

**2010 SCHOOL LAWS OF OKLAHOMA
CHAPTER 1 – OKLAHOMA SCHOOL CODE
ARTICLE V: SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS OF EDUCATION**

Section 105. Minimum Salary Schedules.

A. Each school district of this state shall adopt a minimum salary schedule and shall transmit a copy of it to the State Board of Education within thirty (30) days after adoption. A school district shall not calculate salaries of teachers solely as a proportion of the salaries of the administrators of the district.

B. Districts shall be encouraged to provide compensation schedules to reflect district policies and circumstances, including differential pay for different subject areas and special incentives for teachers in districts with specific geographical attributes. Districts may also adopt a salary schedule that provides additional compensation for achieving certain ratings under the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set forth in Section 6 of this act. Any salary schedule adopted by a district pursuant to this section shall not set salaries at amounts less than those set pursuant to Section 18-114.12 of this title.

C. The State Department of Education shall compile a report of the minimum salary schedules for every school district in the state and shall submit the report to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later than December 15 of each year.

D. Each school district shall file within fifteen (15) days of signing the contract, the employment contract of the superintendent of the school district with the State Department of Education. The Department shall keep all contracts available for inspection by the public. The school district shall not be authorized to pay any salary, benefits or other compensation to a superintendent which are not specified in the contract on file and shall not pay administrators any amounts for accumulated sick leave that are not calculated on the same formula used for determining payment for accumulated sick leave benefits for other full-time employees of that school district and shall not pay administrators any amounts for accumulated vacation leave benefits that are not calculated on the same formula used for determining payment for accumulated vacation leave benefits for other twelve-month full-time employees of that school district.

E. By October 1 of each year each district board of education shall prepare a schedule of salaries and fringe benefits paid administrators employed by the district, including a description of the fringe benefits. The schedule shall be a public record and shall be disclosed as required by the Oklahoma Open Records Act board shall file a copy of the schedule with the State Department of Education within one week of completion.

F. For purposes of this section the term “administrator” shall include employees who are employed and certified as superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, and assistant principals and who have responsibilities for supervising classroom teachers. **(70-5-141)**

Note: Amended by SB 2033, Sec. 2 of the 2010 Reg. Sess. Effective July 1, 2010.

Section 106. Incentive Pay Plans.

A. In addition to incentive pay plans authorized pursuant to Section 4 of this act, the State Board of Education shall develop not fewer than five different model incentive pay plans and shall distribute information about each plan to every school district board of education. No plan developed by the Board or implemented by a school district board of education shall permit payment in any one (1) year of incentives to any one teacher amounting to more than fifty percent (50%) of the regular salary of the teacher, exclusive of fringe benefits or extra duty pay. Any incentive pay award shall be an annual award and shall not be a part of a continuing contract of a teacher. Any incentive pay awards received shall be excluded from the compensation of a teacher for purposes of calculating retirement

pursuant to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma and shall not be subject to taxes levied by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (F.I.C.A.), to the extent an exemption is provided by federal law.

B. A school district board of education may adopt an academically based, district incentive pay plan for the classroom teachers in the district. The district may adopt any incentive pay plan consistent with the requirements of this section, which may include any incentive pay plan developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to this section. The school district board of education shall appoint an advisory committee consisting of teachers, parents, business persons or farmers and other local citizens to advise the board in formulating an incentive pay plan. Prior to the adoption of a plan, the board of education shall place the plan on the school board agenda for public comment and shall submit the plan to the State Board of Education for final approval on or before March 1 prior to implementation of the plan during the succeeding school year. The board of education shall comply with the provisions of this subsection for any year a plan is to be modified.

C. A school district shall be required to adopt and implement an academically based, district incentive pay plan for any school year following the receipt by the school district board of education, of a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the classroom teachers employed in the district which calls for the adoption of an incentive pay plan for the district.

D. Student test scores shall not be the sole criterion for allocation of incentive pay under any plan developed or approved by the Board.

E. For the purposes of this section only, "classroom teacher" shall mean any employee who holds certification and assignment outside the classification of administrator.

