

LOCAL ASSIGNMENT OPTIONSRESOLUTION REGARDING MULTIPLE SUBJECT INSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, Education Code section 47605(l) provides charter schools with the ability to utilize local assignment options authorized in statute and regulations for the purpose of legally assigning certificated teachers;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 44256 allows charter schools to utilize the practice of assignment of teachers and students for multiple subject matter instruction, as is commonly practiced in California elementary schools

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Sonoma Charter School wishes to utilize multiple subject matter instruction assignment practices in accordance with the Education Code;

NOWTHEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED:

The Governing Board of the Sonoma Charter School hereby authorizes the holder of a multiple subject teaching credential or a standard elementary credential to teach any subject in departmentalized classes to a given class or group of pupils below grade 9, provided that the teacher has completed at least 12 semester units, or six upper division or graduate units, or coursework at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in each subject to be taught. The authorization shall be with the teacher's consent.

RESOLUTION REGARDING SINGLE SUBJECT OR STANDARD SECONDARY
TEACHING CREDENTIAL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Education Code section 47605(l) provides charter schools with the ability to utilize local assignment options authorized in statute and regulations for the purpose of legally assigning certificated teachers;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 44258.2 allows the Governing Board of Sonoma Charter School to assign the holder of a single subject teaching credential or a standard secondary teaching credential to teach classes in grades 5 to 8, inclusive, in a middle school; if the credential holder has a minimum of 12 semester units, or six upper division or graduate units, of coursework at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the subject to which the credential holder is assigned;

WHEREAS, [Employee name] is employed by [School Name], holds a single subject teaching credential or standard secondary teaching credential, has provided the Governing Board of [School Name] with [his/her/their] consent to teach in grades 5 to 8, inclusive, and has a minimum of 12 semester units, or six upper division or graduate units, of coursework at a

regionally accredited institution of higher education in the subject to which [employee name] is assigned;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED:

The Governing Board of Sonoma Charter School hereby assigns [employee name] to teach classes in grades 5 to 8, inclusive under the provisions of Education Code 44258.2.

The Education Code permits the governing board of a charter school to assign the holder of a credential, other than an emergency permit, to teach any subjects in departmentalized classes in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, if the governing board verifies, before making the assignment, that the teacher has adequate knowledge of each subject to be taught and the teacher consents to that assignment. The board is required to adopt policies and procedures for the purpose of verifying the adequacy of subject knowledge on the part of each of those teachers. This policy is intended to satisfy the requirements of the statute. (EC 44258.3)
This policy is required to be developed with subject matter specialists in the subjects commonly taught in the charter school, as well as the implementation of the policy.
A departmentalized classroom setting is one in which an instructor teaches a specific subject matter area to a group of students. The instructor may teach specific content to several different groups of students during multiple classes throughout the day. This is the classroom organization usually found in middle, junior, or high school settings, but may also be found at the elementary level in classes such as art, physical education, science, mathematics, and music.

The Education Code allows for the Governing Board of Sonoma Charter School to assign the holder of a credential, other than an emergency permit, to teach any subjects in departmentalized classes in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, so long as the Governing Board verifies, before making the assignment, that the teacher has adequate knowledge of each subject to be taught and the teacher consents to that assignment. (EC 44258.3)

The Governing Board of Sonoma Charter School has consulted with subject matter specialists in the subjects commonly taught in Sonoma Charter School in developing this policy. The Governing Board of Sonoma Charter School will involve subject matter specialists in implementing this policy. Subject matter specialists are mentor teachers, curriculum specialists, resource teachers, classroom teachers certified to teach a subject, staff to regional subject matter projects or curriculum institutes, or college faculty.

In order to assess subject matter competence for holders of a credential in departmentalized classes in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, the Executive Director, or his/her/their designee shall do one or more of the following:

- 1) Conduct an oral interview with the credential holder

- 2) Review the credential holder's transcripts and other evidence of preparation for the subject area.
- 3) Demonstrate knowledge of the subject matter to be taught, including knowledge of the curriculum framework for the subject to be taught and the specific content of the course of study in the school for the subject, at the grade level(s) to be taught.

Adopted: 09/13/23

Amended:

Assignment to Elective Courses

The Governing Board of Sonoma Charter School hereby creates an Assignment Committee to approve assignments for teachers to teach an elective course in a teacher's area of special skills or preparation outside of the teacher's credential. The Assignment Committee shall be made up of 1 teacher and 1 administrator. The teacher on the Assignment Committee shall be selected by middle school teachers at Sonoma Charter School. The administrator shall be the administrator at Sonoma Charter School.

Upon the Assignment Committee's recommendation, and with the teacher's consent, a teacher employed on a full-time basis who teaches kindergarten or any grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and who has special skills and preparation outside of the teacher's credential authorization, may be assigned by the Executive Director to teach an elective course in the area of the special skills or preparation. Such assignments shall be valid for a maximum of one school year but may be extended by action of the committee upon application by the Executive Director and the teacher.

In order to use this assignment flexibility, Sonoma Charter School shall submit a plan to the county superintendent of schools that will include, but need not be limited to, the following: 1) Statements signed by the Executive Director and the chairperson of the Governing Board of Sonoma Charter School approving the establishment of the Assignment Committee; 2) Procedures for selection of the committee membership; 3) Terms of office for committee members; and 4) Criteria for determining teachers' qualifications for these assignments.

The Education Code allows a licensed teacher to teach a single subject class in which he/she/they have 18 semester hours of coursework or nine semester hours of upper division or graduate coursework or a multiple subject class if he/she/they hold at least 60 semester hours equally distributed among the ten areas of diversified major set forth in Education Code section 44314. A three-semester-unit variance in any of the required 10 areas may be allowed. EC 44263. The governing board is required to provide specific authorization for the assignment by resolution.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ASSIGNMENT TO SINGLE SUBJECT OR MULTIPLE
SUBJECT CLASS

WHEREAS, Education Code section 47605(l) provides charter schools with the ability to utilize local assignment options authorized in statute and regulations for the purpose of legally assigning certificated teachers;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 44263 allows a licensed teacher to teach a single subject class in which he/she/they have 18 semester hours of coursework or nine semester hours of upper division or graduate coursework or a multiple subject class if he/she/they hold at least 60 semester hours equally distributed among the ten areas of diversified major set forth in Education Code section 44314. A three-semester-unit variance in any of the required 10 areas may be allowed;

WHEREAS, **[Use this WHEREAS if the teacher is going to teach a single subject class]**[Employee name] is employed by [School Name] as a licensed teacher, and has a minimum of 18 semester hours of coursework or nine semester hours of upper division or graduate coursework;

WHEREAS, **[Use this WHEREAS if the teacher is going to teach a multiple subject class]**[Employee name] is employed by [School Name] as a licensed teacher, and has a minimum of 60 semester hours equally distributed among the ten areas of diversified major set forth in Education Code section 44314;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED:

The Governing Board of [School Name] hereby assigns [employee name] to teach a [single or multiple] subject class [identified here] under the provisions of Education Code 44263.

Adopted: 09/13/23

Amended: