

ARTICLE XVI SALARY

A. Salaries shall be as set forth in Appendix A, which is incorporated into, and hereby made a part of this Contract and shall be retroactive to the first duty day of the current school year. For school year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, there will be no retroactive pay for any teacher who leaves the district prior to final ratification.

1. ~~For the 2025-26 school year, t~~ The parties agree to ~~increase~~ maintain the minimum salary for the Salary Structure for Performance Pay (Appendix A) to \$50,000 and to ~~make~~ maintain compression adjustments based on experience. Any teacher whose current base salary falls below the experience range minimum ~~will~~ shall receive an increase to the range minimum effective with the employee's first duty day of the ~~2025-26~~ applicable school year. Teachers newly hired by the District shall be placed on the salary structure at the level corresponding to their credited experience, in accordance with the compression adjustments set forth in Appendix A.
2. There will be a 2% cost-of-living adjustment for all personnel, regardless of instructional practice score.
- ~~2.~~3. Teachers with a summative performance rating of Effective shall receive an additional ~~3.01%~~ 4%.
- ~~3.~~ 4. Teachers with a summative performance rating of Highly Effective shall receive an additional ~~4.01%~~ 6%.
- ~~4.~~ 5. Raises based on performance shall be paid after the Student Growth scores have been finalized and combined with the Instructional Practice score to create the Summative Evaluation score. This will occur after all assessment scores used in the calculation of local student learning growth models are received by the district, verified, and final calculations completed.

B. Differential Pay

1. Supplement for Advanced Degrees
 - a. The Advanced Degree Supplement shall be subject to the following:

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- 1) The employee must provide an official college transcript of record showing the award of the earned degree to the Employment Services Department.
 - 2) If the transcript does not indicate the date on which the degree was awarded, the employee must provide additional confirmation of the degree by submitting an updated transcript showing the date of the award, a copy of an official letter from the institution indicating the date the degree was awarded, or a copy of an official diploma from the institution indicating the date the advanced degree was awarded.
 - 3) It is understood that the advanced degree shall have been granted by a standard institution or shall have been properly validated as described in the State Board of Education Rules.
- b. The advanced degree differential shall be at least the same percentage as the increase in the entry teacher's salary.
 - c. Teachers shall be paid the supplement once the advanced degree is verified. The supplement for advanced degrees shall be retroactive to the date the degree was awarded or the beginning of the teacher's primary contract school year, whichever is later.
3. Differential pay/Supplemental activities shall be compensated as set forth in Appendices A-1 through A-4 which is incorporated into, and hereby made a part of, this Contract.
 4. Supplement Handbook
 - a. The Board shall publish and post a Supplement Handbook on the websites: <https://www.ocps.net/labor-relations-home> and www.orangecta.fea.aft.org.
 - b. The Supplement Handbook will provide information regarding the use of supplements, requirements of the supplement receiver, number of each supplement, and related information.

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- c. No changes shall be made in the Supplement Handbook without CTA and the District meeting to negotiate such changes.

5. Additional Period Pay

- a. The parties recognize that in some K-12 schools, teachers may volunteer to teach more than the required number of teaching periods. Teachers who accept these extended teaching assignments may not be scheduled with the same amounts of planning time, student contact time, or other duty assignments as other teachers. If more teachers volunteer than are needed, teachers shall be selected according to seniority from among those qualified to hold a position.
- b. For teaching each additional instructional period during, before or after the regular student day, the amount of the supplement the teacher receives for teaching the additional period should be based on the hourly rate of pay for an entry teacher with no experience based on the previous year's salary schedule. Calculations will be as follows: the annual salary of entry teacher based on the previous year's salary schedule/197 days in a teacher's contract year/7.5 hours in a teacher's workday x 180 instructional days of instruction in a year, rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars. This amount may be prorated by semester based on the school's academic needs. For teachers with the additional instructional period before or after the regular student day, the normal teacher load must be completed during the regular student day.
- c. This shall not preclude a teacher whose primary assignment is non-classroom teaching from receiving the supplement in B.5.a. above upon approval of the Superintendent's designee.
- d. Any Florida statutory requirement of schools to provide additional instruction outside of the standard student day or year shall adhere to the following:
 - 1) The assignment for instructors at these schools to teach during the extended day or year is required on the part of the teacher. In doing so, these teachers shall receive an additional pay equal to their hourly rate.

