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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

**EAST KNOX LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

AND THE

EAST KNOX EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



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**ARTICLE I
NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT**

101 RECOGNITION

- A. The East Knox Local School District Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) recognizes the East Knox Education Association (hereinafter “EKEA”) as the exclusive representative for the bargaining unit set forth below with respect to wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment.
- B. The terms “teacher” and “bargaining unit member” are defined as all personnel employed by the Board, except those excluded under paragraph C below, whose job requires a professional educator license/certificate issued under ORC 3319.22.
- C. Excluded from the bargaining unit shall be the Superintendent, Principals, Assistant Principals, Special Education Coordinator, substitute teachers, educational assistants (formerly known as teacher aides), licensed/certificated persons holding only supplemental positions, tutors working less than six (6) hours a day, non-licensed/certificated personnel, and Athletic Director/Dean of Students.
- D. This recognition shall continue until the EKEA is challenged for representative status in accordance with ORC Chapter 4117.

102 BARGAINING PROCEDURE

- A. The Board and the EKEA shall each designate a bargaining team composed of up to four (4) members, one of whom may be an outside representative. All bargaining shall be conducted exclusively between the teams. Each team may have two (2) observers.
- B. Prior to March 15 in the year in which this Agreement expires, either party may notify the other of a desire to bargain.

Within fifteen (15) days, the parties shall meet to submit issues proposed for discussion. The bargaining agenda will be set at this initial meeting, and no additions shall be made without mutual consent. All subsequent meetings shall be held at times and places mutually agreed to.

- C. Time Limits
 - 1. Either party may caucus for up to thirty (30) minutes.
 - 2. Bargaining sessions shall last a maximum of three (3) hours.

3. These limits may be modified by mutual agreement.
- D. Prior to and during bargaining, each party will provide the other, upon written request, all regularly and routinely prepared public information concerning issues under consideration.
 - E. Statements to the media may be issued, as needed, by either party. A copy of any media release shall be furnished to the other party at the same time and by the same method.
 - F. When a tentative agreement has been reached on all issues, the agreement will be reduced to writing and submitted to the Board and EKEA for ratification. Upon mutual ratification, the agreement shall be binding.
 - G. Resolving Differences
 1. The following alternate dispute settlement procedure shall replace ORC 4117.14 (C) (2) through (D) (1) as provided for under ORC 4117 (C) (1) (f).
 2. If agreement is not reached after thirty (30) days from the initial bargaining meeting, either party shall have the right to request the assistance of a mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) and such request shall be deemed a joint request. If the services of a mediator are called upon, the mediation process shall last for a minimum of thirty (30) days or until the expiration date of this Agreement, whichever is less.
 3. ORC 4117.14 (D) (2) and provisions thereafter shall then apply.

103 STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

This Agreement sets forth all agreements of the parties and constitutes a binding agreement between the parties.

Neither party shall be obligated to negotiate with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered in this Agreement and with respect to any subject matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

As required by Section 3302.10(P) of the Ohio Revised Code, the provisions of Section 3302.10 are incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

104 EKEA RIGHTS

A. Exclusivity of Rights

The following sole and exclusive rights shall be granted to the EKEA.

B. 1. Right to Payroll Deduction

The Board shall deduct from the employees' salaries unified union dues, assessments, fees, and political contributions.

Notice of the amount of the annual unified dues of the employee organization shall be transmitted by the employee organization to the treasurer of the Board by September 15 of each year during the term of this Agreement for the purpose of determining amounts to be payroll deducted, and the Board agrees to promptly transmit all amounts deducted to the employee organization. Payroll deduction shall begin on the first pay following October 15 annually.

2. Indemnification of Board

The employee organization on behalf of itself and the OEA and NEA agrees to indemnify the Board for any cost or liability incurred as a result of the implementation and enforcement of this Section 104 provided that:

- a. The Board shall give a ten (10) day written notice of any claim made or action filed against the employer for which indemnification may be claimed;
- b. The employee organization shall reserve the right to designate counsel to represent and defend the Board;
- c. The Board agrees to
 - i. Give full and complete cooperation and assistance to the employee organization and its counsel at all levels of the proceeding,
 - ii. Permit the employee organization or its affiliates to intervene as a party if it so desires,
 - iii. To not oppose the employee organization or its affiliates' application to file briefs amicus curiae (Friend of the Court) in the action.

- iv. The Board acted in good faith compliance with the payroll deduction provision of this Agreement; however, there shall be no indemnification of the Board if the Board intentionally or willfully fails to apply (except due to court order) or misapplies such provision herein.

C. EKEA Business

1. The EKEA shall be granted up to two (2) paid days per year for EKEA/OEA activities. Such leave may be used in one-half day or full day increments.
2. Duly authorized representatives of the EKEA and its affiliates may transact EKEA business on the Board's property any time before, after, or during the regular workday, provided that such business shall not interfere with the assigned duties of an employee.
3. The EKEA may use Board provided equipment including typewriters, duplicating equipment, calculators, computers, and all types of audiovisual equipment, provided such equipment is not otherwise in use.
4. The Board will make available its facilities for EKEA meetings.
5. The EKEA president or designee(s) is to be routinely provided speaking time on the Board's meeting agenda. Topics for presentation to the Board must be presented in writing through the Superintendent three (3) workdays prior to the Board meeting.
6. The EKEA president shall, not later than the day prior to the meeting, be provided with one (1) copy of the Board's agenda, minutes, and other applicable documents given to Board representatives.
7. The EKEA and Board will hold Labor-Management meetings at the request of either party as needed.
8. The EKEA shall have the right to use the inter-building mail system and any electronic mail system available to teachers in the District.

9. The EKEA president will be granted up to one (1) day per semester to transact EKEA-related business. Such time may be used in one-half (1/2) or one-fourth (1/4) day increments. The EKEA president will give the superintendent at least three (3) workdays advance notice of the need for such time, if feasible, but this provision does not preclude using such time on shorter notice so long as coverage of the President's normal job duties is obtainable.

