exercising due care makes a report to the Department of Human Services, or allows access to a child by persons authorized to investigate a report concerning the child, shall not be liable in damages to any person in the event the report is inaccurate.

SB-13

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER WORK SCHEDULE

The Administrative Center will be open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. Personnel will alternate schedules, including lunch schedules, to assure that the office is continuously open all day. On days when school is officially closed it will be at the discretion of the Superintendent to determine if 12-month employees will report to work.

SB-14

SUPERVISION OF FAMILY MEMBERS

Employees will not be assigned to serve under the direct supervision of a member of their own family. Any employee presently under the supervision of a family member at the time of the adoption of this policy will be permitted to remain in that specific position.

SB-15

STAFF USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

In order to reinforce the policy, which prohibits the use of tobacco products by students, school employees who are on duty and in the presence of students are prohibited from using tobacco products.

SB-16

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

As required by the law, the Guthrie School District carries Worker's Compensation Insurance. Should any employee who is covered by such insurance be injured while at work, the employee is entitled to the benefits provided by the Worker's Compensation Law. No employee will be awarded both sick leave and Worker's Compensation payments.

SB-17

WORK SCHEDULE, PAY GRADES & SALARY SCHEDULE

The following are guidelines for scheduling and payment purposes. The Superintendent or his/her designee may alter the work schedule in favor of the employee at the Superintendent's discretion.

12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

Included are Central Office Staff, Building Level Secretaries (H.S. only), Maintenance Personnel, Custodial Personnel, Child Nutrition Secretary and Transportation Personnel/Secretary

Contracted days - Minimum of 160 days (which includes holidays)

Holidays include - Independence Day, Labor Day, Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, Martin Luther King Day, Spring Break, Memorial Day

Starting date - July 1

Ending date June 30

10-MONTH EMPLOYEES

Included are Building Level Secretaries

Contracted days - Minimum of 160 days

Starting date - 10 days before teachers report to start the school year

Ending date - 10 days after the last day teachers work

9-MONTH EMPLOYEES

Route Drivers and Cafeteria Workers

Contracted days - Minimum of 160 days

Included are all Teacher Assistants, Library Assistants and Handicap Bus Drivers

Contracted days - Minimum of 160 days

Starting date - First day teachers report

Ending date - Last day teachers work

Guthrie Public Schools Position Pay Grade Schedule

Position	Pay Grade
<i>Clerical</i>	
Secretary to Superintendent	12
Payroll / Appropriated Funds	11
Activity Fund Clerk	9
Secretary to Assistant Superintendent	9
Treasurer/ School Food Authority (SFA)	9
Secretary to Executive Director	9
Secretary to Director of Special Education	9
High School Financial Secretary	7
Central Office Receptionist	9
High School Registrar	7
Maintenance Clerk	6
Junior High Financial Secretary	4
Site Secretary / Receptionist	4
<i>Technology</i>	
Systems Analyst	13
Software System Analyst	11
Computer Support Tech I	10
Data Management Specialist	7
<i>Assistants</i>	
Paraprofessional	3
Paraprofessional with Certifications	6
<i>Maintenance</i>	
Lead Maintenance	13
Full-Time Maintenance	8
Grounds Superintendent	8
Grounds Maintenance	3
Certified HVAC / Electrical Technician - Journeyman	\$23 Hourly
Certified HVAC / Electrical Technician - Contractor	\$26 Hourly
<i>Custodial</i>	
Head Custodian – High School	6
Head Custodian – Junior High / GUES	5
Head Custodian – Athletics/ Cotteral / Charter Oak / Central / Fogarty	4
Custodian	3
<i>Transportation</i>	
Lead Mechanic	12
Mechanic	10
Full Time Special Needs Driver	13
Route Supervisor	13
Route Driver	13
Dispatch Supervisor	6
Monitor	2
<i>Child Nutrition</i>	
Cafeteria Manager	6
Secretary to Child Nutrition Director	4
Cafeteria Worker	2

Full-time Employees that work a minimum of four (4) hours daily will receive the district paid teacher retirement benefit.
 Full-time Employees that work a minimum of six (6) hours daily will qualify to receive all fringe benefits available through the district support employee benefit program.
 Up to 5 years credit may be granted for Military Service on the Support Personnel Salary Schedule.



GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 SUPPORT SALARY SCALE - FULL TIME EMPLOYEES
 FY 2021 - 2022

Experience	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0	7.50	7.80	8.30	8.80	9.30	9.80	10.30	10.80	11.30	11.80	12.30	12.80	13.50
1	7.50	7.95	8.45	8.95	9.45	9.95	10.45	10.95	11.45	11.95	12.45	12.95	13.65
2	7.50	8.10	8.60	9.10	9.60	10.10	10.60	11.10	11.60	12.10	12.60	13.10	14.18
3	7.50	8.25	8.75	9.25	9.75	10.25	10.75	11.25	11.75	12.25	12.75	13.25	14.46
4	7.50	8.40	8.90	9.40	9.90	10.40	10.90	11.40	11.90	12.40	12.90	13.40	14.62
5	7.50	8.55	9.05	9.55	10.05	10.55	11.05	11.55	12.05	12.55	13.05	13.55	14.77
6	7.50	8.70	9.20	9.70	10.20	10.70	11.20	11.70	12.20	12.70	13.20	13.70	14.93
7	7.50	8.85	9.35	9.85	10.35	10.85	11.35	11.85	12.35	12.85	13.35	13.85	15.08
8	7.50	9.00	9.50	10.00	10.50	11.00	11.50	12.00	12.50	13.00	13.50	14.00	15.24
9	7.50	9.15	9.65	10.15	10.65	11.15	11.65	12.15	12.65	13.15	13.65	14.15	15.39
10	7.50	9.30	9.80	10.30	10.80	11.30	11.80	12.30	12.80	13.30	13.80	14.30	15.55
11	7.50	9.45	9.95	10.45	10.95	11.45	11.95	12.45	12.95	13.45	13.95	14.45	15.70
12	7.50	9.60	10.10	10.60	11.10	11.60	12.10	12.60	13.10	13.60	14.10	14.60	15.86
13	7.50	9.75	10.25	10.75	11.25	11.75	12.25	12.75	13.25	13.75	14.25	14.75	16.01
14	7.50	9.90	10.40	10.90	11.40	11.90	12.40	12.90	13.40	13.90	14.40	14.90	16.17
15	7.50	10.05	10.55	11.05	11.55	12.05	12.55	13.05	13.55	14.05	14.55	15.05	16.32
16	7.50	10.20	10.70	11.20	11.70	12.20	12.70	13.20	13.70	14.20	14.70	15.20	16.48
17	7.50	10.35	10.85	11.35	11.85	12.35	12.85	13.35	13.85	14.35	14.85	15.35	16.63
18	7.50	10.50	11.00	11.50	12.00	12.50	13.00	13.50	14.00	14.50	15.00	15.50	16.79
19	7.50	10.65	11.15	11.65	12.15	12.65	13.15	13.65	14.15	14.65	15.15	15.65	16.94
20	7.50	10.80	11.30	11.80	12.30	12.80	13.30	13.80	14.30	14.80	15.30	15.80	17.10
21	7.50	10.95	11.45	11.95	12.45	12.95	13.45	13.95	14.45	14.95	15.45	15.95	17.25
22	7.50	11.10	11.60	12.10	12.60	13.10	13.60	14.10	14.60	15.10	15.60	16.10	17.41
23	7.50	11.25	11.75	12.25	12.75	13.25	13.75	14.25	14.75	15.25	15.75	16.25	17.56
24	7.50	11.40	11.90	12.40	12.90	13.40	13.90	14.40	14.90	15.40	15.90	16.40	17.72
25	7.50	11.55	12.05	12.55	13.05	13.55	14.05	14.55	15.05	15.55	16.05	16.55	17.87
26	7.50	11.80	12.30	12.80	13.30	13.80	14.30	14.80	15.30	15.80	16.30	16.80	18.03
27	7.50	12.05	12.55	13.05	13.55	14.05	14.55	15.05	15.55	16.05	16.55	17.05	18.18
28	7.50	12.30	12.80	13.30	13.80	14.30	14.80	15.30	15.80	16.30	16.80	17.30	18.34
29	7.50	12.55	13.05	13.55	14.05	14.55	15.05	15.55	16.05	16.55	17.05	17.55	18.49
30	7.50	12.80	13.30	13.80	14.30	14.80	15.30	15.80	16.30	16.80	17.30	17.80	18.64
31	7.50	13.05	13.55	14.05	14.55	15.05	15.55	16.05	16.55	17.05	17.55	18.05	18.79
32	7.50	13.30	13.80	14.30	14.80	15.30	15.80	16.30	16.80	17.30	17.80	18.30	19.04

***In accordance with 70 O.S. § 6-101.40 - HB1026XX, effective July 1, 2018, all full-time support staff will receive a \$1,250 pay increase for the 2021-2022 school year. This additional amount will be reflected on your pay stub spread over a 12-month period.