F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules necessary for the effective implementation and administration of this section.

G. Each school district board of education shall provide for a local evaluation committee which shall advise the board on which teachers are to receive incentive pay awards and the amount of each incentive pay award according to the plan.

H. Nothing herein shall preclude a school district from supplementing any monies appropriated to the district for the purposes of funding the incentive pay plan of the district with monies from the general fund for the district. **(70-5-141.2)**

Note: Amended by SB 2033, Sec. 3 of the 2010 Reg. Sess. Effective July 1, 2010.

Section 107.1. Evaluation-Based Incentive Pay.

A. 1. In addition to incentive pay plans authorized pursuant to Section 5-141.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school district may implement an incentive pay plan that rewards teachers who are increasing student and school growth in achievement.

2. Teacher performance shall be measured using the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set forth in Section 6 of this act.

3. Individual teacher incentive pay awards shall be based upon:

- a. achieving either a "superior" or "highly effective" rating under the TLE, and
- b. grade level, subject area, or school level performance success.

B. 1. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school district may implement an incentive pay plan as authorized pursuant to this section.

2. For purposes of this section, "leader" means a principal, assistant principal or any other school administrator who is responsible for supervising classroom teachers.

3. School leader effectiveness shall be measured using the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set forth in Section 6 of this act.

4. Individual school leader incentive pay awards shall be based upon:

- a. achieving either a "superior" or "highly effective" rating under the TLE, and
- b. grade level, subject area, or school level performance success.

C. Incentive pay plans implemented pursuant to subsections A and B of this section shall be developed through a collaborative planning process involving stakeholders, including teachers and school leaders.

D. In addition to individual teacher and leader incentive pay plans, as authorized pursuant to this section, districts may develop and implement incentive pay systems for:

1. Teaching in critical shortage subject areas including, but not limited to, foreign language;
2. Teachers and leaders who work in low-performing schools as determined by the State Board of Education;
3. Teaching in the subject areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM); or
4. Teachers and leaders who work in schools or school districts designated by the State Board of Education as hard-to-staff.

E. 1. Prior to implementation of any incentive pay plan developed pursuant to this section, the school district board of education shall place the plan on the agenda for public comment at a meeting of the district board of education.

2. After approval of the incentive pay plan, the school district board of education shall submit the plan to the State Board of Education for final approval. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of the plan, the State Board shall review and approve or reject the plan. If it is determined that the plan meets the requirements of this section, the State Board shall approve the plan. If the plan does not meet the requirements of this section, the State Board shall reject the plan and provide written notification to the school district board of education along with the grounds for rejection.

3. The district board of education shall comply with the provisions of this subsection for any year a plan is to be modified.

F. Any incentive pay award shall be an annual award and shall not be a part of a continuing contract for an employee. Any incentive pay award to any teacher or leader shall not exceed more than fifty percent (50%) of the regular salary of the teacher or leader, exclusive of fringe benefits or extra duty pay. Any incentive pay awards received shall be excluded from compensation for purposes of calculating retirement pursuant to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma and shall not be subject to taxes levied by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (F.I.C.A.), to the extent such exemption is provided by federal law. **(70-5-141.4)**

Note: Enacted by SB 2033, Sec. 4 of the 2010 Reg. Sess. Effective July 1, 2010.

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ARTICLE VI: TEACHERS

Section 115. Definitions.

Text reflects amendments from both the 52nd Legislature (2010) and the 53rd Legislature (2011)

As used in Section 6-101 et seq. of this title:

1. “Administrator” means a duly certified person who devotes a majority of time to service as a superintendent, elementary superintendent, principal, supervisor, vice principal or in any other administrative or supervisory capacity in the school district;

2. “Dismissal” means the discontinuance of the teaching service of an administrator or teacher during the term of a written contract, as provided by law;

3. “Nonreemployment” means the nonrenewal of the contract of an administrator or teacher upon expiration of the contract;

4. “Career teacher” means a teacher who:

a. for teachers employed by a school district during the 2011-12 school year, has completed three (3) or more consecutive complete school years as a teacher in one school district under a written continuing or temporary teacher contact, or

b. for teacher employed for the first time by a school district under a written continuing or temporary teaching contract on or after July 1, 2012:

