## **Professional Development**

The Board of Education recognizes that, in order to maximize student learning and achievement, certificated staff members must be continuously learning and improving their skills. The Superintendent or designee shall develop a program of ongoing professional development which includes opportunities for teachers to enhance their instructional and classroom management skills and become informed about changes in pedagogy and subject matter.

The Superintendent or designee shall involve teachers, site and District administrators, and others, as appropriate, in the development of the District's staff development program. He/she shall ensure that the District's staff development program is aligned with District priorities for student achievement, school improvement objectives, the local control and accountability plan, and other district and school plans.

The Superintendent or designee may, in conjunction with individual teachers and interns, develop an individualized program of professional growth to increase competence, performance, and effectiveness in teaching and classroom management and, as necessary, to assist them in meeting state or federal requirements to be fully qualified for their positions.

The District's staff evaluation process may be used to recommend additional staff development for individual employees.

The Board may budget funds for actual and reasonable expenses incurred by staff who participate in staff development activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a means for continual evaluation of the benefit of staff development activities to both staff and students and shall regularly report to the Board regarding the effectiveness of the staff development program. Based on the Superintendent's report, the Board may revise the program as necessary to ensure that the staff development program supports the District's priorities for student achievement.

## Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

41530-41533 Professional Development Block Grant

44032 Travel expense payment

44259.5 Standards for teacher preparation

44277 Professional growth programs for individual teachers

44325-44328 District interns

44450-44468 University internship program

44570-44578 Inservice training, secondary education

44580-44591 Inservice training, elementary teachers

44630-44643 Professional Development and Program Improvement Act of 1968

44700-44705 Classroom teacher instructional improvement program

45028 Salary schedule and exceptions

48980 Notification of parents/guardians: schedule of minimum days

56240-56245 Staff development; service to persons with disabilities

99200-99206 Subject matter projects

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