SB-18 EVALUATION

It is the policy of the Guthrie Board of Education that all Support Employees be evaluated at least once each year prior to May 1. The Support Employee evaluation assignments are as follows:

EMPLOYEE	EVALUATOR
Secretaries	Building Principal
Teacher Assistants	Building Principal - Teacher
Special Ed Teacher Assistants	Building Principal - Teacher - Sp. Ed. Director
Custodians	Building Principal
Maintenance Personnel	Director of Operations
Cafeteria Personnel	Director of Food Services
Transportation Personnel	Director of Operations
Central Office Personnel	Superintendent - Asst. Supt.

ONE OR ALL OF THE DESIGNATED EVALUATORS MAY DO EVALUATIONS AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

Where the Building Principal is designated as the evaluator, an Assistant Principal if so assigned may assume the responsibility.

A copy of the evaluation instrument to be used is included at the back of this handbook.

SB-19 PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

Professional leave may be provided upon request and approval of appropriate administration. Such leaves shall be used for attendance at professional conferences, meetings, workshops, observations of other schools' programs or other meetings.

SB-20 JURY DUTY

Support employees shall be granted leave to serve on a jury or as a subpoenaed witness. An employee serving as a juror or subpoenaed witness shall be paid the full contract salary less any compensation received for such service, exclusive of parking or mileage reimbursement.

SB-21 MATERNITY LEAVE

A Support Employee who is pregnant may continue her duties until, in the opinion of the employee's physician and the employee, she is no longer able to perform her duties. The employee shall give written notice at least fourteen (14) days prior to the time she intends to cease her duties, except in case of an emergency.

The notice shall also state whether or not she intends to return to the district after the child is born and when she intends to return. An employee who gives notice she desires to return to the district must reaffirm that intent by giving written notice to the Board within sixty (60) days of the child's birth. At the time of her return, the employee shall be assigned to the same position or an equivalent position for which she is qualified, provided she returns the same school year. Up to thirty, (30) days of sick leave with pay can be used for maternity leave. Days requested beyond thirty, (30) must be documented by a physician.

SB-22

PERSONAL LEAVE

Each Support Employee shall have three (3) days to be used as personal or emergency leave with the following restrictions:

1. Such leave shall be granted upon request to the employee's building principal or director at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the requested leave. The time limit shall be waived in case of emergency.
2. Cost of a substitute, if needed, shall be paid by the school system.
3. These days are not cumulative.
4. Any days taken over the allowed three (3) days will result in loss of a full day's pay for each day.
5. The day immediately preceding and following a school holiday will not be allowed for personal leave, except as approved by the building principal.
6. No personal leave days will be granted the first or last weeks of class, except in case of emergency and approved by the principal.
7. Unused personal leave days shall accumulate as sick leave for the following year. Those employees who have one hundred ten (110) unused sick leave days accumulated at the end of the school year may make a written request to receive \$50.00 per day for each unused personal leave day, maximum of three (3) days. Eligible staff must request payment in writing to the office of the superintendent by June 1 each year to receive reimbursement. Reimbursement for unused personal leave days is not cumulative.

SB-23

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Non-cumulative bereavement leave of up to five (5) days per occurrence shall be granted to an employee in the event of a death in the immediate family. Immediate family shall include: spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, foster-child, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law, aunt or uncle, and aunt or uncle-in-law. (Bereavement leave need not be taken on consecutive days but must be initiated within 15 days and completed within 30 days of the qualifying event.)

SB-24

SICK LEAVE

One day per contract month of sick leave shall be granted annually for personal illness, accidental injury, pregnancy or temporary disability to the employee or accidental injury or illness the immediate family. (Immediate family shall include: spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, foster child, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or parent-in-law.)

Support Employees who legally retire and are vested in the Oklahoma Teacher's Retirement System shall be paid for accrued sick leave upon written request at the rate of \$50.00 per day. Those employees who have resigned and have been employed by the Guthrie Public School System for a minimum of ten (10) years shall also be paid for accrued sick leave at the rate of \$50.00 per day. All sick leave days paid upon separation of employment through retirement must have been accrued in the service of Guthrie Public Schools. Sick leave days transferred from other employment will not be considered for reimbursement. Written request by the employee prior to the effective date of resignation (but not later than June 15th) shall be required. This can only be done once. (Requests for accumulated sick leave reimbursement received after the close of the fiscal year on June 30th will not be paid.)

Unused sick leave days shall accumulate to a maximum of 120 days per employee. Personnel who have accumulated one hundred twenty (120) days sick leave prior to the commencement of the school year earn additional days when the new school year begins which will be credited to their individual retirement reserve account. Official records of all days accumulated above 120 shall be maintained by the school district for the purpose of teacher retirement.

SB-25

VACATION

All personnel assigned to twelve-month positions will accrue vacation time and be entitled to take vacation leave when approved by their immediate supervisor.

Rate of Accrual

Twelve-month personnel shall accrue a maximum of 12 days of vacation per fiscal year at the rate of 1 day per month.

Special Accrual

Current employees who have previously worked less than 12-month contracts and are changed to 12-month positions will accrue vacation days, on the last day of the first month of 12-month employment and each month thereafter, for the remainder of the fiscal year.

When a 12-month employee transfers to a less-than 12-month position, the employee will be paid for all vacation days.

New Employees

Personnel who are employed later than the first month of the fiscal year will accrue, beginning on the last day of the first month of employment, vacation days at the rate of 1 day per month for each month remaining in the fiscal year.

Month of Accrual

Personnel must have reported to work prior to the tenth (10th) of the month or have worked through the tenth (10th) of the month to receive credit toward vacation for that month.

With regard to computation of earned vacation time, absences of an employee on sick leave or vacation are considered as time served.

Vacation days will not be accrued after the expiration of sick leave or for absences not covered by sick leave or vacation time.

Accumulation

Twelve-month employees who accumulate vacation days as a part of their employment contract may accumulate up to a maximum of thirty-five (35) vacation days. An employee that has in excess of thirty-five (35) vacation days at the end of any month will lose the accrual for that month with no compensation for the day lost.

Payment of Unused Vacation Upon Termination of Employment

Upon retirement or termination of employment, personnel having unused vacation leave will be reimbursed at their daily rate.

SB-26

Epidemic Leave

Support employees who are full-time employees of the District, as determined by the standard period of labor which is customarily understood to constitute full-time employment for the type of services performed by the employee, and who are also employed a minimum of one hundred seventy-two (172) days, shall be entitled to pay for any time lost when school is closed on account of epidemics or otherwise when an order for such closing has been issued by a health officer authorized by law to issue the order.