(1) has completed three (3) consecutive complete school years as a teacher in one school district under a written continuing or temporary teaching contract and has achieved a rating of “superior” as measured pursuant to the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set forth in Section 6 of this act for at least two (2) of the three (3) school years, with no rating below “effective”,

(2) has completed four (4) consecutive complete school years as a teacher in one school district under a written continuing or temporary teaching contract, has averaged a rating of at least “effective” as measured pursuant to the TLE for the four-year period, and has received a rating of at least “effective” for the last two (2) years of the four-year period, or

(3) has completed four (4) or more consecutive complete school years in one school district under a written continuing or temporary teaching contract and has not met the requirements of subparagraph a or b of this paragraph, only if the principal of the school at which the teacher is employed submits a petition to the superintendent of the school district requesting that the teacher be granted career status, the superintendent agrees with the petition, and the school district board of education approves the petition. The principal shall specify in the petition the underlying facts supporting the granting of career status to the teacher;

5. “Teacher hearing” means the hearing before a local board of education after a recommendation for dismissal or nonreemployment of a teacher has been made but before any final action is taken on the recommendation, held for the purpose of affording the teacher all rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Constitution

of Oklahoma under such circumstances and for enabling the board to determine whether to approve or disapprove the recommendation;

6. "Probationary teacher" means a teacher who has completed fewer than three (3) consecutive complete school years in such capacity in one school district under a written teaching contract;

- a. for teachers employed by a school district during the 2011-12 school year, has completed fewer than three (3) consecutive complete school years as a teacher in one school district under a written teaching contract, or
- b. for teachers employed for the first time by a school district under a written teaching contract on or after July 1, 2012, has not met the requirements for career teacher as provided in paragraph 4 of this section;

7. "Suspension" or "suspended" means the temporary discontinuance of the services of an administrator or teacher, as provided by law; and

8. "Teacher" means a duly certified or licensed person who is employed to serve as a counselor, librarian or school nurse or in any instructional capacity. An administrator shall be considered a teacher only with regard to service in an instructional, nonadministrative capacity. **(70-6-101.3)**

Section 118. Evaluation of Teachers and Administrators.

A. Each school district board of education shall maintain and annually review, following consultation with or involvement of representatives selected by local teachers, a written policy of evaluation for all teachers and administrators. In those school districts in which there exists a professional negotiations agreement made in accordance with Sections 509.1 et seq. of this title, the procedure for evaluating members of the negotiations unit and any standards of performance and conduct proposed for adoption beyond those established by the State Board of Education shall be negotiable items. Nothing in this section shall be construed to annul, modify or to preclude the renewal or continuing of any existing agreement heretofore entered into between any school district and any organizational representative of its employees. Every policy of evaluation adopted by a board of education shall:

1. Be based upon a set of minimum criteria developed by the State Board of Education, which by no later than the 2013-14 school year, shall be revised and based upon the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) developed by the State Board of Education as provided in Section 6 of this act;

2. Be prescribed in writing at the time of adoption and at all times when amendments to the policy are adopted. The original policy and all amendments to the policy shall be promptly made available to all persons subject to the policy;

3. Provide that all evaluations be made in writing and that evaluation documents and responses thereto be maintained in a personnel file for each evaluated person;

4. Provide that every probationary teacher be evaluated at least two times per school year, once prior to November 15 and once prior to February 10 of each year;

5. Provide that every teacher be evaluated once every year, except as otherwise provided by law; and

6. Provide that, except for superintendents of independent and elementary school districts and superintendents of area school districts, who shall be evaluated by the school district board of education, all certified personnel shall be evaluated by a principal, assistant principal, or other trained certified individual designated by the school district board of education.

B. All individuals designated by the school district board of education to conduct the personnel evaluations shall be required to participate in training conducted by the State Department of Education or training provided by the school district using guidelines and materials developed by the State Department of Education prior to conducting evaluations.

