

## **RETIRED TEACHER EMPLOYMENT**

The Jackson Public School District may allow retired teachers to return to the classroom to teach if at any time the district is designated by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) as having critical shortages and/or critical subject-area shortages. Teachers may return to employment after retirement if they meet certain criteria under law. A retired teacher must:

1. Have at least 30 years of credible service at the time of their retirement;
2. Have been employed as a public school teacher at the time of retirement;
3. Have been retired at least 90 days;
4. Be currently receiving a retirement allowance; AND
5. Have a standard Mississippi teaching license.

Teachers who retired with 25 years of creditable services as of July 1, 2024, may also qualify if they meet all other requirements above. Retired teachers may return to employment for a total of five (5) consecutive or intermittent years. If any reemployed retiree works for any portion of a scholastic year less than a full contractual term of traditional teachers, the time worked by the retired teacher shall constitute one of the five allowable years of post-retirement teaching eligibility.

The person considered for reemployment must also meet other conditions such as the possession of adequate licensure and endorsement in the applicable subject area and certification by the local superintendent that the teacher possesses the requisite experience, training and expertise relevant to the position to be filled. The teacher must have possessed a satisfactory performance review before retirement and cannot have any preexisting arrangement of employment.

The district shall rely on the salary schedule in Section 37-19-7 in considering the salary for a retired teacher; provided, however, that the district may allocate up to 125% of the amount provided under the salary schedule comparable to the teacher's years of service and license type as salary and assessment under the program. After determining the retired teacher's compensation, the district may pay no more than 50% of the retired teacher's compensation as salary to the retired teacher. The remaining 50% of the retired teacher's compensation as salary shall be paid by the district to PERS as a pension liability participation assessment. The retiree will continue receiving his or her retirement allowance and be a contributing member of the system without accruing additional retirement benefits for five years of participation.

A retired teacher shall be entitled to work in any applicable school district and shall not be obligated to remain in any one district for the entirety of his or her post retirement teaching eligibility.

LEGAL REF: MS Code 25-11-126 and 37-19-7

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