SB-27

SUPPORT PERSONNEL SUSPENSION, DEMOTION OR TERMINATION

1) Definitions:

- a) "Support Employee" shall mean an employee of the School District who provides those services, not performed by professional educators or licensed teachers, which are necessary for the efficient and satisfactory functioning of the School District.
- b) "Full-time Support Employee" shall mean a support employee who regularly works the standard period of labor which is generally understood to constitute full-time employment for the type of services performed by the employee and who is employed by the School District for a minimum of 172 days per year.
- c) "Suspension without pay" shall mean the temporary denial of a support employee's right to work and receive any pay and other benefits during the term of the suspension. "Suspension without pay" may be as a disciplinary measure as provided in paragraph 4.B (1), below, or as a suspension pending investigation as provided in paragraph 4.B(2), below. If a final decision is made under the procedures stated below that a suspension without pay was improper, the support employee shall receive full pay and other benefits for the period of suspension.
- d) "Suspension with pay" may occur in those situations in which the superintendent or his designee, or a supervisor of the support employee perceives a significant hazard in keeping the support employee on the job, in which event the support employee may be asked to immediately leave the School District's premises and the support employee is temporarily relieved of his duties pending a hearing under paragraph 4, below.
- e) "Demotion" shall mean a reduction in pay during the term of the support employee's contract. "Demotion" shall not mean a change in job description or work assignment or duties.
- f) "Termination" shall mean the discharge of the support employee from his/her employment with the School District during the term of his/her contract and does not include the cessation of employment upon expiration of the support employee's contract.
- g) "Nonreemployment" shall mean the failure to offer a support employee a new contract for the next successive school year after the contract under which the support employee is presently employed has expired.

2) Policy on Suspension, Demotion, Termination or Nonreemployment of Full-Time Support Employees.

A full time support employee who has been employed by the School District for more than one year shall be suspended, demoted, terminated or nonreemployed during the term of his/her contract only for cause as provided in this policy. In addition to the definition of cause stated in section 3 of this Policy, "cause" shall also specifically include lack of funds or lack of work. Any support employee who has been employed by the School District for less than one year (12 months) is not entitled to invoke the procedures of this policy and such employee's contract can be terminated at any time without cause.

3) Cause for Suspension, Demotion, Termination or Nonreemployment.

- a) A support employee may be suspended, demoted, terminated or nonreemployed during the term of his/her contract for any of the following:
 - i) Violation of any rule, regulation or requirement issued by the Office of the Superintendent or Board of Education of the School District; or
 - ii) Conduct not otherwise specified in the above rules, regulations or requirements which constitutes insubordination, neglect of duty, incompetency in job performance, dishonesty, or causing or allowing damage, destruction or theft of school property.

- b) The rules, regulations and requirements referred to above shall be posted in a prominent place at each work location or otherwise communicated in writing to all support employees. The rules, regulations and requirements, which may be revised from time to time, shall state that violation of the rules, regulations and requirements may result in suspension, demotion, termination or nonreemployment during the term of his/her contract.

4) Procedures For Suspensions Without Pay, Terminations and Demotions.

- a) Any full-time support employee is subject to disciplinary action in the form of a suspension without pay, demotion or termination. Prior to instituting any such disciplinary action, the full-time support employee shall receive the following hearing rights:
 - i) The superintendent of schools or his designee shall orally advise the support employee of the cause or basis for the proposed disciplinary action;
 - ii) The superintendent of schools or his designee shall explain to the support employee the evidence against the support employee;
 - iii) The superintendent of schools or his designee shall allow the support employee an opportunity to present his side of the matter.
- b) After the support employee is afforded the above hearing rights, the superintendent of schools or his designee may take any of the following actions:
 - i) Suspension without pay for ten (10) working days or less as a disciplinary measure;
 - ii) Suspension without pay pending investigation as to whether cause exists for the termination of the support employee;
 - iii) Demotion of the support employee;
 - iv) Termination of the support employee;
 - v) Conclude that no disciplinary action is appropriate.
- c) If a support employee is suspended without pay pending an investigation as to whether termination is appropriate, then, within five (5) working days after the effective date of the suspension without pay, such investigation must be completed and the superintendent or his duly authorized designee shall afford the support employee a second hearing with the same hearing rights as set forth in paragraph 4.A., above. After the second hearing, the support employee shall either be reinstated, with back pay and other benefits, suspended without pay further as a disciplinary measure (not to exceed a total of 10 working days including the initial days of suspension without pay), demoted or terminated.
- d) The support employee shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Education a suspension without pay as a disciplinary measure, a demotion or a termination as set forth in the Procedures for Appeal to the Board of Education in section 6 below.

5) Procedures for Nonreemployment.

Prior to being nonreemployed, a full-time support employee who has been employed by the School District for more than one (1) year shall be entitled to the following hearing rights:

- a) The board of education or the superintendent of schools or his designee shall advise the support employee, in writing, of the board's intention to consider and act on the nonreemployment of the support employee for the subsequent fiscal year;
- b) The written notification shall set out the cause(s) for such action;

- c) The support employee shall have the right to contest his nonreemployment before the Board of Education as set forth in the Procedures for Appeal to the Board of Education in section 6 below.

6) Procedures for Appeal to the Board of Education.

- a) After any suspension without pay as a disciplinary measure, or prior to the effective date of any demotion, termination during the term of his/her contract or nonreemployment, the support employee shall receive notice of his/her right to a hearing before the Board of Education as herein provided.
- b) All notices shall be sent to the support employee by certified mail at the address of the support employee shown on the school records. If the support employee refuses to accept the notice or fails or refuses to pick up the notice after being notified by the post office to do so, then the support employee shall be deemed to have received the notice on the date that the notice was postmarked. The notice shall contain the information provided in the form attached hereto. The postmark shall be used to determine the timeliness of the notice.
- c) A support employee who has been notified in writing of his/her suspension without pay as a disciplinary measure, demotion or termination during the term of his/her contract or nonreemployment may notify the Clerk of the Board of Education of the School District within ten (10) working days of the postmark on the notice if the support employee desires a hearing before the Board of Education. If the support employee fails to notify the Clerk of the Board of Education of the School District in writing within ten (10) working days of the postmark on the notice that the support employee requests a hearing, the support employee shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing and the suspension without pay as a disciplinary measure, demotion or termination action shall be final and, in the case of a nonreemployment, the board may take final action to nonreemploy the employee without further notice or hearing rights.
- d) Hearing before Board of Education:
 - i) Upon timely notice as set forth above, the support employee shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Education. The hearing shall be conducted at the next, or next succeeding, regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education if the request for the hearing was received at least ten (10) days prior to the next, or next succeeding, regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. At the request of the support employee or at the discretion of the Board of Education, the Board of Education shall call a special meeting to conduct the requested hearing, which special meeting shall be held no earlier than ten (10) days nor later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the support employee's request.
 - ii) At the hearing before the Board of Education, the support employee shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, to cross-examine witnesses presented by the School District, to present witnesses on his/her behalf and to present any relevant evidence or statement which the support employee desires to offer. The hearing shall be conducted in "open" session. The hearing shall commence with a statement to the support employee of his rights at the hearing. Following this statement, the school administration shall present facts showing the cause for the support employee's suspension without pay as a disciplinary measure, demotion, termination or nonreemployment. The burden of proof shall be upon the school administration. The support employee shall then have the right to present his/her side of the matter. After both the school administration and the support employee have fully presented their respective positions, the Board of Education shall deliberate on the evidence in executive session. The Board of Education shall announce its findings and decision immediately in open session by individual voice vote. The decision shall be made by a majority of the Board of Education members present at the meeting.
 - iii) As to suspension as a disciplinary measure, demotion or termination, the Board of Education may affirm, modify or reverse the action taken against the support employee, including increasing or decreasing the severity of the original action. As to nonreemployment, the board may reemploy or nonreemploy the employee for the subsequent fiscal year.
 - iv) The decision of the Board of Education at the hearing shall be final and non-appealable.

7) Miscellaneous.

This policy shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of Education and shall supersede all previous policies regarding the subject matter contained herein. The Board of Education reserves the right to modify or amend this policy from time to time in any manner consistent with applicable law.

Nothing contained in this policy shall prevent the board of education from acting on its own volition in matters pertaining to suspension, demotion, dismissal or nonrenewal of support employees.