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- 2) Teachers at the designated schools may request in writing a transfer within ten (10) days of notification. A teacher shall be placed in his/her same school level (elementary, middle, or high) if such a vacancy exists. If a school level vacancy does not exist, the teacher shall be placed in a vacancy for which s/he is certified. Teachers shall be placed in their equivalent school if such vacancies exist. The District shall make a reasonable effort to transfer the teacher to a position in close proximity to his/her original assignment.
- 3) Class size requirements for the additional instructional period shall follow state guidelines.
- 4) Observations made during the additional instructional period are for feedback purposes only and shall not be used as a part of the Instructional Evaluation System.
- 5) Support with curriculum and materials shall be provided to the teacher upon request to assist in planning for the additional instructional period.

6. Irregular Schedule Pay

Employees, who are assigned irregular schedules in accordance with Article XIV Section P, shall be compensated as follows:

- a. Teachers assigned a split shift on a regular basis for a 37.5 hour week including meal breaks shall be paid an additional \$2,520 per year. A split shift shall be defined as a shift that is not continuous.
- b. Teachers in post-secondary schools who are given an additional hour of assigned instructional responsibility per day beyond the normal six hours shall be paid an additional \$3,000 per year.
- c. Teachers selected for these supplements who have not had a break in service since 1996-97, shall be assured of the applicable amount as set forth above or the amount received in 1996-97, whichever is greater.

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- C. The fiscal year for 10 and 11 month teachers begins with the first day of their primary contract. The number of duty days in a teacher's primary contract is specified in Article XV.A. The daily rate of pay for teachers shall be determined by dividing their annual salary for their primary contract of employment by the number of duty days specified therein.
- D. In-service training and planning on a non-duty day will be compensated at a minimum of \$75 for a three hour day and \$150 for a six hour day, provided the funding is available. Nonmonetary consideration in lieu of the above may be agreed to between the administrator and the employee. This provision shall apply to compensate teachers newly hired to the District for work performed prior to the start of their contract. Such payment shall be authorized only upon successful completion of background screening including fingerprinting and drug testing. This will not become effective until the date of final ratification of the 2014-15 contract. This language is not retroactive to the beginning of the 2014-15 SY.
- E. Summer session employment shall be paid at the teacher's rate of pay per their primary contract for the school year just completed.
- F. Method of Payment

- 1. Ten-Month Employees

- a. Employees shall be paid biweekly beginning on the third week of their work year. The number of payments to be issued will correspond to the length of time from the first to the last duty day in the school year. One (1) payment per year will be for eight days each and will occur during a pay period where there are no insurance deductions. The remaining payments will be for equal amounts of nine days each, in so far as possible.

- 1) If requested in the MyOCPS portal,

- No later than the last day of preplanning, ten-month teachers may select to defer 16% of their wages and shall be placed on deferred pay status. These employees will be paid the deferred monies in four separate paychecks on a bi-weekly schedule following the employee's final payment of the school year. Employees that choose this option may

not change percentages until the following school year and no later than the last day of preplanning.

- Ten-month teachers may elect to defer 11%, 12% 13% or 14% of their wages and shall be placed on deferred pay status. These employees will be paid the deferred monies in one check following the employee's final payment of the school year.

2. Eleven-Month Employees

- a. Employees shall be paid bi-weekly. The number of payments to be issued will correspond to the length of time from the first to the last duty day in the school year.
3. To the extent permitted by law, and provided employees will not be paid in advance of time worked, payments shall be issued biweekly. When a payday falls on a bank holiday, the payment will be made on the business day prior to the bank holiday.
 4. The parties agree to mandatory direct deposit effective for all employees by December 31, 2006. Upon request of an employee, the Board shall provide direct deposit of each of his/her payment to the financial institution of the employee's choice, subject to regulations relating to direct deposit.
 5. The Board shall issue payments to employees employed in summer school in equal installments on a biweekly schedule, insofar as possible.
 6. Under normal circumstances, supplements will be included in the employee's regular payment.
 - a. Payment for high school winter sports will begin in November and for spring sports in February.
 - b. Payment for middle school sports will begin the month following the beginning of each sport season.
 - c. Up to \$100 of the agribusiness and/or FFA supplements may be held until after completion of all required activities during the month of June.