ARTICLE II GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

201 PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

- A. A grievance is an alleged violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of this Agreement. Disagreements on non-negotiated items shall be discussed with the appropriate administrator and if not resolved shall be discussed at a Labor Management meeting within 30 calendar days.
- B. A grievant may be an individual bargaining unit member, a group of bargaining unit members, or the EKEA, where an individual or group of bargaining unit members has authorized in writing the EKEA's filing of such a grievance.
- C. To facilitate the processing of grievances, the number of days indicated at each level shall be considered as a maximum, and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits specified may be extended by written mutual agreement.
- D. For a grievance filed after June 1, the grievance procedure will follow its regular pattern except for the grievant's immediate supervisor's or administrator's vacation periods. The grievant must notify the appropriate administrative parties at the arrived level so that the grievance may be resumed when the vacation has terminated.
- E. An employee has the right to request to be, or refuse to be, represented at any level of this grievance procedure. The employee must be present during all steps of the grievance, except in EKEA grievances. The grievance shall be submitted on the "Grievance Form" (Appendix A) or any substantially similar document. An EKEA representative must be present at the resolution of the grievance.

202 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE STEPS

- A. The grievant or grievants shall first discuss such grievance with the immediate supervisor and said employee(s) shall have the right to request to be, or refuse to be, represented at such conference in accordance with Section 201 E above.
- B. If the discussion does not resolve the grievance to the satisfaction of the grievant(s), such employee(s) shall have the right to lodge a written grievance with the grievant's immediate supervisor within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the alleged violation, with the following exception: If the immediate supervisor is on vacation, this thirty (30) day time limit shall be extended the length of the vacation. A meeting shall be mutually agreed upon between the grievant and the administrator within five (5) instructional days of the filing of the grievance. Both the grievant and the administrator may have present at such meeting those people who may provide information related to the grievance. Both parties involved shall be informed of those to be in attendance at the meeting. Discussion at this meeting shall be confined to the issues as stated in the grievance and the relief sought. The immediate supervisor or building principal shall take action on the written grievance within five (5) instructional days after the conclusion of said meeting. The action shall be reduced to writing and a copy provided to the employee(s) involved.
- C. If the action taken by the immediate supervisor or building principal does not resolve the grievance to the satisfaction of the grievant(s), such employee(s) may appeal to the superintendent by submitting a written grievance and requesting a meeting. Said appeal to the superintendent shall be made within five (5) instructional days of the receipt of the written response under paragraph B above. The meeting between the superintendent and the grievants shall be within five (5) instructional days of receipt of the request. The grievant(s) and the superintendent shall have the right to be represented at such hearing by counsel or representative of a professional organization. Both parties shall be informed of those to be in attendance during the meeting at least two (2) instructional days prior to the meeting. The superintendent shall take action on the written grievance within five (5) instructional days after the conclusion of said meeting. The action shall be reduced to writing and a copy provided to the employee(s) involved.
- D. 1. Intent to Proceed to Arbitration

Within five (5) instructional days of receipt of the response under paragraph C, the EKEA shall notify the superintendent of its intent to proceed to arbitration.

2. Selection of the Arbitrator

The arbitrator shall be selected by the alternate-strike method (with the party striking first determined by the flip of a coin) from a list supplied by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS).

3. Authority of the Arbitrator

The arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, subtract from, modify, change, or alter any of the provisions of this Agreement, nor add to, subtract from, or modify the language therein in arriving at a determination of any issue presented. The arbitrator shall be confined to the precise issue(s) submitted for arbitration and shall have no authority to determine any other issue(s). The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding.

4. Costs of Arbitration

The costs for the arbitrator and the hearing room shall be paid by the losing party. In cases with split decisions, the costs shall be shared equally. The FMCS administrative fee shall be paid by the Board and EKEA in equal shares.

**ARTICLE III
TEACHER EVALUATION PROCEDURES**

The Board of Education is responsible for a standards-based teacher evaluation policy which conforms to the framework for evaluation of teachers as approved by the State Board of Education and aligns with the “Standards for the Teaching Profession: as set forth in State law.

The Board adopts the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System ("OTES") model as approved by the State Board of Education.

The Board believes in the importance of ongoing assessment and meaningful feedback as a powerful vehicle to support improved teaching performance and student growth, as well as promotion and retention decisions for teachers.

This policy shall be implemented as set forth herein and shall be included in the collective bargaining agreement with the East Knox Education Association, and in all extensions and renewals thereof.

This policy has been developed in consultation with teachers employed by the Board.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish and maintain an ongoing Evaluation Policy Consultation committee, with continuing participation by District teachers for the express purpose of recommending necessary changes to the Board for the appropriate revision of this policy.

Formal Observation and Classroom Walkthrough Sequence

All instructors who meet the definition of "teacher" under R.C. 3319.111 and this policy shall be evaluated.

The following evaluation procedures will be followed. Timelines may be extended in the event of employee absence (teacher and/or administrator) and/or school closure.

- A. The first observation will be completed by January 15th.
- B. The second observation will be completed by May 1st.
- C. There will be at least three (3) calendar weeks between observations.
- D. All formal observations will be preceded by a conference between the evaluator and the teacher unless mutually agreed upon to not have a conference.
- E. All observations will be announced.

ARTICLE IV TEACHING CONDITIONS

401 SCHOOL DAY AND YEAR

The school year for teachers will consist of 185 days as shown below:

Days with pupils	177
Parent Teacher Conferences	2
Professional days	4
Teacher workdays	2

The teacher workday will not exceed seven and one-half (7 ½) hours.

In addition, every teacher is obligated to attend one (1) open house/orientation per school year unless the teacher is on approved leave for that day or has been excused from attendance because of extraordinary circumstances.

Teachers will have two (2) hours of release time per grading period for three nine-week grading periods per school year as scheduled by the District Leadership Team.

402 PLANNING PERIOD

The teacher workday shall contain a 30-minute duty-free lunch and one (1) planning period per staff day of non-pupil contact time. Teacher planning period will be during the student day unless there is mutual agreement between the teacher and Administration for an alternative arrangement. Each teacher may be required to attend one (1) grade level/subject specific level meeting once each week during the teacher's schedule planning period.

The Administration may ask bargaining unit members to instruct students assigned to other classes during their scheduled planning period when no substitute teacher is available. Bargaining unit members who perform instructional duties in lieu of their scheduled planning period shall be paid thirty dollars (\$30.00) per planning period. A bargaining unit member shall have the option to refuse relinquishing his/her planning period other than one (1) grade level/subject specific level meeting per week.

403 CLASS SIZE

A. Class size, except for music and physical education within a reasonable limit, shall not exceed at or below the number of pupils per teacher as set forth below:

K-2	23 pupils per period
3-6	25 pupils per period
7-12	27 pupils per period

B. When the number of students per teacher per day in grades 7-12 reaches 170; a meeting will be held with the Superintendent, Building Principal, and departmental members to recommend a course of action to adjust student numbers to work towards a goal of no more than 175 students per teacher per day in grades 7-12. This meeting will be held within ten (10) days of the teacher notifying the Administration of the overage, and a recommendation for the course of action will be made within three (3) days of the meeting above.

An extra classroom section will be added when enrollment exceeds eighty (80) students in a grade level K-6 by August 1st if space is available. A meeting will be scheduled in the same manner above if the Administration determines that space is not available.

- C. In classes where physical limitations exist as to the number of functional student work stations, the number of students shall not exceed the number of functional stations or classroom size limitations without teacher agreement, nor shall it exceed the limits above. Among such classes are art, science laboratories, typing, industrial arts, home economics, and although not listed, classes in which instruction is largely dependent upon the use of special equipment, machines or other mechanical devices or special work stations of a highly individualized nature.

In regular classrooms, no class size shall exceed the number of desks which can be comfortably accommodated in the room, nor shall any class exceed the physical facilities necessary to provide effective instruction. The Board will provide instructional materials for all students assigned to a classroom.

404 SPECIAL EDUCATION

- A. Inclusion shall be defined as the adaptation of the regular curriculum to meet individual student needs according to the IEP by including necessary support services such as certified/licensed teachers and paraprofessionals in the regular education classroom, modifying materials, and/or providing other support services. Special educators and regular educators should work together to serve handicapped and non-handicapped students in the regular classroom. The special educator should serve as a consultant, teaching partner and/or a partner in planning.

Students who participate in a regular classroom for activities so listed in their IEP will not be considered as inclusionary for the purpose of this article. Participation so listed will be considered “mainstreaming.”

Mainstreaming is defined as the practice of including students assigned to a special education program in some regular classroom activities.

- B. All teachers serving or receiving students with IEPs will be members of the IEP team for that student and will be invited to the student’s IEP conferences consistent with parental rights under the law.
- C. Affected administrative and bargaining unit employees are obligated cooperatively to make an effort to achieve an equitable distribution of special education students among the sections of a course/subject or grade level, taking into account all the relevant circumstances in a particular case and recognizing that the interests of the special education student are paramount. It is mutually recognized that a teacher may not refuse to accept an included and/or mainstreamed student.

- D. Bargaining unit members, except school nurse, shall not be required to administer medication or perform medical procedures (i.e., catheterization) to pupils, but are required to take reasonable measures to assure the welfare of students.
- E. Classroom teachers will not be responsible for lifting, diapering, or toileting students.
- F. Teachers serving students with IEPs will be provided copies of the student's IEP file.
- G. Special education teachers responsible for writing IEPs will receive one (1) day of release time per school year for the purpose of preparing IEPs. Scheduling of this day will be worked out between the individual teacher and principal with the work performed on campus.

405 TEACHER EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

- A. A bargaining unit member shall maintain teaching certificates/licenses for which he/she was hired at the time of initial employment and shall also maintain any subsequent licenses in connection with which the employee received any amount of tuition reimbursement.
- B. Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC)
 - 1. The LPDC shall consist of at least six (6) members, four (4) of whom shall be identified as teachers.
 - 2. The EKEA shall select the teacher members of each LPDC.
 - 3. Administration members of each LPDC shall be selected by the superintendent.
 - 4. The EKEA, pursuant to its constitution, shall determine the method(s) of recalling or replacing LPDC teacher members.
 - 5. The LPDC shall determine the recall and replacement of non-teacher LPDC members.
 - 6. If an LPDC decides to join a Collaborative Professional Development Committee (CPDC), the LPDC shall have an effective starting and ending date of no longer than one school year (September – June).
 - 7. The EKEA shall determine the terms of office for the LPDC teacher members.

8. The LPDC shall determine the terms of office for the LPDC non-teacher members.
 9. The LPDC shall determine the committee's structure, i.e., President, Vice-President, Chairperson, etc., and scope.
 10. The decision(s) of the LPDC shall be by majority vote or by consensus as determined by the LPDC.
 11. The LPDC shall determine its meeting schedule.
 12. Each LPDC member shall be released without penalty during the regular school day when a meeting is scheduled.
 13. Each LPDC member shall be paid \$750.00 per year paid following the supplemental pay schedule for "year-long activities" (one-half [1/2] of their payment the first payroll of December and the remaining one-half with the second payroll of June).
 14. The LPDC shall determine an appeals procedure in accordance with law.
 15. The LPDC shall approve all CEU programs, course work for all certificated/licensed employees, as well as other activities that may provide CEU's, and the LPDC shall establish the criteria for the above programs.
 16. The LPDC shall determine to what extent to keep and retain records of its meetings, decisions, and recommendations. Each teacher shall be responsible for maintaining copies of his/her personal records.
 17. If an administrator's Individual Professional Development Plan is being considered, the administrator may request that the composition of the LPDC be reduced to the point at which the majority of voting members are administrators. Such request shall not be denied.
- C. Neither the LPDC nor Entry Year Committee (EYC) shall have any authority to revise, change, delete, or modify any article or section of this negotiated Agreement except as provided by ORC 4117.10 (C) or as provided by this negotiated Agreement.

D. Resident Educator Program

A committee comprised of three (3) EKEA-appointed members and three (3) superintendent-appointed administrators shall be formed to address issues resulting from the Resident Educator Program that affect terms and conditions of employment. The committee will convene upon the Department of Education's publication of the Educator Standards Board's criteria and standards for the Program.

The committee will formulate recommendations through the consensus decision-making process and submit its recommendations to the EKEA for ratification and to the Board for approval prior to January 1, 2011.

Until implementation of the Resident Educator Program, the provisions of the parties' 2009-10 Agreement will be followed regarding mentoring new teachers.

- E. A Professional Development Committee comprised of each building principal, the superintendent (or designee) and two teachers from each building, selected by EKEA, will plan and develop the content for the district's professional development activities. The committee will provide the professional staff with a tentative schedule and activities for the subsequent school year by May 31 annually.

406 STUDENT HANDBOOK

Prior to the distribution of a revised student handbook or revised student rules each school year, a review committee composed of building teachers will receive a copy of the proposed revisions and be allowed five (5) working days to give the Administration input on such revisions.