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SUPPORT PERSONNEL REDUCTION IN FORCE

Procedures for Elimination of Support Personnel Positions:

Guthrie Public Schools may lay off an employee whenever it is necessary because of a shortage of funds or work, or because of a material change in the function of the school.

If normal attrition does not accomplish the necessary staff reduction, the Superintendent will recommend the names of the employees to be laid off based upon all the following criteria:

1. Type of job (skills involved in performance).
2. Length of service to Guthrie Public Schools.
3. Work performance and efficiency.

Each employee to be involved in a lay-off as a result of a Reduction In Force shall be notified in writing by the Superintendent at least two (2) weeks before the effective date.

An employee under RIF shall have the right of re-employment to any vacant position that the school district intends to fill provided such employee meets the qualifications of the position. This right expires one (1) year after the effective date of the RIF. The employee shall be considered in reverse order (i.e., the last dismissed will be the first considered) and shall resume his/her place on the salary schedule as qualified. The employee shall be responsible to keep an up to date address and phone number at the office of the superintendent.

GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUPPORT EMPLOYEE RULES AND REGULATIONS

A support employee may be suspended, demoted, terminated or nonreemployed for violation of any of the following Rules and Regulations:

- (1) Falsification of personnel or other records.
- (2) Unexcused failure to be at work station at starting time.
- (3) Leaving work station without authorization prior to lunch periods, or end of work day.
- (4) Excessive unexcused absenteeism.
- (5) Chronic absenteeism for any reason.
- (6) Chronic tardiness.
- (7) Wasting time or loitering during working hours.
- (8) Leaving work area during work hours, without permission, for any reason.
- (9) Possession of weapons on school premises or in school district vehicles or while on duty.
- (10) Removing school district property or records from school district premises without proper authority.
- (11) Willful abuse, misuse, defacing, or destruction of school district property, including tools, equipment, or property of other employees.
- (12) Theft or misappropriation of property of employees, students or of the school district.
- (13) Sabotage.
- (14) Distracting the attention of others.
- (15) Refusal to follow instructions of supervisor.
- (16) Refusal or failure to do work assignment.
- (17) Unauthorized operation of machines, tools, or equipment.
- (18) Threatening, intimidating, coercing or interfering with employees or supervisors.
- (19) The making or publishing of false, vicious, or malicious statements concerning any employee or supervisor.
- (20) Creating a disturbance on school premises including but not limited to engaging in quarrelsome behavior and fighting.
- (21) Creating or contributing to unsanitary conditions.
- (22) Practical jokes injurious to other employees or school district property.
- (23) Possession, consumption, or reporting to work under the influence of beer, alcoholic beverages (including wine), non-prescribed drugs, or controlled dangerous substances.
- (24) Disregard of known safety rules or common safety practices.
- (25) Unsafe operation of motor driven vehicles.

- (26) Operating machines or equipment without using the safety devices provided.
- (27) Gambling, lottery, or any other game of chance on school district property.
- (28) Unauthorized distribution of literature, written or printed matter of any description on school district property.
- (29) Posting or removing notices, signs, or writing in any form on bulletin boards of school district property at any time without specific authority of the administration.
- (30) Poor workmanship.
- (31) Immoral conduct or indecency including abusive and/or foul language.
- (32) Excessive personal calls during working hours, except for emergencies. This includes in-coming and out-going calls.
- (33) Walking off job.
- (34) Clocking in or out another employee's time card or time sheet.
- (35) Use of Tobacco on school property.
- (36) Refusal of job transfer, if the transfer does not result in a demotion.
- (37) Abuse of "breaks" (rest periods) or meal period policies.
- (38) Insubordination of any kind.
- (39) Sexual harassment of an employee, a student or a third party such as a patron.
- (40) Misuse or abuse of any school district leave policy or guidelines.
- (41) When it is in the best interest of the school district, any support personnel may be suspended, demoted, terminated or nonreemployed.
- (42) Because of the difficulty of retaining competent support employees on a temporary basis over an extended period of time, a support employee shall be subject to termination or nonreemployment for physical inability to perform the essential job requirements if the employee is unable due to illness or accidental injury to return to work for his or her regularly scheduled hours and to perform all of the essential duties of the position within 12 work weeks or the number of work days equal to the employee's total accumulated sick leave days, whichever is longer, measured from the date of the first absence due to the illness or injury.

SECTION C

MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES

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DISTRICT EMPLOYEE PURCHASES

The Guthrie Public School District will no longer accept responsibility for purchases by district employees unless those purchases meet one of the following criteria:

1. Purchase order delivered by employee, purchase order received by mail, or purchase order confirmed verbally via telephone by Purchasing Department.
2. Authorization form for emergency purchases signed by the purchasing manager or designee (this is not a purchase order). This form is for a “one-time” purchase only.

District employees are not authorized to charge purchases in the name of the district. It is the responsibility of the vendor to make sure that no business transaction is negotiated with an employee of the school district unless that transaction meets one of the two criteria mentioned above.

NOTE TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES: Business transactions conducted during any fiscal year period (July 1-June 30) must have a purchase order typed prior to the end of that period (June 30). State law does not permit the issuance of purchase orders after the end of the fiscal year for expenditures of the prior year. Also, invoices of the prior fiscal year cannot be paid from current year funds. If you submit either of these after the close of the fiscal year, you are liable for the payment.

It is the responsibility of the employee and that of the school or department to see that invoices and requisitions needed for this payment be in the Purchasing Department no later than May 18 of each year.

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HYGIENE AND SANITATION (BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS)

The Guthrie Board of Education recognizes that body fluids of any person may contain infectious or contagious bacteria or viruses, and that such bacteria or viruses may be spread from one person to another by accidental or careless handling of body fluids during sanitation or custodial work or the administration of emergency first aid.

The superintendent is directed to prepare regulations establishing proper procedures for handling body fluids during normal housekeeping. Such procedures shall include methods for the handling disposal of body fluids in school buildings and on school equipment and material. The district will make personal protective equipment available to employees for use in handling and disposing of body fluids.

The superintendent will also direct the identification of employees who could be reasonably anticipated as the result of their job duties to face contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials. Any employees so identified will be offered Hepatitis B vaccinations at district cost. Such vaccinations will be provided at a reasonable time and recommendations of the U.S. Public Health Service.

School district employees who have had an exposure incident to body fluids will participate in a follow-up confidential medical evaluation documenting the circumstances of exposure, identifying and testing the source individual if feasible, testing the exposed employee's blood if the employee consents, post-exposure prophylaxis, counseling and evaluation of reported illnesses. Health care professionals must be provided specified information to facilitate the evaluation and their written opinion on the need for Hepatitis B vaccine must be supplied to the employer. All diagnoses must remain confidential.

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STAFF SAFETY

All employees of this school district will be covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance for any accident occurring while on official duty on or off school property. Employees will report any accident, however slight in which they are involved to the employee's immediate supervisor as soon as possible. The report will include a brief description of the accident, the persons involved, and injuries sustained.

The supervisor will forward the report to the Assistant Superintendent's office as soon as possible. The Assistant Superintendent will submit an Employee's Report of Industrial Injury to the State Compensation Office.

Employees who have filed for Worker's Compensation may be required by the superintendent or designee to submit to medical tests or examinations as determined by a licensed physician appointed or hired by the board.

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USE OF DRUGS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BY EMPLOYEES DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

In recognition of the clear danger resulting from drug abuse, and in good faith effort to promote the health, safety, and welfare to employees, students and the community, it is the policy of this school district to provide a drug-free workplace in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989.

With the intent that all employees have notice and knowledge of the ramifications concerning illegal chemical substance use, possession, purchase, sale, or distribution when the employee is on duty or on school property, the Guthrie Board of Education has adopted the following policy and regulations on testing of employees and applicants for employment with regard to use of illegal chemical substances.