C. The State Department of Education shall develop and conduct workshops pursuant to statewide criteria which train individuals in conducting evaluations.

D. The State Board of Education shall monitor compliance with the provisions of this section by school districts.

E. Refusal by a school district to comply with the provisions of this section shall be grounds for withholding State Aid funds until compliance occurs. **(70-6-101.10)**

Note: Amended by SB 2033, Sec. 5 of the 2010 Reg. Sess. Effective July 1, 2010.

Section 120. Dismissal or Nonreemployment of Administrator Procedure.

Text reflects amendments from the 52nd Legislature (2010)

Section 6-101.13 A. Whenever the school district board of education or the administration of a school district shall determine that the dismissal or nonreemployment of a full-time certified administrator from the administrative position within the school district should be effected, the administrator shall be entitled to the following due process procedures:

1. A statement shall be submitted to the administrator in writing prior to the dismissal or nonreemployment which states the proposed action, lists the reasons for effecting the action, and notifies the administrator of his right to a hearing before the school district board of education prior to the action; and

2. A hearing before the school district board of education shall be granted upon the request of the administrator prior to the dismissal or nonreemployment. A request for a hearing shall be submitted to the board of education not later than ten (10) days after the administrator has been notified of the proposed action.

B. Failure of the administrator to request a hearing before the school district board of education within ten (10) days after receiving the written statement shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing. No decision of the board of education concerning the dismissal or nonreemployment of a full-time certified administrator shall be effective until the administrator has been afforded due process as specified in this section. The decision of the school district board of education concerning the dismissal or nonreemployment, following the hearing, shall be final.

C. A principal who has received a rating of "ineffective" as measured pursuant to the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set forth in Section 6 of this act for two (2) consecutive school years, shall not be reemployed by the school district, subject to the due process procedures of this section. **(70-6-101.13)**

Section 122.1. Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System – Implementation.

Text reflects amendments from the 53rd Legislature (2011)

A. By December 15, 2011, the State Board of Education shall adopt a new statewide system of evaluation to be known as the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE).

B. The TLE shall include the following components:

1. A five-tier rating system as follows:

- a. superior,
- b. highly effective,
- c. effective,
- d. needs improvement, and
- e. ineffective;

2. Annual evaluations that provide feedback to improve student learning and outcomes;

3. Comprehensive remediation plans and instructional coaching for all teachers rated as needs improvement or ineffective;

4. Quantitative and qualitative assessment components measured as follows:

a. fifty percent (50%) of the ratings of teachers and leaders shall be based on quantitative components which shall be divided as follows:

- (1) thirty-five percentage points based on student academic growth using multiple years of standardized test data, as available, and
- (2) fifteen percentage points based on other academic measurements, and

b. fifty percent (50%) of the rating of teachers and leaders shall be based on rigorous and fair qualitative assessment components;

5. An evidence-based qualitative assessment tool for the teacher qualitative portion of the TLE that will include observable and measurable characteristics of personnel and classroom practices that are correlated to student performance success, including, but not limited to:

- a. organizational and classroom management skills,
- b. ability to provide effective instruction,
- c. focus on continuous improvement and professional growth,
- d. interpersonal skills, and
- e. leadership skills;

6. An evidence-based qualitative assessment tool for the leader qualitative portion of the TLE that will include observable and measurable characteristics of personnel and site management practices that are correlated to student performance success, including, but not limited to:

- a. organizational and school management, including retention and development of effective teachers and dismissal of ineffective teachers,
- b. instructional leadership,
- c. professional growth and responsibility,
- d. interpersonal skills,
- e. leadership skills, and
- f. stakeholder perceptions; and

7. For those teachers in grades and subjects for which there is no state-mandated testing measure to create a quantitative assessment for the quantitative portion of the TLE, an assessment using objective measures of teacher effectiveness including student performance on unit or end-of-year tests. Emphasis shall be placed on the observed qualitative assessment as well as contribution to the overall school academic growth.

C. The Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Commission shall provide oversight and advise the State Board of Education on the development and implementation of the TLE.