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7. Payments shall be generated in a manner that guarantees privacy.
 8. Any payment which must be rewritten due to an employee's absence(s) near or at the end of the work year shall be reissued within one week following his/her last paycheck.
 9. It is understood that the last payment in the fiscal year may not be distributed until after the final duty day.
- G. If active service is terminated by death, all salary owed at the time of death shall be paid to the employee's designated beneficiary or estate if no beneficiary has been designated.
- H. Employees shall be paid entry salary with no experience until such time as verification for experience is received by the Board. Upon verification of experience any adjustment of salary shall be made by the end of the next payroll period. Any salary adjustment for experience credit shall be retroactive to the first duty day of the employee's primary contract, in the fiscal year in which the verification is received.

One day more than the number of days constituting one-half year of another district's regular school year shall be considered as one year of credit.

A teacher shall be paid on the salary schedule, based upon the following criteria:

1. Teaching Experience

- a. In-state public school teaching experience: Credit shall be given for each year of full-time public school teaching service earned in the state of Florida which is verified by previous employer(s). Experience credit shall be reviewed and pay shall be based on what similar teachers with the same amount of experience credit are compensated.

For 2014-2015, newly hired teachers who worked at another Florida school district or charter school during the 2013-2014 school year will receive a one-time recruitment bonus, equivalent to half of the respective 2014-2015 salary increase amounts (COLA plus performance) based on their officially documented 2013- 2014 summative evaluation rating. Documentation consisting of print screens of the evaluation rating must be provided to Human Resources during the teacher's first calendar year.

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Teachers who did work at OCPS during the 2013-14 school year and received a final evaluation rating, are ineligible for this bonus and will return to OCPS at their previous salary plus 2014-2015 increase (COLA plus performance).

- b. Out of state public school teaching experience: Instructional personnel hired from outside of the state of Florida shall receive credit for each year of full-time public school teaching which is verified by the previous employer. Experience credit shall be reviewed and pay shall be based on what similar teachers with the same amount of experience credit are compensated.
- c. Instructional personnel hired from private schools (or school systems, including college) shall receive credit for each year of full time teaching. Teaching experience may be added to all prior public school experience credit. Experience credit shall be reviewed and pay shall be based on what similar teachers with the same amount of experience credit are compensated.
- d. Instructional personnel shall provide verification of effective performance for all years of experience to the Human Resources Department.
- e. Paid holidays shall be counted in computations which apply to credit for teaching.
- f. Half-time: Effective July 1, 2011, half-time teaching shall be counted year for year for salary credit. Half-time teaching prior to July 1, 2011 will continue to be combined so two one-half years equals one year of experience. Half-time experience shall continue to count as one-half of full-time experience for the purpose of calculating seniority.
- g. Half Year: Work less than the number of days constituting one-half year of another district's regular school year. Teachers may combine two one-half years of experience for a full year of teaching credit. One-half year of teaching shall be defined as at least 26% to 50% of the total number of days, 26% of which must be continuous duty days, in any regular school year.

- h. Teaching experience credit shall apply to equivalent school employment, such as guidance counselor, media specialist, and curriculum resource teacher. Working in the position of a four-year degreed permanent substitute in the District shall count as equivalent school employment.
- i. No salary credit shall be given for substitute teaching, graduate assistantships, private nursery school pre-k or kindergarten teaching, unless pre-k kindergarten teaching was a part of an elementary school or school district.
- j. Teachers shall receive no salary credit for teaching for any time prior to being awarded a four-year degree.

2. Work Experience

- a. All years of work related experience, excluding those years required for certification, shall be granted for salary purposes to those positions requiring work experience for certification and to school psychologists, social workers, audiologists, and speech therapists. Experience credit shall be reviewed and pay shall be based on what similar teachers with the same amount of experience credit are compensated.
- b. Upon initial employment, teachers who fill positions for which work experience may be used or is required for certification, shall be granted either work experience credit (above that used toward certification) or teaching credit, for salary purposes.
- c. Work experience may be combined for salary credit in the same manner as such combinations apply to certification based on work experience.
- d. If a teacher transfers into a position for which work experience may be used or is required for certification, the teacher may apply work experience (above that which would have been used for certification) in lieu of teaching experience for salary purposes. Such adjustment shall be retroactive to the first day of employment of the fiscal year in which the teacher applies for the adjustment.

- e. In no case shall both work experience and teaching experience, as used in conjunction with one another above, be granted for salary purposes if earned during the same calendar year.
- f. Teachers who are certifiable in the critical needs areas of mathematics, science and exceptional education may be granted, upon initial employment, work experience credit for all years of work related experience. Work experience must be directly related to the position for which the teacher is hired, and documentation must be provided by the teacher for review and approval by Employment Services.
- g. Military Experience – If honorably discharged, including a general discharge under honorable conditions, credit for pay purposes shall be granted for up to four years of active military duty in the armed forces of the United States of America. This credit will be granted upon receipt of the employee's DD 214 by Employment Services.