407 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

In each building, a committee will meet to determine how the supply budget will be dispersed. Teachers will be notified of their budget in April of each year. The committee must consider the building/department curriculum cycles and utilize a rotation process that allows the supply budget to be equitably distributed and to comply with Section 403.

408 TEACHER PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

- A. Released time will be provided for IEP, IAT, MFE, or other equivalent types of conferences held during the regular student day. If such conferences must be held outside the regular teacher day, participants shall receive \$15.00 per hour (or major fraction thereof prorated to the nearest quarter hour) for their participation. Conferences held during the teacher's regular workday, but outside the regular student day, shall not qualify for compensation. Teachers shall not be required to give up preparation time during the student day in order to cover another teacher's participation in a conference.
- B. At least one week's notification shall be provided for the meetings.
- C. After school meetings shall not be scheduled after school the day immediately preceding a scheduled break in the school calendar (i.e., Thanksgiving, Christmas, spring break) unless the delay in scheduling the conference would negatively impact the student.

409 ABSENCE OF PRINCIPAL FROM BUILDING

Protocols shall be developed to handle the absence of a principal from his/her building and such protocols shall be posted in each building and written copies provided to teachers in each building.

410 KEYS AND BUILDING ACCESS

- A. Teachers are to be provided with the necessary keys to access their building, room(s), and work center(s). Such keys shall be provided at the beginning of the school year. New keys required by a change in working conditions shall be provided within ten (10) calendar days.
- B. Access to buildings during the student day shall be controlled so that visitors must go through the building office to access the building, where practical. It is the intent of the Board to replace the appropriate exterior doors with all deliberate speed in order to improve the elementary building's security.

411 STUDENTS WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL PROBLEMS

Teachers shall be notified of educationally necessary psychological and medical problems for all students assigned to their classes/duties to the extent permitted by law.

412 CALENDAR COMMITTEE

The Superintendent will provide a copy of a school calendar to the EKEA President at least two (2) weeks prior to the Board meeting at which the Board is scheduled to adopt a school calendar. The EKEA President shall provide any desired input into the calendar in writing to the Superintendent at least one (1) week prior to the Board meeting. It is recognized that the Board retains the final authority to adopt a calendar. If the Board rejects the EKEA's recommendations, in whole or in part, the Superintendent shall communicate reasons for the rejection(s) to the EKEA President within five (5) business days after the Board meeting.

413 TEACHER DRESS CODE

Dress should reflect professionalism and be business appropriate in style and length. It is important that dress set a tone that helps to establish the employee as a role model for students. Thus, overly casual dress will be prohibited. The following guidelines, although not intended to be too restrictive yet general enough to allow selection, will be followed.

Male

Dress shirt
Golf-type shirt
Dress slacks ("Dockers" – type slacks permissible)
Dress shorts
Shoes: no flip flops, slides, or slippers
No t-shirts, blue jeans or wind suits

Female

Dress shirt
Golf-type shirt
Blouses, including dress tank tops
Pants outfits
Dresses, skirts
Slacks and top combinations in good taste (Dockers-style slacks permissible)
Dress shorts
Shoes: no flip flops, slides, or slippers
No t-shirts, blue jeans or wind suits

General

1. Some teaching positions may dictate the style of dress. For example, physical education teachers are permitted to wear clothing conducive to the teaching of physical activity. Check with your Building Administrator for exceptions/allowances.

2. "Dress down" days shall be the last scheduled workday of each school week and may be declared by the Administration on certain other designated days. The dress down code includes the above-mentioned items, but shall also include jeans, sports shoes, polo-type shirts with collars and East Knox shirt/sweatshirts. Exceptions may be made by the Administration.

**ARTICLE V
TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTS**

501 POSTING OF VACANCIES

- A. Each time vacancies in teaching, supplemental, or administrative positions become open by resignation, retirement, death, transfer, promotion, disability, leaves of at least one school year duration, or termination, or new positions are created, they shall be posted on the district's website. In addition a global email notice of such vacancy or new position will be sent to the school email address of each bargaining unit member. Except as otherwise specified in paragraph B below, the vacancy or new position will not be filled until at least five (5) workdays after sending the email. A printed copy of all postings will be sent to the EKEA President.
- B. Teachers who want to receive postings for vacancies occurring between the end of the teacher work year and the opening of school each year must provide written verification and self-addressed postage paid cards or an alternative personal email address to the Board prior to June 1. Teachers applying for vacancies during these dates must notify the Board of their application within three (3) calendar days of the postmark or date that the email was sent, during which the vacancy will not be filled.

502 TRANSFER PROCEDURES

- A. Voluntary Transfers
 1. Teachers may be shifted within a building before a vacancy is declared and posted externally.
 2. Teachers requesting a transfer shall notify the Superintendent and Principal in writing.
 3. Teachers applying for the vacant positions will be given the opportunity to meet with the Principal of the building where the vacancy exists before interviews begin.
 4. The final decision on transfers will be made by the Superintendent or designee.

B. Involuntary Transfers

1. Persons being considered for involuntary transfer shall have the right to request in writing an informal meeting with the Superintendent to discuss the impending transfer. Such request must be made within ten (10) instructional days of notification.
2. Teachers will not be involuntarily transferred after the start of the teacher work year. The Administration will make a reasonable effort to avoid transferring a teacher two (2) years in a row.
3. Written notification of the Superintendent's final decision shall be given within five (5) instructional days following the meeting.
4. No member shall be involuntarily transferred to harass or in an unreasonable manner. No member shall be involuntarily transferred for disciplinary reasons except for just cause.

503 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Supplemental duties shall be defined as those duties which are performed during time in excess of the workday, work week, work year, or in addition to the employee's regular duties. Employees performing duties shall be issued written individual limited contracts that include:

- A. Duration of supplemental contract
- B. Title of supplemental position
- C. Amount of supplemental compensation
- D. Supplemental job description

1. Filling of Supplemental Positions

Posting and filling of supplemental positions shall be in accordance with Section 501.

2. Acceptance of Supplemental Positions

Acceptance of a supplemental contract shall be voluntary.

3. Compensation for Supplemental Positions

Compensation for supplemental duties shall be as set forth in this Agreement provided that all compensation paid shall be determined solely according to the principle of equal pay for equal work and without regard for age, sex, race, creed, religion, national origin, handicap, or marital status.