Statement of Purpose and Intent

1. The safety of students and employees of the school district is of paramount concern to the school board.
2. Employees who are under the influence of an illegal chemical substance when on duty or on school property pose serious safety risks to students and other employees.
3. The use of illegal chemical substances has a direct and adverse effect on the safety, personal health, attendance, productivity and quality of work of all employees and the safety of all students.
4. Recent scientific studies demonstrate that the use of illegal chemical substances reduces an employee's ability to perform the job beyond the time period of immediate consumption or use.
5. The board recognizes that all employees have certain personal rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and by the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma. This policy will not infringe on those rights.
6. Employees who have been identified, as chemically dependent will be referred, on a confidential basis, to a treatment facility or agency.
7. Due to the devastating impact that the use of illegal chemical substances can have on the safety of students and employees and their adverse affect on an employee's ability to perform the employee's job, the board will not tolerate employees who use, possess, distribute, purchase, sell or are under the influence of illegal chemical substances when on duty or while on school property.
8. This policy will apply to all employees of the school district regardless of position, title or seniority. Violations of this policy will subject the employee to disciplinary action, including termination.
9. The use of intoxicating or non-intoxicating beverages as defined by Oklahoma law (alcohol) is specifically addressed in this policy because alcohol is a legal drug. However, possession or use of alcohol when the employee is on duty or on school property is prohibited. Any employee who is found to be under the influence of alcohol when the employee is on duty or on school property or any employee who possesses or consumes alcohol when the employee is on duty or on school property or while attending a school event will be subject to disciplinary action, including termination.

Employee Drug Use Tests

Employees will be required to submit to drug use testing in the following instances:

1. A drug use test will be a required part of an annual physical examination to determine physical fitness for all new school bus drivers, new school vehicle mechanics, and all other new employees who are required to take an annual physical examination and whose jobs have a direct bearing on the safety of students or other employees. Returning employees will be randomly selected as required by Oklahoma State Law. Each employee who is to be tested for illegal chemical substances as a part of an annual physical examination will be given at least 30 calendar days notice of the date of the physical examination and attendant drug use test.
2. Any employee whose behavior while on duty creates a reasonable individualized suspicion that the employee is under the influence of an illegal chemical substance will be required to take a drug use test.
3. Any employee who is involved in an otherwise unexplained accident involving school property will be required to take a drug use test. Any employee who refuses to take a drug use test when so required under the provisions of this policy will be deemed to have committed an act of insubordination or willful neglect of duty, which will be the basis for disciplinary action, including termination.

Applicants for Employment Drug Use Tests

Applicants for employment will be required to submit to drug use testing as follows:

Drug use tests will be included as a part of physical examinations for that class of employees for whom physical examinations are required and only following a conditional offer of employment. If the prospective employee refuses to take the examination, or if the examination discloses drug use, the employment offer will be withdrawn. Applicants for employment will be notified that drug use testing will be a part of the physical examination if a physical examination is required.

Persons Authorized to Order Drug Testing

The following persons have the authority to require drug use testing of employees under this policy:

1. The superintendent of schools;
2. Any employee designated for such purposes by the superintendent or by the school board.

Circulation of Policy

This policy and the accompanying regulations shall be given broad circulation to all employees of the school district, which shall include prominent posting at various places in the district. Each employee and applicant for employment shall be entitled to receive, upon request, a free copy of this policy and the accompanying regulations.

Regulations:

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following regulation implements and supports the Use of Illegal Chemical Substances by Employees policy:

Definitions

1. "Illegal chemical substance" means any substance, which an individual may not sell, possess, use, distribute or purchase under either federal or Oklahoma law. Illegal chemical substance includes, but is not limited to, all scheduled drugs as defined by the Oklahoma Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, all pre-prescription drugs obtained without authorization and all prescribed drugs and over the counter drugs being used for an abusive purpose.
2. "Under the influence" means any employee of the school district or applicant for employment with the school district who has any illegal chemical substance or the metabolites thereof present in the person's body in any amount which is considered to be "positive" for such drug or drug metabolites using any scientifically substantiated drug use screen test and drug use confirm test.
3. "Positive", when referring to a drug use test administered under this policy, means a toxicological test result, which is considered to demonstrate the presence of an illegal chemical substance of the metabolites thereof using the standards customarily established by the testing laboratory administering the drug use test.
4. "School property" means any property owned, leased or rented by the school district, including but not limited to school buildings, parking lots and motor vehicles.
5. "Drug use test" means a scientifically substantiated method to test for the presence of illegal chemical substances in a person's urine.
6. "On duty" means any time during which an employee is acting in an official capacity for the school district or performing tasks within the employee's job description, including the taking of an annual physical examination.
7. "Reasonable suspicion" means a suspicion based on specific personal observations concerning the appearance, speech or behavior of an individual, and reasonable inferences drawn from those observations in the light of experience.

Determination of Applicants for Employment and Employees Being Under the Influence of an Illegal Chemical Substance

1. Any drug use test administered under the terms of this policy will be administered by or at the direction of a professional laboratory using scientifically validated toxicological methods. The professional laboratory shall be required to have detailed written specifications to assure chain of custody of the specimen, proper laboratory control and scientific testing. All aspects of the drug use-testing program, including the taking of specimens, will be conducted so as to safeguard the personal and privacy rights of applicants and employees to the maximum degree possible. The test specimen shall be obtained in a manner, which minimizes its intrusiveness. In particular, the specimen must be collected in a restroom or other private facility behind a closed stall; the test monitor shall not observe any employee or applicant while the specimen is being produced, but the test monitor may be present outside the stall to listen for normal sounds of urination in order to guard against tampered specimens and to insure an accurate chain of custody; and the test monitor may verify the normal warmth and appearance of the specimen. If at any time during the testing procedure, the test monitor has reason to believe or suspect that an employee/applicant is tampering with the specimen, the test monitor may stop the procedure and inform the test coordinator who will then determine if direct observation is required. The test monitor shall give each employee or applicant a form on which the employee or applicant may, but shall not be required to list any medication he/she has taken or any other legitimate reasons for having been in contact with potentially illegal chemical substances in the preceding 30 days.
2. If the initial drug use test is positive for the presence of an illegal chemical substance or the metabolites thereof, the initial test result will be subject to confirmation by a second and different test of the same specimen. The second test will use the gas chromatography mass spectrometry technique. An applicant for employment will not be denied employment or an employee will not be subject to disciplinary procedures unless the second test is positive for the presence of illegal chemical substances or the metabolites thereof.
3. If the second test is positive for the presence of illegal chemical substances or the metabolites thereof, the applicant for employment or the employee will be furnished with a copy of the test results.
4. Any applicant for employment or employee who is subject to disciplinary action as a result of being under the influence of an illegal chemical substance will be given a reasonable opportunity to rebut the drug use tests results. If the applicant or employee asserts that the positive test results are caused by other than consumption of an illegal chemical substance by the applicant or employee, then the applicant or employee will be given an opportunity to present evidence that the positive test result was produced by other than consumption of an illegal chemical substance. The school district will rely on the opinion of the laboratory, which performed the tests in determining whether the positive test result was produced by other than consumption of an illegal chemical substance. The employee or applicant will have a right to have a second gas chromatography/mass spectrometry test performed on the same test specimen at the expense of the employee or applicant if the request for the second test is made within 30 days after the date the first test positive result is communicated to the employee or applicant and subject to the approval by the school district's consulting laboratory of (a) the laboratory selected by the applicant for the second test and (b) the testing methodology used by the laboratory selected by the employee or applicant. A proper chain of custody shall be maintained at all times in transmitting the specimen to and from a second laboratory.
5. The laboratory reports and results of drug use testing will be maintained on a confidential basis except as otherwise required by law; provided however, the results and reports of drug use testing may be given to law enforcement authorities if the drug use test is administered as a result of an employee's involvement in an accident resulting in injury to persons or property. The laboratory performing drug use tests for the school district will not report on or disclose to the school district any physical or psychological condition affecting an employee or employment applicant which may be discovered in the examination of a specimen other than the presence of illegal chemical substances or the metabolites thereof. The use of specimens to test for any other substances will not be permitted.