3. JROTC

- a. It is understood the JROTC instructor will have retired from active military duty.
- b. The following procedures shall apply to pay upon hire:
 - 1) The difference between the active duty pay and the retirement pay is the Minimum Instructor Pay (MIP). This documentation is provided by the JROTC instructor's branch of the military.
 - 2) Until documentation is provided or if that amount falls below the salary of similar teachers with four (4) years of experience, pay upon hire will be the same as similar teachers with four years of experience.
 - 3) If the MIP amount is more than the amount paid to teachers with fifteen (15) years of experience, the employee shall be paid the MIP and shall not receive district increases, until such time as the amount those with 15 years of experience are earning meets or exceeds that amount.

- 4) Active JROTC Instructors whose salaries are frozen, therefore ineligible for performance pay increase shall receive lump sum bonuses in the same increase amounts (performance + COLA) for the respective evaluation ratings based on their individual summative evaluations. Payout of the bonus will occur after ratification of salary.
 - c. Any increase on the salary schedule in subsequent years shall be in accordance with the pay increase of other bargaining unit members, which is contingent upon negotiated contractual provisions. However, eligible JROTC instructors shall only receive the higher salary increase of either the MIP or what is granted to other eligible instructional personnel, not both.
 - d. The parties recognize that should any of the above provisions be held to be contrary to law, Article II.E. shall apply.
4. Former employees who are re-hired after retiring under any Orange County Public Schools retirement incentive shall be placed on the salary schedule entry teacher pay.
5. Former employees who are re-hired shall return to their previous salary less any differential as outlined in Article XVI. B., be placed on the new teacher entry placement schedule **or in accordance with the compression adjustments set forth in Appendix A**, whichever is greater.
- I. Salary adjustments for administrative mistakes in granting salary credit shall be retroactive. The retroactive period for back pay shall include the current year and up to a maximum of five previous years. The district will correct an error involving wages or other means of compensation up to two years from the date the error was identified per F.S. 95.11. The employee shall receive back pay, once s/he has brought the matter to the attention of the Employment Services Department, at the end of the next payroll period. If an employee has been overpaid, an adjustment shall be made at the end of the next payroll period, and arrangements shall be made whereby the employee may take a period of time, up to the end of that school year, to reimburse the Board for such an overpayment. In extreme cases, the time may be extended. Except in cases where an employee knew or should have known of the overpayment, the total amount due for an overpayment on the salary schedule shall only be retroactive to the beginning of the

school year in which the over payment was discovered. It is the employee's responsibility to review his/her salary statements for accuracy.

- J. An employee shall be responsible for providing documentation of academic degrees and experience for salary, differential pay and supplement purposes to the Employment Services Department.
- K. A PSC/CC teacher's salary may be frozen if identifiable less than effective performance exists. The following procedures shall be used:
 - 1. The administrator shall notify the teacher in writing of the less than effective performance, including specific examples. Notification shall occur prior to the beginning of the second semester.
 - 2. A conference shall be held between the administrator and the teacher within ten duty days to review the matter. A specific written plan, including reasonable timelines, shall be developed by the administrator to assist the teacher in improving performance.
 - 3. Within ten duty days of the development of this plan, the teacher may request an independent review of the matter by the applicable associate superintendent.
 - 4. Failure to demonstrate significant improvement prior to one month before the end of the teacher's work year may result in a recommendation by the administrator for retention of the teacher on the salary schedule.
 - 5. The Superintendent shall make a decision for retention on the salary schedule prior to the end of the teacher's work year and shall so notify the teacher in writing, with a copy to the Association.
 - 6. The teacher shall be entitled to Association representation throughout this procedure.
 - 7. Such freezing of a teacher's salary shall not be used two years in a row, unless the provisions of Article XII Section C. have been initiated.
- L. For any solicitations of contributions from instructional personnel, the District shall ensure that all contributions and information about contributions shall be kept confidential.

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M. Referendum Funds: Beginning June 30, 2027, no less than 33.33% of funds collected each year from any voter approved Ad Valorem Tax for School Operating Expenses (“Referendum”) shall be designated for and distributed to employees in the OCCTA bargaining unit. Such Referendum funds shall be distributed as salary supplements as negotiated by the parties.