4. Non-renewal of Supplemental Contracts

All supplemental contracts shall be issued for one (1) school year and shall not be renewed unless the Board expressly acts to do so.

5. All supplemental contracts will be subject to the following stipulations:

If an employee's regular limited contract is non-renewed, then any supplemental contracts are automatically non-renewed.

If an employee resigns a regular contract, any supplemental contracts held are void as of the date of the resignation.

6. The Administration shall develop and adopt a procedure and form for application for supplemental contracts. Such procedure and form will be used by all applicants for an open position.

504 REDUCTION IN FORCE

A reduction in force shall only be done in accordance with the following provisions:

A. A reduction in force may occur for the following reasons:

1. Decrease or shift in enrollment.
2. Return to duty of a regular teacher after a Board-approved leave of absence.
3. By reason of suspension of schools or territorial changes affecting the District.
4. Lack of funds. The reasonableness of a reduction for this reason is subject to review through expedited arbitration.

There shall be no reduction of educational programs below that required by the State Board Minimum Standards.

B. Procedure

1. Each individual who is the subject of a staff reduction shall be notified in writing no later than thirty (30) days prior to any staff reduction. Such notification shall include the reasons for the reduction, and the reason for the selection of said individual.
2. Reductions shall be done in the following sequence.
 - a. The Board shall first handle all staff reductions through normal attrition. If additional reductions are needed, the Board shall proceed with seniority and contract status.

An updated seniority list will be provided to the EKEA by February 1 of each year ranking teachers by name (from the most senior to the least senior) and also indicating the following information as to each individual:

- 1) Date of initial hire (by official Board action) into a bargaining unit position;
- 2) First day worked as a regular bargaining unit employee;
- 3) Type of contract (limited or continuing); and
- 4) All areas of certification/licensure.

Any corrections to such information are to be submitted by the EKEA president or designee to the Board's treasurer by not later than the following February 28, at which point all information on the list will be deemed conclusive until the following February 1.

- b. For the purpose of this Agreement, seniority shall be defined as the number of consecutive years of service with the East Knox Local Schools. (A Board-approved leave of absence does not break a teacher's consecutive years of service.) Part-time teacher's seniority shall be determined on a percentage basis. The percent of seniority shall be equal to the percent of part-time employment. If two or more individuals have equal seniority, then the following shall apply:
 - 1) The date of the Board meeting at which they were hired, then by;
 - 2) The first day worked as a regular bargaining unit employee.

- 3) If a tie still exists, then a single coin toss (in the presence of the EKEA president and superintendent, or their respective designees) which will occur prior to February 1 of the year in which the tie occurs and will thereafter be deemed conclusive as to the affected employees.
- c. Using seniority, teachers on limited contract shall have their contracts suspended first. Teachers on continuing contract would then have contracts suspended by seniority. Those teachers RIFed from a position shall have the right to bump a less senior teacher in another area if they have licensure/certification for that position. (Limited contract teachers may not bump continuing contract teachers.)
3. Recall shall be done in reverse order. Continuing contracts with the most seniority first, then limited contracts. Recall shall be to a position for which the individual is properly licensed/certificated, or can become licensed/certificated by the beginning date of work for the position.

C. Rights While on Suspension

1. If recalled, the individual shall have the right to return to the same contract status, seniority level, sick leave accumulation, and any other benefits of employment that had accrued to the employee prior to suspension.
2. Pursuant to the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), employees shall have the right to be retained on the District's insurance programs to the extent provided by federal law.

D. Recall Rights

1. Employees whose contracts are suspended shall remain on the recall list for twelve (12) months, with an option for an additional twelve (12) months if a letter of intent is filed before the end of the first year.
2. An employee may be removed from the recall list if he or she:
 - a. Waives his or her right to recall in writing.
 - b. Resigns.

- c. Fails to accept recall to a position for which he or she is licensed/certified.
 - d. Fails to report to work after receipt of notice of recall, unless notification is given to the superintendent that the individual is sick or injured.
 - e. Fails to maintain an updated address and telephone number with the superintendent.
3. The individual who has been affected by a staff reduction shall be responsible for keeping an updated address and telephone number on file in the superintendent's office. All recall notices shall be mailed by registered or certified mail or hand delivered.

505 CONTINUING CONTRACT ELIGIBILITY

A teacher who believes he/she will be eligible for a continuing contract if renewed at the end of his/her current limited contract must, as a condition of receiving consideration for a continuing contract, give written notice of such anticipated eligibility to the superintendent by October 15 of the last year of the limited contract. If such notice is not given, any renewal of the limited contract will result in issuance of a new limited contract in accordance with the provisions of Section 506 below.

The Board will give notice of the statutory and contractual requirements for continuing contract eligibility via email to all bargaining unit members by October 1 annually.

The Board shall rely upon licensure or notification of application for licensure on file by April 1 when making determinations about any teacher's contract status. It shall be the teacher's responsibility to maintain licensure and to be certain the files contain the most recent licensure documentation.

506 SEQUENCE OF LIMITED CONTRACT ISSUANCE

The Board shall issue limited contracts in accordance with the following sequence.

- A. Sequence of Full-time Limited Contracts:
 1. Teachers new to East Knox beginning with 2013-14 school year shall receive an initial contract for one (1) year.
 2. Upon reemployment, the second contract shall be for one (1) year.

3. Upon reemployment, the third contract shall be for one (1) year.
 4. Upon reemployment, the fourth contract shall be for one (1) year. Thereafter, contracts shall be for three (3) years.
- B. Teachers working less than six (6) hours a day or working on a temporary license/certificate shall receive a one (1) year contract for the initial and succeeding contracts.
 - C. Any teacher on or eligible to receive a multi-year contract shall only be offered a contract of less duration based on reason(s) that have been identified in the evaluation process.
 - D. No item in this section shall be construed to in any way supersede or interfere with Section 504 – Reduction in Force.
 - E. For teachers employed after May 1, 2013, and who have not completed four (4) years of service (4 one-year limited contracts), the sole requirement for contract nonrenewal shall be receipt of written notice of nonrenewal by the June 1 deadline appearing in ORC 3319.11. The parties agree that all other procedures and provisions outlined in ORC Section 3319.11 are not applicable to the nonrenewal of such teachers.
 - F. With respect to limited contracts, teachers employed on or before May 1, 2013, upon reemployment, the second contract shall be for one (1) year. Upon reemployment, the third contract shall be for one (1) year. Thereafter, contracts shall be for three (3) years.