Employee Use, Sale, Possession, Distribution, Purchase or Being Under the Influence of an Illegal Chemical Substance

An employee who possesses, uses, distributes, purchases sells or is confirmed by drug use tests to be under the influence of an illegal chemical substance while on duty, while on school property or as a result of drug use tests conducted as part of an annual physical examination will be subject to disciplinary action, including termination.

Applicants Under the Influence of an Illegal Chemical Substance

Any applicant who is confirmed by drug use test to be under the influence of an illegal chemical substance will not be hired.

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DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Obsolete, surplus, worn-out, or unusable school property shall be traded in or exchanged in the acquisition of other property whenever feasible. Otherwise, such property shall be sold at competitive bidding or at public auction, unless, some other disposition of real property or of personal property has been designated by the board. All such sales or other dispositions shall be recorded and reported to the board.

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FOOD SERVICES

Food services shall participate in the National School Lunch Program on a basis as nearly self-supporting as feasible, while maintaining charges per pupil at the most reasonable rates possible.

The Guthrie Public Schools Foods Service Department cooperates with the National School Lunch Program. Children from families whose income is at or below the levels set by law are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Application forms are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, they should contact the school.

In operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

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MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE PLANT

The operation and maintenance of the school plant and physical facilities shall be carried out in an efficient and economical manner. The main goal shall be to keep facilities, buildings, and equipment attractive and in good repair.

Hazard Communication Standard

The school district shall be in compliance with OSHA hazard Communication Standard "Right-to-Know Laws", and regulations regarding the use and storage of chemicals in the workplaces and classrooms. (Occupational Safety and Health Act, 1985 (OSHA) Hazard Communications Law, 1986)

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INSURANCE

The school district shall carry the most economical adequate insurance available on buildings against loss from fire, wind, and other perils. The insurance program and its cost shall be continually studied by the administration and periodically reviewed by the board. Insurance programs shall include the following:

- A. The school district shall carry Worker's Compensation Insurance
- B. The school district shall make available the opportunity to participate in a group health insurance policy.
- C. The school district shall furnish a limited loss of time insurance policy.
- D. Student accident insurance may be made available to all students.
- E. As a political subdivision of the state of Oklahoma, the district shall be liable for loss resulting from its torts or the torts of its employees acting within the scope of their employment of duties subject to the limitations specified in State Law. The school district shall carry liability insurance on all employees. Employees involved in on-the-job activities, which could result in legal proceedings, should inform their supervisor as soon as possible. It should be noted that this liability insurance is not valid in cases of criminal negligence.

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMUNICATION

Guthrie Public Schools will comply with federal, state and local regulations pertaining to the use and storage of hazardous materials within the school district, including the workers' right-to-know. In an effort to maintain such regulations, Guthrie Public Schools will utilize the following procedures:

- A. Maintain and make available to its employees such chemical hazard information as required
- B. Maintain and make available to its employees such accident and safety reports as required
- C. Report any health or safety information pertaining to hazardous materials as required to the appropriate governing agency upon request
- D. Work with the local fire authority to identify hazards and placard as required
- E. Maintain proper labeling and storage of containers of hazardous materials
- F. Provide all necessary personal protective equipment for employee safety when dealing with hazardous materials
- G. Conduct such training as needed to familiarize each employee with hazards of that employee's position
- H. Provide such training at least annually and as needed for specific situations

NOTICE

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan for Guthrie Public Schools may be viewed in each site Principal's office. A master copy is available for public inspection at the Guthrie Public Schools' Maintenance Department located at 200 Crooks Drive, Building #4.

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SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

Smoking, chewing or any other use of tobacco by staff, students, and members of the public is prohibited on, in or upon any school property. It is the intent of this policy to prohibit tobacco use of any kind by anyone on school property 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year. This policy applies to all school sponsored events held on or off campus even during non-school hours and days. This policy applies to all public school functions and any outside agency using the District's facilities, including stadium, and sports complex.

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MAINTENANCE

Guthrie Public School District I-1 employs a maintenance staff that functions under the Director of Maintenance. Minor equipment and facility repairs are the chief duties of the maintenance staff. All repair and/or work requests shall be submitted on a work order form signed by the building administrator to the Office of the Director of Maintenance. In case of an emergency, report the event by telephone to the Office of the Director of Maintenance. For emergencies, a work order will be completed at the director's office. All work orders will be forwarded to the appropriate maintenance person. No private repair firms should be called without the approval of the director of maintenance.

Major facility alterations and additions are generally scheduled for summer or during extended non-school periods.

SC-12

USE OF SCHOOL VEHICLE

Only district vehicles, which are currently under warranty, will be allowed to be taken on out-of-state trips. The Vo-Ag truck and the newer buses are the only district vehicles that would be allowed to take out-of-state trips under such a policy.

SC-13

COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Information regarding bus routes, bus schedules, and bus assignments or any changes will be prepared in writing by the Transportation Office, and copies will be provided to principals of all schools. The Transportation Director must approve schedules and changes. In the event a bus or buses may be late arriving at a school, the Transportation Office will notify the school affected. The Principal should report unusual delays at a school to the Transportation Office. Principals should notify the Transportation Office if a bus continually arrives at school too early or too late or if potential transportation difficulties are detected at a campus as the result of driver action.

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ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTING

The following steps should be taken for all accidents:

- A. The bus driver should stop and render aid. The Transportation Office should be called or contacted via the radio immediately. The dispatcher will notify the police.
- B. The bus should not be moved unless the driver is instructed to do so by the police or the Transportation Director.
- C. The bus driver should inquire about personal injury. No student should be let off the bus unless there is a threat of fire. If there are injuries, the driver should make a list of those injured and submit the list along with an Accident Report to the Transportation Office. The Transportation Office should notify the principal of the school where those students attend.
- D. The driver should exchange complete information with the other driver involved.

SC-15

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Oklahoma school buses may not be used for transporting students out-of-state without permission from the State Department of Education. Principals needing this transportation should make a written request, listing reason(s) for this request, to the Administrative Assistant in charge of pupil transportation for the Guthrie Public Schools. This request must be made at least three (3) weeks prior to the activity. The Administrative Assistant, after reviewing the request, may ask that the State Department approve the use of school buses for the activity.

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BUS DRIVERS

All drivers for the school system must be at least 18 years of age, have a current Chauffeur or Commercial Chauffeur's license, and must be certified by the State Department of Education. Drivers are required to carry their certification card with them when they are driving a bus. New drivers hired after the initial School for Certification is given shall make arrangements to attend a school as soon as one is given in the area. Failure to do so will result in termination. All drivers are required to maintain an acceptable driving record of no more than two (2) moving traffic violations in the last three (3) years, provided no more than one (1) violation occurred in the last two (2) years. Each year a driver must secure and have on file a Motor Vehicle Report in the Transportation Office. A driver can have no DUI or drug-related traffic violations or reckless or careless driving offenses on a Motor Vehicle Report and drive a school bus for the Guthrie Public Schools.

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COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE REIMBURSEMENT

The Guthrie School District will reimburse an employee for his/her initial cost to acquire a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), provided the employee uses a school vehicle in his/her employment. This reimbursement will occur after the third month of employment, upon receipt of the appropriate form submitted by the employee. An employee who has been reimbursed for the cost of the CDL by the district will have that amount charged against his/her last paycheck with the district, if he/she leaves the district before the end of the school year.

**SC-18
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT**

REVISED 10-11-2004

**GUTHRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY FOR CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES
AND RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES INVOLVING NONEXEMPT EMPLOYEES**

It is the policy of Guthrie School District to ensure compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) provisions concerning the payment of overtime at the established rate to eligible employees. Consistent with that obligation this policy discusses the proper classification of employees as exempt or nonexempt employees and also addresses the rights and responsibilities of the District and nonexempt employees in areas related to the authorization necessary for overtime work, and related recordkeeping requirements. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that the District correctly identifies those individuals entitled to overtime and ensures that nonexempt employees required to work overtime as a condition of their employment receive either monetary compensation or compensatory time for approved overtime. The District's construction and interpretation of this policy shall be consistent with FLSA's mandatory provisions.

