

FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COUNTER-PROPOSAL

FTA NEGOTIATIONS

February 13, 2014

ARTICLE 4 – EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 Early Childhood teachers shall refer to teachers filling a CTC Permit Matrix teaching position in an Early Childhood setting serving Birth to Pre-Kindergarten children and/or children enrolled in a childcare setting.

2.0 Early Childhood Teachers Work Day

- 2.1 The work day for all full-time Early Childhood Teachers shall be eight (8) hours.
- 2.2 Early Childhood Teachers working in a Child Development setting shall receive a thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch within their work day.
- 2.2.1 Early Childhood Teachers shall serve their duty days in no more than two segments of continuous service.
- 2.3 Pre-Kindergarten teachers who teach two class sessions shall have the option, after consulting with the principal, of scheduling a 30 minute duty free lunch period. This period shall be outside the four (4) hour time block required for each class section. ~~shall have at least a thirty (30) minute continuous block of time within each four (4) hour preschool class section for the purpose of preparation and planning. No class instruction shall be longer than three (3) hours.~~ Pre-Kindergarten teachers shall be able to submit up to three (3) hours per class per month for extra duty hours in accordance with existing requirements.

3.0 Early Childhood Teachers Work Year

- 3.1 Pre-Kindergarten teachers work year shall be 183 days. ~~(175 days will be student contact days, 2 days shall be parent orientation days and 6 days shall be for professional development.)~~
- 3.2 PACE teachers shall work 183 days. ~~(180 days shall be student contact days and 3 days shall be for professional development.)~~
- 3.3 Child Development Center Teachers work year shall be 261 days.

4.0 Transfer and Assignment

- 4.1 Early Childhood Teachers currently employed in the District having a valid California teaching credential shall have opportunity to enter the District's voluntary transfer pool for the purpose of interviewing for permanent openings.
- 4.2 After the District has met its needs in transfer of permanent teachers, in accordance with the teacher transfer article in this Agreement, Early-Childhood Teachers shall be given preference for other permanent openings, if determined qualified by the District and well recommended.
- 4.3 Such teachers will be afforded previous service experience as a credentialed teacher, up to a limit of five (5) years.
- 4.4 Prior to hiring new Early Childhood Teachers to fill positions vacated by existing personnel, the District will offer such employment to existing personnel who wish to go from part-time to full-time employment, if determined qualified by the District and well recommended. Eligibility for fringe benefits coverage will be in accordance with the fringe benefits article of this agreement.

5.0 Vacation, Holidays and Sick Leave

5.1 Vacation Allowance - Child Development Center Teachers:

The actual computation for vacation shall be converted from days to hours and shall be based upon the prior year's hours worked.

	<i>Allowance in Working Days for 10-Month & 12-Month Employees</i>	
Period of Employment	10 Months	12 Months
* 0 to 2 months prior to July 1	None	None
* For vacation computation purposes, a month shall be construed as more than one-half of the normal working days of the regular employee's work month.		
Period of Employment	10 Months	12-Months
3 months prior to July 1	2	2.5
4 months prior to July 1	3	3.5
5 months prior to July 1	4	4
6 months prior to July 1	4.5	5
7 months prior to July 1	5.5	6
8 months prior to July 1	6	7
9 months prior to July 1	7	7.5
10 months prior to July 1	8	8
11 months prior to July 1	—	9

12 months prior to July 1	—	10
** 1 to 2 Years	8	10
3 to 10 Years	12.5	15
11 to 15 Years	15	18
16 or More Years	16.5	20

5.2 For longevity vacation allowance purposes, a year shall be construed as seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the normal work year.

5.3 CDC teachers' work year shall be reduced ten (10) days below the maximum number of days required during, 1977-78 school year (261). Such days will be counted in the computation of vacation allowance and shall involve no reduction in level of annual remuneration. Child Development Center Teachers working less than maximum number of days require shall be credited with a percentage of ten (10) days achieved by computing the percentage of their individually required days to the maximum days required.

5.4 In all cases vacation is advanced in the current school year. For example, in order for a twelve (12) month employee to be entitled to fifteen (15) days' vacation, the employee must have completed two years and has begun the third year of employment.

5.5 ~~Vacation Not Cumulative: On the theory that vacation is given annually for recreation and relaxation of the employees, it shall not be permitted to accrue for the purpose of taking extended vacations.~~

5.5.1 Earned vacation may be taken at any time that is recommended by the Center Supervisors of the Child Development Centers and approved by the manager of the Child Development Centers. If there is a conflict over vacation schedules, priority will go to the person having greatest seniority in the District. Center Supervisors at the Child Development Centers will approve vacations and maintain a vacation chart which is posted for all employees to view.

6.0 Holidays

6.1 The following holidays will be observed as legal or District holidays for Child Development Center Teachers:

6.1.1 Independence Day

6.1.2 Labor Day

6.1.3 Veterans Day

6.1.4 Thanksgiving Day and the following day

6.1.5 Winter Break (December 24 and December 25)

6.1.6 New Year's Day

- 6.1.7 Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 6.1.8 Lincoln's Birthday
- 6.1.9 Washington's Birthday
- 6.1.10 Spring Break Friday
- 6.1.11 Memorial Day

6.2 Actual dates of the holidays' observances or the observance of the holidays are subject to change in accordance with State mandate and/or District scheduling.

7.0 SICK LEAVE

- 7.1 Preschool Prekindergarten teachers and PACE teachers shall receive ten (10) days of sick leave each year to be given on the first day of service for that year.
- 7.2 CDC Teachers shall receive one (1) day of sick leave each month.

8.0 Class Size

- 7.3 All early childhood classrooms shall maintain a class size equivalent to or less than the guidelines outlined by the California Department of Education.

8.0 ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION

- 8.1 ~~ALL~~ Lead and Pace Lead Teachers shall receive an additional \$1.00 per hour.
- 8.2 Center Supervisors will receive an additional \$4.00 per hour.
- 8.3 ~~PACE Lead Teacher will receive an additional \$1.00 per hour.~~

NOTE: The caption on the Preschool Teacher Salary Schedules at page 106 of the District/FTA agreement shall be changed from “Pre-School Teachers” to “Pre-Kindergarten Teachers.”