507 FAIR SHARE

Should the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME* be overruled by the United States Supreme Court in the future, the 2017-2020 Negotiated Agreement, Section 507 Fair Share Language shall be reinstated. It is specifically understood that this language applies to Section 507 Fair Share only and shall not apply to any other provision within this Agreement.

508 PERSONNEL FILE

Only one (1) personnel file shall be maintained for each employee. The file shall be limited to work performance, discipline, and routine personnel data. All file entries other than routine data shall be signed and dated by the supervisor submitting the entry, and the bargaining unit member shall receive a copy when the entry is made. In the case of performance and discipline data the employee shall sign all materials prior to placement in the file. When commendations are made, the employee's signature will not be required for inclusion in the file. The

employee shall be permitted to review the contents of the employee's file. A record shall be kept of those other than district officials and personnel who review the file, if known, and the date of the review. This information will also be available to the employee.

No misleading, inaccurate, invalid information, or anonymous documents shall be included in the file.

The employee shall have the right to rebut or add written comments to any information in the file.

Teachers may remove disciplinary documents from their files as follows:

- Notice of Suspension – five years
- Written Letter of Warning – four years
- Parental Letters – three years
- Documentation of Discussion – three years

From the date of filing, provided the employee has not been guilty of similar infractions within that time period.

This provision does not apply to documents relating to student/child abuse, or matters pertaining to a crime.

509 PARENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

The Board and the EKEA recognize that interested parents may find it necessary to file a complaint regarding a member's treatment of a student, classroom policy (other than an individual student's grades), or the material being taught in a specific course. In many cases, these complaints may be resolved by direct communication between the parents and members.

Hence, the Board and EKEA agree that parents should resolve complaints at the lowest step of the following procedure and in this sequence:

1. Meet and discuss the problem/concern with the teacher.
2. Meet and discuss the problem/concern with the principal and teacher.
3. Meet and discuss the problem/concern with the superintendent, principal, and the teacher.
4. Meet and discuss the problem/concern in executive session with the Board, superintendent, principal, and the teacher.

Complaints received at higher levels shall be routed to the lowest level appropriate for resolution.

Parental letters can be placed in the personnel file only if they are adjudged to be accurate by the administrator and are included as part of the administrative report.

The primary focus of all administrators and teachers in this regard will be on the prompt and equitable solution of the complaint.

510 PAY PERIODS

- A. Effective September 1, 2013, bargaining unit members shall be paid on the fifth (5th) day and the twentieth (20th) day of each month at a rate of 1/24 of the amount due the employee from Article VI, Section 601. If a pay date falls on a holiday or weekend, the payroll will be credited to the member's account on the prior business day.
- B. All bargaining unit members shall be paid by direct deposit.
- C. Bargaining unit members shall receive their payroll deposit notices via e-mail. The member shall provide the Treasurer with a valid e-mail address by August 15 to which notices shall be sent.

511 DISCIPLINE

Bargaining Unit Members may be disciplined for infractions deemed by the Administration to be serious enough to warrant the formal documentation of such infraction.

Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to:

- A. Written Reprimand
- B. Paid Administrative Leave
- C. Termination in accordance with ORC 3319.16.

All disciplinary action shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

Any written record of disciplinary action will be kept in the employee's active personnel file.

512 EMPLOYMENT OF STRS RETIREES

- A. This section governs the terms and conditions of employment of any STRS retiree whom the Board may choose to regularly employ in a position that falls within the description of the bargaining unit appearing in Article I of this Agreement. Except as otherwise specified below, any such employee

will become a bargaining unit member upon employment and be subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

1. For initial placement purposes on the teachers' salary schedule, the employee will receive horizontal and vertical credit as determined by the Superintendent and will not thereafter advance on the salary schedule.
 2. The employee will receive a one-year limited contract of employment (if employed after the start of the school year, such contract will be for the remainder of that school year). If subsequently reemployed, the employee will be awarded successive one-year limited contracts. In no event will the employee qualify for a continuing contract or a multi-year limited contract.
 3. The employee's limited contract received under paragraph 2 above shall automatically nonrenew as of the end of the school year and no action is required of the Board to affect such automatic nonrenewal. The procedures appearing in ORC 3319.11, including the post-nonrenewal procedures appearing in 3319.11 (G), shall not apply to any such contract nonrenewal.
 4. Upon employment, the employee will be credited with zero (0) years of seniority and thereafter will not accumulate seniority for any purpose under this Agreement.
 5. The employee is not eligible to participate in any insurance fringe benefits offered under Article VI of this Agreement if the employee can participate in insurance benefits through STRS. If STRS policy precludes such participation, the provisions of Article VI shall apply.
 6. The employee will in no event qualify for tuition reimbursement, pay in lieu of participation in insurance benefits, life insurance, or severance pay under Article VI or sabbatical leave under Article VII of this Agreement.
- C. The provisions of this section supersede and prevail over any inconsistent terms that may appear elsewhere in this Agreement or in any part of the ORC.

513 SENIORITY

For the purpose of this Agreement, seniority shall be defined as the number of consecutive years of service with the East Knox Local Schools. (A Board-approved leave of absence does not break a teacher's consecutive years of service.) Part-time

teacher's seniority shall be determined on a percentage basis. The percent of seniority shall be equal to the percent of part-time employment. If two or more individuals have equal seniority, then the following shall apply:

- A. The date of the Board meeting at which they were hired, then by;
- B. The first day worked as a regular bargaining unit employee;
- C. If a tie still exists, then a single coin toss (in the presence of the EKEA President and Superintendent, or their respective designees) which will occur prior to February 1 of the year in which the tie occurs and will thereafter be deemed conclusive as to the affected employees.

An updated seniority list will be provided to the EKEA by February 1 of each year ranking teachers by name (from the most senior to the least senior) and also indicating the following information as to each individual:

- A. Date of initial hire (by official Board action) into a bargaining unit position;
- B. First day worked as a regular bargaining unit employee;
- C. Type of contract (limited or continuing); and
- D. All areas of certification/licensure.

Any corrections to such information are to be submitted by the EKEA President or designee to the Board's Treasurer by not later than the following February 28, at which point all information on the list will be deemed conclusive until the following February 1.