District's Overtime Obligations

The FLSA does not limit the number of hours that an employee may work, either daily or weekly. It requires that overtime compensation be paid or time accrued at a rate of not less than one and one-half times the nonexempt employee's regular rate of pay for each hour worked in a workweek in excess of the maximum hours applicable to the type of employment in which the employee is engaged. For school district employees this means overtime for hours in excess of 40 per week for non-exempt employees.

While overtime must be calculated on a workweek basis, there is no requirement in the FLSA that the overtime compensation be paid weekly. As a general rule, overtime earned in a particular workweek should be paid where possible on the regular payday for the period in which such workweek ends. When the correct amount of overtime compensation cannot be determined until later, the district will pay it as soon after the regular pay period as practicable. Payment shall not be delayed beyond the next payday. In those cases where an employee elects or District enforces compensatory time, the use of accrued time is controlled by the District's Compensatory Time for Overtime Policy.

I. Employee Classification for Purposes of FLSA

It is the District's intent to adhere to the requirements of FLSA with regard to the classification of employees and with respect to the payment of overtime wages to eligible employees.

II. Non-Covered Employees

FLSA provides that certain employees are not covered by the Act. Non-covered employees include volunteers, independent contractors, legal advisors, and certain trainees. Non-covered employees are basically treated the same as exempt employees, for purposes of FLSA.

III. Exempt Employees

In accordance with the FLSA, exempt employees do not receive overtime. Exempt employees include executive, administrative, and/or professional personnel.

The District employs a variety of employees. The determination of an employee's proper classification requires evaluation of specific duties, authority and compensation; however, the following provides guidance regarding how employees are generally classified for purposes of overtime compensation.

IV. Nonexempt Employees

Nonexempt employees are entitled to overtime for all hours worked in excess of 40 in a workweek. Overtime compensation is paid at a rate of not less than one and one-half times the nonexempt employee's regular rate of pay for each hour worked in a workweek in excess of 40 hours per week.

V. Examples of Employee Classifications

Nonexempt employees include:

- Bus drivers
- Cafeteria workers
- Dietitians
- Custodial workers
- Day-care workers
- Keypunch operators for school records
- Hall or lunchroom monitors
- Secretarial or clerical support
- Security personnel
- Maintenance workers

Exempt executives include:

- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendents
- Principals and Assistant Principals
- Directors of Computer Programming

Exempt professionals include:

- Guidance counselors
- Certified public accountants in budget office
- Non-RN school nurse
- School attorneys
- School psychologists
- School registered nurse
- School librarian
- Teachers

Noncovered positions include:

- Appointed members of the board of education
- Elected member of the board of education
- Homeroom mothers/fathers and other volunteers

VI. Authorization Required for Overtime

Employees are not permitted to work overtime without the prior written authorization of the employee's supervisor or the superintendent. An employee who works overtime, without authorization, will be subject to discipline up to and including the possibility of termination. If for any reason the employee is unable to obtain approval of overtime prior to working overtime, he/she is required to immediately bring overtime work to the attention of his/her supervisor.

Supervisors are required to strictly enforce the district's prohibition of unauthorized overtime. To this end, a supervisor must not allow an employee to work overtime if the supervisor knows or reasonably suspects that the employee is working in excess of hours authorized. **A supervisor who fails to take reasonable action to enforce the district's policy will be subject to discipline up to and including possible termination of employment.**

VII. Use of Time Clocks or Other Time Records

Employees will be assigned a method for keeping track of work hours. Each employee is responsible for the complete and accurate reporting of his/her time and must verify that the time reported is truthful to the best of the employee's knowledge and experience.

Employees assigned a time clock must not clock in more than seven (7) minutes prior to the beginning of the employee's work schedule, or more than seven (7) minutes after the end of the schedule. An employee who does not have prior written permission and who is found to have clocked in more than seven (7) minutes before his/her schedule, or clocked out more than seven (7) minutes after his/her schedule, will be in violation of the provisions of this policy. Time accumulated on the time clock before or following the employee's scheduled work hours will not be considered as time worked. An employee who has questions regarding whether the employee should be on the time clock, should immediately contact a supervisor for clarification.

An employee utilizing an alternate method of time keeping is, likewise, required to ensure that the times listed by the employee are complete and accurate and recorded to the best of the employee's knowledge and experience and is subject to the same requirements and penalties as an employee utilizing a time clock.

An employee who identifies an erroneous entry on his or her time card or record should immediately bring the error or mistaken entry to the attention of his/her supervisor and both should insert and initial the correct entry or information on the time record.

Employees who clock in more than eight (8) minutes late will be docked ¼ hour. Employees who are eight (8) minutes early will be paid overtime only if the early report to work is approved by the employee's supervisor. **Voluntary overtime is strictly prohibited because it creates monetary liability for the district, even though that result is unintended.**

VIII. Notice of Policy to Employees

Each employee will be furnished with a copy of the District's FLSA policy and required to sign an acknowledgement confirming that the employee received the policy and that he/she understands the rights and responsibilities that it includes.

Questions concerning any part of the policy should be directed to the employee's supervisor or the superintendent.

If at any time an employee believes that he/she is incorrectly classified for purposes of FLSA or is entitled to additional compensation under federal or state law, he/she should promptly notify the superintendent in writing, setting out the basis for the employee's complaint of misclassification or incorrect compensation.

**GUTHRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY REGARDING MULTIPLE EMPLOYMENT ASSIGNMENTS**

The School District may have opportunities for its employees to assume more than one type of employment position. The District will closely monitor the assignment of more than one position to any employee to ensure that the assignment does not result in the employee working more hours than is advisable or hours which will create overtime or unacceptable overtime liability for the School District.

Accordingly, the District will closely monitor all multiple assignments made to employees to determine whether the positions assigned are exempt from overtime or will require the payment of overtime. Employees must strictly adhere to instructions regarding the hours of work authorized.

I. Exemption from Overtime

Exemptions from the overtime provisions of the FLSA are provided under federal regulations. School administrators are exempt as administrative employees and teachers are exempt from overtime under the professional exemption. Other employees may be exempt based on the duties performed and whether they meet the tests approved by FLSA for executive, administrative or professional positions.

II. Multiple Position Employment Prohibition of Exempt Employees

Teachers and administrative employees of the board who are exempt from overtime provisions of the Act under regulations promulgated by the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor may not be employed in multiple positions with the board if such employment would jeopardize the exempt status of the employee's teaching or administrative position.

III. Employment Contract Supplements

Pursuant to employment contracts approved by the board, teachers and other *exempt* personnel may earn a salary supplement for performing assigned duties, such as coaching athletic teams, serving as cheerleading sponsors, and other extra responsibilities incidental to their position as teachers or school administrators.

IV. Multiple Position Employment of Non-Exempt Employees

Non-exempt employees of the District and board may be employed in multiple positions only if the time to be worked by the employee in those positions will not normally exceed forty hours during the employee's workweek. Additional position assignments to employees in this category will be subject to the following conditions:

1. *Authorized* overtime will be paid to non-exempt employees who work more than forty hours in a workweek, whether the work is performed in one or more than one job.
2. Supervisors may only permit overtime under unusual or extraordinary circumstances and overtime must be approved in advance, in writing, before overtime hours are worked.
3. An employee working overtime, which is not properly authorized, in advance in writing by the employee's supervisor, is considered to be in violation of this policy and the violation may result in disciplinary action, up to and including possible termination.

V. Overtime Rates of Pay

Non-exempt employees working more than one position, in which the rate of pay is different for each position, must agree in writing, in advance of performance of the work and as part of the overtime authorization, as to the rate of pay. At the time any overtime hours are approved, the employee's supervisor will determine for which job and rate the overtime hours are to be worked. If overtime hours are properly authorized and worked, they will be paid at the rate established for the work being performed during the overtime hours.

