

CVUSD

Administrative Regulation

AR 4113

Personnel

Assignment

Procedures for Verifying Subject Matter Knowledge

***Note: Education Code 44258.3 mandates procedures, with specific components, for verifying the adequacy of subject matter knowledge of any teacher who is assigned to teach outside his/her credential authorization in departmentalized classes in grades K-12. Subject matter specialists as identified below must be involved in the development and implementation of these procedures.

With the involvement of appropriate subject matter specialists, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and employ procedures for verifying the subject matter knowledge of teachers assigned to teach in departmentalized classes outside their credential authorization pursuant to Education Code 44258.3. For the purposes of these procedures, subject matter specialists are curriculum specialists, resource teachers, classroom teachers certified to teach a subject, staff to regional subject matter projects or curriculum institutes, or college faculty. (Education Code 44258.3)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)

(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching Students of Limited English Proficiency)

(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)

Procedures to be used for this purpose shall specify: (Education Code 44258.3)

1. One or more of the following ways in which subject matter competence shall be assessed:
 - a. Observation by subject matter specialists
 - b. Oral interviews
 - c. Demonstration lessons
 - d. Presentation of curricular portfolios
 - e. Written examinations

2. Specific criteria and standards for verifying subject matter knowledge by any of the above methods. These criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, evidence of the individual's knowledge of the subject matter to be taught, including demonstrated knowledge of the curriculum framework for the subject and the specific content of the district's course of study for the subject at the grade level to be taught.

Whenever a teacher is assigned to teach departmentalized classes pursuant to Education Code 44258.3, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the exclusive representative of the district's certificated employees. (Education Code 44258.3)

(cf. 4140/4240 - Bargaining Units)

***Note: Procedures and criteria for demonstrating subject matter competence in order to meet the definition of a "highly qualified teacher" under the No Child Left Behind Act (20 USC 6319 and 7801 and 5 CCR 6100-6115, added by Register 2004, No. 9, are described in AR 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act. ***

Verification of the subject matter competence of teachers assigned to core academic subjects in Title I and non-Title I programs shall be based on procedures and criteria specified in 5 CCR 6100-6115.

(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)

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