ARTICLE VI SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS

601 SALARY SCHEDULE

Bargaining unit members shall continue normal vertical movement on the salary schedule.

Effective July 1, 2023, the base salary shall be \$35,761.

Effective July 1, 2024, the base salary shall be \$36,834.

Effective July 1, 2025, the base salary shall be \$37,939.

Bargaining unit members hired on or after July 1, 2013 may be awarded up to ten (10) years of qualifying prior teaching service not previously awarded. Currently

employed members shall submit prior service certification to the Treasurer on or before August 1, 2023 in order to move vertically on the salary schedule effective starting the 2023-2024 contract year. This provision shall automatically expire at that time and shall not be considered precedent setting.

Effective July 2020, an incumbent bargaining unit member who returns to service for the 2020-2021 school year and who was initially employed as a bargaining unit member by the Board on or before September 1, 2010 shall move vertically one additional step on the salary schedule.

Bargaining unit members initially employed on or after January 2, 2020 and thereafter shall be paid in accordance with the Alternate Salary Schedule (attached). Every bargaining unit member employed before January 1, 2020 shall make a one-time selection to remain on their current salary schedule or transition to the Alternate Salary Schedule effective for the 2020-2021 school year and thereafter. Such selection must be made in writing to the Treasurer on or before May 15, 2020. Bargaining unit members who do not give notice of selection of the Alternate Salary Schedule on or before May 15, 2020 will remain on the current salary schedule.

Effective July 1, 2023, the Alternative Salary Schedule base salary shall be \$39,687.

Effective July 1, 2024, the Alternative Salary Schedule base salary shall be \$40,878.

Effective July 1, 2025, the Alternative Salary Schedule base salary shall be \$42,104.

ALTERNATE SALARY SCHEDULE 2023-2024

Step	BA	150	MA	MA+15
0	\$39,687	\$40,878	\$42,664	\$43,457
1	\$40,481	\$41,695	\$43,517	\$44,326
2	\$41,290	\$42,529	\$44,387	\$45,213
3	\$42,116	\$43,380	\$45,275	\$46,117
4	\$42,958	\$44,247	\$46,180	\$47,040
5	\$43,818	\$45,132	\$47,104	\$47,980
6	\$44,694	\$46,035	\$48,046	\$48,940
7	\$45,588	\$46,956	\$49,007	\$49,919
8	\$46,500	\$47,895	\$49,987	\$50,917
9	\$47,430	\$48,853	\$50,987	\$51,935
10	\$48,378	\$49,830	\$52,007	\$52,974
11	\$49,346	\$50,826	\$53,047	\$54,034
12	\$50,333	\$51,843	\$54,108	\$55,114
13	\$51,339	\$52,880	\$55,190	\$56,217
14	\$52,366	\$53,937	\$56,294	\$57,341
15	\$53,413	\$55,016	\$57,419	\$58,488
16	\$53,413	\$56,116	\$58,568	\$59,658
17	\$54,481	\$57,239	\$59,739	\$60,851
18	\$55,571	\$58,383	\$60,934	\$62,068
19	\$56,682	\$59,551	\$62,153	\$63,309
20	\$57,816	\$60,742	\$63,396	\$64,575
21	\$57,816	\$61,957	\$64,664	\$65,867
22	\$58,972	\$63,196	\$65,957	\$67,184
23	\$60,152	\$64,460	\$67,276	\$68,528
24	\$61,355	\$65,749	\$68,622	\$69,898
25	\$62,582	\$67,064	\$69,994	\$71,296
26	\$63,834	\$68,405	\$71,394	\$72,722
27	\$65,110	\$69,773	\$72,822	\$74,177
28	\$66,412	\$71,169	\$74,278	\$75,660
29	\$67,741	\$72,592	\$75,764	\$77,173
30	\$69,095	\$74,044	\$77,279	\$78,717

ALTERNATE SALARY SCHEDULE 2024-2025

Step	BA	150	MA	MA+15
0	\$40,878	\$42,104	\$43,943	\$44,761
1	\$41,695	\$42,946	\$44,822	\$45,656
2	\$42,529	\$43,805	\$45,719	\$46,569
3	\$43,380	\$44,681	\$46,633	\$47,501
4	\$44,247	\$45,575	\$47,566	\$48,451
5	\$45,132	\$46,486	\$48,517	\$49,420
6	\$46,035	\$47,416	\$49,487	\$50,408
7	\$46,956	\$48,364	\$50,477	\$51,416
8	\$47,895	\$49,331	\$51,487	\$52,445
9	\$48,853	\$50,318	\$52,516	\$53,494
10	\$49,830	\$51,324	\$53,567	\$54,563
11	\$50,826	\$52,351	\$54,638	\$55,655
12	\$51,843	\$53,398	\$55,731	\$56,768
13	\$52,880	\$54,466	\$56,846	\$57,903
14	\$53,937	\$55,555	\$57,982	\$59,061
15	\$55,016	\$56,666	\$59,142	\$60,242
16	\$55,016	\$57,800	\$60,325	\$61,447
17	\$56,116	\$58,956	\$61,531	\$62,676
18	\$57,239	\$60,135	\$62,762	\$63,930
19	\$58,383	\$61,337	\$64,017	\$65,208
20	\$59,551	\$62,564	\$65,298	\$66,512
21	\$59,551	\$63,816	\$66,604	\$67,843
22	\$60,742	\$65,092	\$67,936	\$69,200
23	\$61,957	\$66,394	\$69,294	\$70,584
24	\$63,196	\$67,722	\$70,680	\$71,995
25	\$64,460	\$69,076	\$72,094	\$73,435
26	\$65,749	\$70,457	\$73,536	\$74,904
27	\$67,064	\$71,867	\$75,006	\$76,402
28	\$68,405	\$73,304	\$76,507	\$77,930
29	\$69,773	\$74,770	\$78,037	\$79,489
30	\$71,169	\$76,265	\$79,597	\$81,078

