



1 included in part or in whole in the local professional development  
2 plan of the school district. The professional development centers  
3 funded through the State Board of Education shall provide technical  
4 assistance to any local school district which desires to incorporate  
5 any such competencies into its local professional development plan.

6 B. Each local professional development committee shall include  
7 classroom teachers, administrators and parents, guardians or  
8 custodians of children in the local school district and shall  
9 consult with a higher education faculty. A majority of the members  
10 of the professional development committee shall be composed of  
11 classroom teachers. The teacher members shall be selected from a  
12 list of names submitted by the bargaining agent, where one exists.  
13 In the absence of a bargaining agent, the teachers will elect a list  
14 of names to be submitted to the local board of education. At a  
15 minimum, once every four (4) years the committee shall include at  
16 least one school counselor in its membership.

17 C. The professional development programs adopted may include,  
18 but not be limited to:

- 19 1. In-service training programs;
- 20 2. Higher education courses; and
- 21 3. Professional development programs approved by the Oklahoma  
22 Commission for Teacher Preparation.

1 Programs shall emphasize development of competencies in the core  
2 curriculum areas. Each program shall include components on  
3 classroom management and student discipline strategies, outreach to  
4 parents, guardians or custodians of students, special education, and  
5 multicultural education, which all personnel defined as teachers in  
6 Section 1-116 of this title shall be required to complete on a  
7 periodic basis. Each adopted program shall allow school counselors  
8 to receive at least one-third (1/3) of the hours or credit required  
9 each year through programs or courses specifically designed for  
10 school counselors. Programs shall be submitted for approval to the  
11 Board. No school district shall receive state funds for  
12 professional development until the program adopted by the local  
13 board of education has been approved by the Board.

14 D. Teachers and administrators who have completed professional  
15 development courses in their field of instruction or in courses  
16 related to obtaining additional professional qualifications and who  
17 complete such courses and receive a grade which is equivalent to at  
18 least a 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale may be reimbursed by the school  
19 district for one-half (1/2) of the general enrollment fees incurred  
20 at any institution within The Oklahoma State System for Higher  
21 Education. If the teacher or administrator incurs costs pursuant to  
22 this section at a private institution of higher education, the  
23 person may be reimbursed by the school district for an amount equal

1 to one-half (1/2) of the general enrollment fees incurred at an  
2 institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education of  
3 comparable type.

4 E. If funds are made available specifically for such purpose,  
5 teachers who have completed professional development programs  
6 approved by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall  
7 receive a stipend based on the amount of funds allocated. No school  
8 district shall receive state funds for teacher stipends until such  
9 time as proof of the teacher's attendance and completion of the  
10 program has been determined by the State Department of Education.

11 F. Each licensed or certified teacher in this state shall be  
12 required by the local board of education to meet the professional  
13 development requirements established by the board, or established  
14 through the negotiation process. Failure of any teacher to meet  
15 local board of education professional development requirements may  
16 be grounds for nonrenewal of such teacher's contract by the local  
17 board of education. Such failure may also be grounds for  
18 nonconsideration of salary increments affecting the teacher.

19 G. The professional development plan shall be submitted to the  
20 State Board of Education as provided in Section 3-104.2 et seq. of  
21 this title.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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24 PASS, As Coauthored.