D. The State Department of Education shall provide to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation timely electronic data linked to teachers and leaders derived from the TLE for purposes of providing a basis for the development of accountability and quality improvements of the teacher preparation system. The data shall be provided in a manner and at such times as agreed upon between the Department, the State Regents and the Commission.

E. For purposes of this section, “leader” means a principal, assistant principal or any other school administrator who is responsible for supervising classroom teachers. **(70-6-101.16)**

Note: Enacted by SB 2033, Sec. 6 of the 2010 Reg. Sess. Effective July 1, 2010.

Section 122.2. Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Commission.

Text reflects amendments from the 53rd Legislature (2011)

A. There is hereby created to continue until July 1, 2016, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Commission.

B. The membership of the Commission shall consist of:

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;
2. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
3. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
4. A member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

5. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

6. A representative from the Office of the Governor or the executive cabinet, appointed by the Governor;

7. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation, or designee;

8. A representative of a technology center school district, appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education;

9. A representative of an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, appointed by the Chancellor of Higher Education;

10. A representative of a statewide organization representing school district boards of education, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

11. A representative of a statewide organization representing public school superintendents, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

12. A representative of a statewide organization representing business and education, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

13. An individual employed by a business or company located in this state, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

14. Three (3) representatives, one (1) from each of the three (3) largest statewide organizations representing active public school teachers, appointed by the Governor;

15. A representative of a statewide parent-teacher organization, appointed by the Governor;

16. A representative of a philanthropic organization involved in education, appointed by the Governor; and

17. An individual involved in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, appointed by the Governor.

C. Initial appointments pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be made no later than August 1, 2010. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing authority. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee, shall serve as chair of the Commission. Members of the Commission shall select a vice-chair from the membership of the Commission. Meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chair. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

D. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for serving on the Commission, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. State employees who are members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act;

2. Legislative members shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

3. All other members of the Commission shall be reimbursed by the State Department of Education for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. Staff support for the Commission shall be provided by the State Department of Education and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation.

F. Members who serve on the Commission shall be exempt from the dual-office-holding prohibitions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

G. The Commission shall comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

H. The duties of the Commission, as specified in subsection I of this section, shall not be contingent upon the state being selected to receive or the state actually receiving any federal Race to the Top funding.

I. The Commission shall provide oversight and advise the State Board of Education on the development and implementation of the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as created in Section 6-101.16 of this title, including:

1. Making recommendations to the State Board regarding the development and implementation of the TLE prior to adoption of any permanent rules or policies by the State Board;
2. Regularly reviewing progress toward development and implementation of the quantitative and qualitative measures that comprise the TLE;
3. Regularly reviewing progress toward timely access to student growth data;
4. Regularly reviewing the correlation between the quantitative and qualitative scores and other data to ensure that the TLE is being implemented with validity and that evaluations of individuals conducted by school districts are meaningful and demonstrate that reasonable distinctions are being made relating to performance;
5. Assuring input and participation from teachers and leaders on the development and implementation of the TLE;
6. Gathering public comment on the development and effectiveness of the TLE; and
7. Assuring that the TLE is based on research-based national best practices and methodology.

J. The Commission shall issue a report by December 31 of each year and submit a copy of the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. **(70-6-101.17)**

Note: Enacted by SB 2033, Sec. 7 of the 2010 Reg. Sess. Effective July 1, 2010.

Section 125. Grounds for Dismissal or Nonreemployment of Teachers.

Text reflects amendments from the 52nd Legislature (2010)

A. Subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990, a career teacher may be dismissed or not reemployed for:

1. Willful neglect of duty;
2. Repeated negligence in performance of duty;
3. Mental or physical abuse to a child;
4. Incompetency;
5. Instructional ineffectiveness;
6. Unsatisfactory teaching performance; or
7. Commission of an act of moral turpitude; or
8. Abandonment of contract.

B. Subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990, a probationary teacher may be dismissed or not reemployed for cause.

C. 1. A career teacher who has been rated as “ineffective” as measured pursuant to the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set forth in Section 6 of this act for two (2) consecutive school years shall be dismissed or not reemployed on the grounds of instructional ineffectiveness by the school district, subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990.

