

**ARTICLE 17:**        **REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM/CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (R.O.P./C.T.E.)**

17.100 Compensation

- 17.110 In the period of this agreement, or as mutually agreed otherwise, the R.O.P./C.T.E. members shall be employed on an hourly basis as set forth in the offer of certificated employment in accordance with the salary schedule as set forth in Appendix B6.
- 17.120 Full-time R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members (twenty (20) hours or more per week) and part-time R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members shall be paid at their hourly rate for all R.O.P./C.T.E. teaching duties and for preparation time pursuant to Article 17.380.
- 17.130 The summer semester rate of pay for R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members shall be equal to the rate of pay for the fall and spring semesters.
- 17.140 The parties agree that all extra duty assignments such as curriculum development, etc., shall be paid at step one (1) of the R.O.P./C.T.E. Salary Schedule.
- 17.150 R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members must notify the District in writing at the beginning of each term of their interest in and availability to accept substitute assignments. Qualified current R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members shall have the first right of refusal for substitute assignments in the R.O.P./C.T.E. program. R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members accepting such substitute assignments shall be paid at step one (1) of the R.O.P./C.T.E. Salary Schedule.
- 17.160 R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members shall be paid their hourly rate for attendance on Staff Development Days. R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members shall be paid at step one (1) of the R.O.P./C.T.E. base rate for any hours of assigned classroom preparation on the calendared teacher preparation day prior to the opening of school. R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members will be paid one additional hour at step one (1) of the R.O.P./C.T.E. base rate for preparation and set-up at each career fair in which they participate. All other mandatory functions required by the District (e.g. department meetings, career fair) shall be paid at step one (1) of the R.O.P./C.T.E. base rate from the R.O.P./C.T.E. Salary Schedule.
- 17.170 Possession of a Preliminary or Clear Designated Subjects Credential must be met for unit members to progress on the R.O.P./C.T.E. Salary Schedule steps.

17.200 Benefits

- 17.210 R.O.P./C.T.E. members who are contracted for twenty (20) hours or more per week shall receive the District's fringe benefit program as prescribed in Article 2.310 of this Agreement. Eligible R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members who work the fall and spring semester shall not have additional premium cost or be denied benefits if they are not contracted during the summer semester.

17.300 Hours/Work Load

- 17.310 R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members shall not be assigned more than eight (8) hours per day.

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- 17.320 The work day for full-time R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members employed during the summer semester may be up to 4.5 hours per day. The work day may be lengthened by mutual agreement between the unit member and the R.O.P./C.T.E. administrator.
- 17.330 The District reserves the right to establish the hours of instruction and related duties based upon the needs of the R.O.P./C.T.E. programs. Decreases in schedule hours shall not be made without an identifiable economic and/or educational reason. Such reason shall be provided in writing to the affected employee and to the Association prior to implementing the hour reductions.
- 17.331 Semester classes shall not be cut after the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) week of instruction. However, classes after the eighth week of instruction that do not maintain a weekly average enrollment of eighty percent (80%) of the enrollment in place during the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) week of instruction may be dropped.
- 17.332 A listing of R.O.P./C.T.E. vacancies including special requirements for the vacancy as established by the District, shall be posted on the District and website. Available positions will remain posted until filled.
- 17.340 The District will make a good faith effort to schedule classes in consecutive blocks of time.
- 17.350 Opportunities for additional instructional hours shall first be offered to qualified full-time R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members up to a maximum of eight (8) hours per day.
- 18.355 The minimum average class size for R.O.P./C.T.E. classes shall be eighteen (18) student attendance hours per class section.
- 17.370 R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members shall have at least a thirty-minute duty-free lunch.
- 17.380 The salary rates on the salary schedule for part-time and full-time R.O.P./C.T.E. teachers in Appendix B6 include the percentage allocations for preparation time as set forth below. Eligibility for preparation hours are based upon 11% for part-time and 13% for full-time of the unit member's teaching hours worked in a regular assignment per semester except for fire science (paid at the base rate) and those R.O.P./C.T.E. teachers currently on contractual assignment.
- 17.390 If a R.O.P./C.T.E. unit member's total assignment is reduced by 25% or more, the unit member shall have the right to request to be relieved of all duties.

17.400 Leaves

- 17.410 Accumulation and use of sick days for hourly R.O.P./C.T.E. unit members shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement (Appendix G).

17.500 Termination

- 17.510 No R.O.P./C.T.E. employee shall be terminated without first affording the employee an opportunity to meet with the Superintendent's designee to discuss the reason(s) for

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the proposed termination and to present any evidence on their own behalf for consideration.