

Employing Retired Teachers and Administrators

One of the Board’s personnel goals is to recruit, select, and employ the best qualified personnel to staff the Charter School. As such, retired employees who leave the School in good standing may be re-employed as a “Return to Work” employee according to the following guidelines:

1. The Charter School may employ a person previously employed as a school district or charter school instructional, pupil service, or other certificated staff member, certificated teacher or administrator who is receiving retirement benefits from the public employee retirement system of Idaho (PERSI) for positions requiring such certification provided such individual was not promised “rehire” by the School before their retirement was in effect. These employees are referred to below as “retiree” or “retirees”.

In addition, effective until June 30, 2026, the School may hire individuals who retired from any PERSI-eligible employer, so long as the individual retired on or after age 55, and so long as the individual acknowledges they may not accrue additional retirement benefits. All such employment under Idaho 59-1356(5) must end on or before June 30, 2026.

These employees are considered to be employed “at-will” and in accordance with the Standard Retired Teacher Contract or Standard Retired Administrator Contract form that has been approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and which expires at the end of every school year.

2. Retirees employed consistent with this policy and State law shall accrue one day per month of sick leave. No annual sick leave shall be accumulated unless additional sick leave has been negotiated between each individual retiree and the Charter School at the time of employment. Sick leave accrued by a retired employee under Idaho Code § 33-1004H does not qualify for unused sick leave benefits under Idaho Code § 33-1228.
3. The Charter School will provide health insurance and life insurance benefits for retirees hired consistent with this policy.
4. The Charter School shall not employ certificated teachers and administrators who receive or received benefits under the previously existing early retirement program provided in now repealed Idaho Code 33-1004G.
5. Retirees who qualify to be rehired are those who:
  - A. Have reached the Rule of 90;
  - B. Are not participating in the early retirement program;

- C. Who are retired at or after 60 years of age;
  - D. Have never received a “promise of rehire” before their retirement date; and
  - E. Have received at least one payment from their PERSI retirement account;
  - F. Meet all conditions and requirements of PERSI to qualify for this program, as such may change from time to time.
7. Any year in which a retired teacher or administrator is hired, the Executive Director shall sign a form to be retained by the School in the employee’s personnel file attesting that:
- A. Any retired teachers or administrators have been employed using the standard retired teacher or retired administrator contract, as appropriate;
  - B. The length of any such contract is one year; and
  - C. Rehire was not agreed to between the teacher or administrator and the School prior to retirement.

Cross Reference:	5100	Hiring Process and Criteria
Legal References:	IC § 59-1302 IC § 59-1356 IC § 33-1004H  IC § 33-1228 IC § 33-5206  IC § 33-5208  IC § 59-1356	Definition – School Employee Reemployment of Retired Members District Trustees - Employing Retired Teachers and Administrators Teachers - Severance Allowance at Retirement Requirements and Prohibitions of a Public Charter School Public Charter Schools - Public Charter School Financial Support Public Employee Retirement System - Reemployment of Retired Members

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