2. A career teacher who has been rated as “needs improvement” or lower pursuant to the TLE for three (3) consecutive school years shall be dismissed or not reemployed on the grounds of instructional ineffectiveness by the school district, subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990.

3. A career teacher who has not averaged a rating of at least “effective” as measured pursuant to the TLE over a five-year period shall be dismissed or not reemployed on the grounds of instructional ineffectiveness by the school district, subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due process Act of 1990.

D. 1. A probationary teacher who has been rated as “ineffective” as measured pursuant to the TLE for two (2) consecutive school years shall be dismissed or not reemployed by the school district subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990.

2. A probationary teacher who has not attained career teacher status within a four-year period shall be dismissed or not reemployed by the school district, subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990.

E. A teacher shall be dismissed or not reemployed, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon has been issued, if during the term of employment the teacher is convicted in this state, the United States or another state of:

1. Any sex offense subject to the Sex Offenders Registration Act in this state or subject to another state's or the federal sex offender registration provisions; or

2. Any felony offense.

F. A teacher may be dismissed, refused employment or not reemployed after a finding that such person has engaged in criminal sexual activity or sexual misconduct that has impeded the effectiveness of the individual's performance of school duties. As used in this subsection:

1. "Criminal sexual activity" means the commission of an act as defined in Section 886 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which is the act of sodomy; and

2. "Sexual misconduct" means the soliciting or imposing of criminal sexual activity.

G. As used in this section, "abandonment of contract" means the failure of a teacher to report at the beginning of the contract term or otherwise perform the duties of a contract of employment when the teacher has accepted other employment or is performing work for another employer that prevents the teacher from fulfilling the obligations of the contract of employment. (70-6-101.22)

Section 127. Procedures for Administrator to Follow for Admonishment of Teacher.

Text reflects amendments from the 52nd Legislature (2010)

A. When a teacher receives a rating as measured pursuant to the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set forth in Section 6 of this act that may lead to a recommendation for the dismissal or nonreemployment of the teacher or when an administrator identifies poor performance or conduct that the administrator believes may lead to a recommendation for the dismissal or nonreemployment of the teacher, the administrator shall:

1. Admonish the teacher, in writing, and make a reasonable effort to assist the teacher in correcting the poor performance or conduct; and

2. Establish a reasonable time for improvement, not to exceed two (2) months, taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the teacher's performance or conduct.

B. If the teacher does not correct the poor performance or conduct cited in the admonition within the time specified, the administrator shall make a recommendation to the superintendent of the school district for the dismissal or nonreemployment of the teacher.

C. Whenever a member of the board of education, superintendent, or other administrator identifies poor performance or conduct that may lead to a recommendation for dismissal or nonreemployment of a teacher within the district, the administrator who has responsibility for evaluation of the teacher shall be informed, and that administrator shall comply with the procedures set forth in this section. If the administrator fails or refuses to admonish the teacher within ten (10) day after being so informed by the board, superintendent, or other administrator, such board, superintendent or other administrator shall admonish the teacher pursuant to the provisions of this section.

D. Repeated negligence in performance of duty, willful neglect of duty, incompetency, instructional ineffectiveness or unsatisfactory teaching performance, for a career teacher, or any cause related to inadequate teaching performance for a probationary teacher, shall not be a basis for a recommendation to dismiss or not reemploy a teacher unless and until the provisions of this section have been complied with. (70-6-101.24)

ADDITIONAL SECTIONS NOT PLACED IN 2010 SCHOOL LAWS OF OKLAHOMA

SECTION 14. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-101.31 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The primary basis used in determining the retention or reassignment of affected teachers and administrators when a school district implements a reduction-in-force plan shall be the ratings of the teachers and administrators as measured pursuant to the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set forth in Section 6 of this act.

SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The State Board of Education may delay implementation of Sections 8 through 14 of this act for school districts which have not adopted a revised policy of evaluation as required pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-101.10 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided, all school districts shall be required to implement the provisions of Sections 8 through 14 of this act no later than July 1, 2013.