VI. Benefit Entitlements According to Primary Position

Employees who work in more than one position for the District will be entitled to benefits in only the primary position unless otherwise provided by law. The primary position is defined as the position in which the person was initially employed by the District and will generally be the position which is regularly assigned the most hours of work.

GUTHRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPENSATORY TIME FOR OVERTIME POLICY

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) extends flexibility to school districts in adopting arrangements that provide compensatory time off in lieu of monetary overtime compensation. Accordingly, Guthrie School District will provide, within reasonable limits, compensatory time off. The calculation used to determine the amount of compensatory time available to a nonexempt employee is one and one-half hours of compensatory time for each hour of overtime worked. Compensatory time received by an eligible employee extinguishes the employee's entitlement to monetary overtime compensation. Compensatory time off is subject to all of the conditions provided in this policy and the District's other policies concerning FLSA. The District's administration shall, at all times, retain the authority to make the decision to permit an employee to accumulate and use compensatory time or to pay the employee for overtime worked; however, the standard of time and one-half for overtime hours worked shall apply in either instance. The District's policy and applicable procedures concerning compensatory time are more fully detailed below.

I. Prior Approval of Overtime Required

Overtime will not be allowed to any non-exempt employee unless prior approval has been given, in writing, by the employee's supervisor or his/her designee. Non-exempt employees working in excess of forty (40) hours per workweek without prior written approval may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including possible termination.

II. Calculation of Compensatory Time

If a non-exempt employee is properly assigned to work more than forty (40) hours in a workweek, the District may provide compensatory time ("comp time") off in lieu of monetary overtime compensation at a rate of not less than one and one-half (1 1/2) hours of compensatory time for each hour of overtime worked. It shall be the responsibility of the employee and the employee's supervisor to maintain accurate records of all comp time accrued. All overtime recorded to be accrued as comp time must be initialed by the employee and the immediate supervisor or his/her designee by the end of the week following the week in which the overtime is worked.

III. Scheduling Use of Compensatory Time

Any non-exempt employee who has accrued comp time and who requests the use of the comp time shall be permitted to use the comp time within a reasonable period, after making the request, as long as the use of the comp time does not unduly disrupt the operation of the District. Supervisors are encouraged to limit the accumulation of comp time to eight (8) hours per pay period, but special circumstances may justify a greater accumulation. All requests to use comp time must be in writing. If the request is denied, then the employee and supervisor are to arrange an alternate date for the comp time to be used. If no agreement can be reached, then a meeting will be conducted with the superintendent of schools or superintendent's designee to schedule a date for the comp time to be taken. The School District requires that comp time earned during one pay period must be used during that period or during the next pay period.

IV. Maximum Accrual of Time

Employees may accrue up to 120 hours of comp time. (Because comp time is accumulated at time and one-half, this is 80 hours of actual overtime work.) Employees who work in a public safety activity, emergency response activity or seasonal activity may accumulate up to 240 hours of comp time.

V. When Hours are Not Considered Work Hours

Time periods in excess of twenty (20) minutes during which the employee is not actually performing job duties will not be included as "hours worked" if the time can effectively be used for the employee's own purpose.

VI. Volunteer Work

Non-exempt employees are not allowed to do “volunteer” work for the District. Although the District appreciates the occasional willingness of nonexempt personnel to volunteer their time, FLSA regulations create an unacceptable risk of overtime liability when nonexempt personnel volunteer to perform services for the school district or volunteer to work longer hours without compensation. An exception to the volunteer prohibition is an employee of the School District, who is a parent, grandparent, or guardian who volunteers in connection with school activities involving the individual’s child or grandchild and the activity is one for which parents or others customarily volunteer. In addition, the volunteer’s activities or services must be unrelated to the employee’s compensated duties with the school.

VII. Payment for Comp Time Upon End of Employment

Any non-exempt employee whose employment with the District terminates and who has accrued but not used comp time shall be paid at his/her regular hourly or salary rate in effect at the time the employee receives the payment. The District reserves the right, at any time, to substitute a cash payment, in whole or in part, for comp time.

VIII. Notice of Policy to Nonexempt Employees

A copy of this policy will be provided all of the district’s nonexempt employees along with a compensatory time agreement which employees will sign and which the employee’s supervisor will sign. The agreement, unless withdrawn by the district, will remain in effect while the employee works for the District. This compensatory time off policy shall be considered as a condition of employment for all non-exempt employees of the District.

GUTHRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPENSATORY TIME OFF AGREEMENT

In accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Guthrie School District has a policy of granting employees compensatory time off in lieu of compensation for hours worked in excess of 40 hours a week, or, in the District's discretion, providing the employee monetary overtime compensation. A copy of this policy has been provided to me. I understand that the compensatory time will be granted at time and one-half for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week. I further understand that the compensatory time may be limited, preserved, used or cashed out consistent with the provisions of that policy and applicable law and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor.

I knowingly agree to this provision of time off as compensation for overtime work as a condition of my employment and consent to the use of compensatory time in accordance with the District's policy. I further understand that in the event any portion of the policy is interpreted to conflict with the FLSA or its regulations, that the conflicting portion shall be struck and the remainder of the policy shall continue in full force and effect.

Employee Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date

GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR SUPPORT EMPLOYEES

Employee _____ Social Security Number _____

Building/Department _____ Job Title _____

Annual Evaluation _____ 90 Day Evaluation _____ Special Evaluation _____

The Support Personnel Performance Evaluation Program is designed to improve the quality of work in all areas of the support staff by improving the individual on-the-job performance of each employee. It is a cooperative effort between the supervisor and the employee to identify strengths and weaknesses and to prescribe steps for improvement whenever necessary.

CIRCLE THE PROPER RATING FOR EACH PERFORMANCE CRITERION OBSERVED.

Definition of Evaluation Code

- PC- Professionally Competent: Performance is satisfactory
- NI- Needs Improvement: Performance is not as effective as desired
- U - Unsatisfactory: Performance is unacceptable
- NA- Not applicable for this employee

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FACTORS

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

	PC	NI	U
Maintains acceptable attendance record, excluding earned vacation and other leave benefits to which employee is entitled.	PC	NI	U
Arrives on time and maintains reasonably uniform signing or clocking in on time.	PC	NI	U
Maintains a positive outlook, which enhances employee's morale.	PC	NI	U
Uses tact in dealing with the public as well as with other employees.	PC	NI	U
Accepts constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement without resentment.	PC	NI	U
Demonstrates genuine interest in and satisfaction with job assignment.	PC	NI	U
Observes employee dress code, is neat and well groomed in keeping with job assignment	PC	NI	U

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FACTORS

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

WORK PERFORMANCE

	PC	NI	U
Understands all phases of the job	PC	NI	U
Seeks assistance and/or clarification as needed without hesitation	PC	NI	U
Produces neat, accurate work product which meets acceptable Standards	PC	NI	U
Plans and organizes work in acceptable manner for maximum Efficiency	PC	NI	U
Works well independently without inordinate amount of direct supervision required	PC	NI	U

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

	PC	NI	U	NA
Strives to improve in skills required for present job assignment	PC	NI	U	NA
Makes decisions and forms opinions based on sound judgment	PC	NI	U	NA
Uses authority objectively and wisely without favoritism	PC	NI	U	NA
Indicates desire to advance in responsibility and reveals leadership Potential	PC	NI	U	NA

IF NEEDS IMPROVEMENT or UNSATISFACTORY is checked for any area, a PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT should be developed with the employee, identifying specific steps to be taken to improve performance to a level of competency. THE PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT should include setting of a specific date at which time a Special Evaluation will be conducted to check progress or completion of the plan. A PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT should be developed for each area needing improvement. Both the employee and the supervisor should sign the plan at its inception and should initial and date the plan at the time of the special evaluation to check progress.

Supervisor's Comments: _____

Signatures affixed here do not indicate necessarily concurrence with the evaluation, but that the employee and the supervisor have discussed the contents and recommendations.

Employee's Comments: _____

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Building Site