ALTERNATE SALARY SCHEDULE 2025-2026

Step	BA	150	MA	MA+15
0	\$42,104	\$43,367	\$45,262	\$46,104
1	\$42,946	\$44,235	\$46,167	\$47,026
2	\$43,805	\$45,120	\$47,091	\$47,967
3	\$44,681	\$46,022	\$48,033	\$48,926
4	\$45,575	\$46,942	\$48,993	\$49,905
5	\$46,487	\$47,881	\$49,973	\$50,903
6	\$47,416	\$48,839	\$50,973	\$51,921
7	\$48,365	\$49,816	\$51,992	\$52,959
8	\$49,332	\$50,812	\$53,032	\$54,018
9	\$50,319	\$51,828	\$54,092	\$55,099
10	\$51,325	\$52,865	\$55,174	\$56,201
11	\$52,351	\$53,922	\$56,278	\$57,325
12	\$53,398	\$55,000	\$57,403	\$58,471
13	\$54,466	\$56,100	\$58,551	\$59,641
14	\$55,556	\$57,222	\$59,722	\$60,834
15	\$56,667	\$58,367	\$60,917	\$62,050
16	\$56,667	\$59,534	\$62,135	\$63,291
17	\$57,800	\$60,725	\$63,378	\$64,557
18	\$58,956	\$61,939	\$64,646	\$65,848
19	\$60,135	\$63,178	\$65,938	\$67,165
20	\$61,338	\$64,442	\$67,257	\$68,508
21	\$61,338	\$65,731	\$68,602	\$69,879
22	\$62,565	\$67,045	\$69,974	\$71,276
23	\$63,816	\$68,386	\$71,374	\$72,702
24	\$65,092	\$69,754	\$72,801	\$74,156
25	\$66,394	\$71,149	\$74,257	\$75,639
26	\$67,722	\$72,572	\$75,743	\$77,152
27	\$69,077	\$74,023	\$77,257	\$78,695
28	\$70,458	\$75,504	\$78,803	\$80,269
29	\$71,867	\$77,014	\$80,379	\$81,874
30	\$73,305	\$78,554	\$81,986	\$83,511

To move horizontally on the salary schedule, the bargaining unit member must submit official transcripts of college credits or other valid proof of such completed semester hours along with written request for advancement on the scale to the Treasurer on or before September 15 for the first semester and January 15 for the second semester, said teacher shall then qualify for the higher classification beginning with the first day of either the first or second semester. The salary adjustment will not become effective until all materials are received by the deadline.

602 SALARY SCHEDULES

School Year 2023-2024

BASE SALARY: 35,761 34,386 + 4%

YEARS		BS		150		MA		MA+15		MA+30		MA+45
0	100.0%	35,761	103.8%	37,120	109.5%	39,159	112.4%	40,178	115.3%	41,233	118.3%	42,288
1	103.8%	37,120	108.1%	38,658	114.3%	40,875	117.2%	41,895	120.1%	42,949	123.1%	44,004
2	107.6%	38,479	112.4%	40,196	119.1%	42,592	122.0%	43,611	124.9%	44,666	127.9%	45,721
3	111.4%	39,838	116.7%	41,734	123.9%	44,308	126.8%	45,328	129.7%	46,382	132.7%	47,438
4	115.2%	41,197	121.0%	43,271	128.7%	46,024	131.6%	47,044	134.5%	48,099	137.5%	49,154
5	119.0%	42,556	125.3%	44,809	133.5%	47,742	136.4%	48,761	139.3%	49,816	142.3%	50,871
6	122.8%	43,915	129.6%	46,347	138.3%	49,458	141.2%	50,477	144.1%	51,532	147.1%	52,587
7	126.6%	45,274	133.9%	47,885	143.1%	51,175	146.0%	52,194	148.9%	53,249	151.9%	54,304
8	130.4%	46,633	138.2%	49,422	147.9%	52,891	150.8%	53,910	153.7%	54,965	156.7%	56,020
9	134.2%	47,992	142.5%	50,960	152.7%	54,608	155.6%	55,627	158.5%	56,682	161.5%	57,737
10	138.0%	49,351	146.8%	52,498	157.5%	56,324	160.4%	57,343	163.3%	58,398	166.3%	59,453
11	141.8%	50,710	151.1%	54,036	162.3%	58,041	165.2%	59,060	168.1%	60,115	171.1%	61,170
12	145.6%	52,069	155.4%	55,573	167.1%	59,757	170.0%	60,777	172.9%	61,832	175.9%	62,886
13	149.4%	53,428	159.7%	57,111	171.9%	61,474	174.8%	62,493	177.7%	63,548	180.7%	64,603
14	153.2%	54,787	164.0%	58,649	176.7%	63,190	179.6%	64,210	182.5%	65,265	185.5%	66,320
15	157.0%	56,145	168.3%	60,186	181.5%	64,907	184.4%	65,926	187.3%	66,981	190.3%	68,036
16	160.8%	57,504	172.6%	61,724	186.3%	66,624	189.2%	67,643	192.1%	68,698	195.1%	69,753
17	164.6%	58,863	176.9%	63,262	191.1%	68,340	194.0%	69,359	196.9%	70,414	199.9%	71,469
18	164.6%	58,863	181.2%	64,800	195.9%	70,057	198.8%	71,076	201.7%	72,131	204.7%	73,186
19	164.6%	58,863	181.2%	64,800	195.9%	70,057	198.8%	71,076	201.7%	72,131	204.7%	73,186
20	164.6%	58,863	181.2%	64,800	195.9%	70,057	198.8%	71,076	201.7%	72,131	204.7%	73,186
21	164.6%	58,863	181.2%	64,800	195.9%	70,057	198.8%	71,076	201.7%	72,131	204.7%	73,186
22	172.2%	61,581	189.8%	67,875	205.5%	73,490	208.4%	74,509	211.3%	75,564	214.3%	76,619
23	172.2%	61,581	189.8%	67,875	205.5%	73,490	208.4%	74,509	211.3%	75,564	214.3%	76,619
24	172.2%	61,581	189.8%	67,875	205.5%	73,490	208.4%	74,509	211.3%	75,564	214.3%	76,619
25	172.2%	61,581	189.8%	67,875	205.5%	73,490	208.4%	74,509	211.3%	75,564	214.3%	76,619
26	179.8%	64,299	198.4%	70,951	215.1%	76,923	218.0%	77,942	220.9%	78,997	223.9%	80,052
27	179.8%	64,299	198.4%	70,951	215.1%	76,923	218.0%	77,942	220.9%	78,997	223.9%	80,052
28	179.8%	64,299	198.4%	70,951	215.1%	76,923	218.0%	77,942	220.9%	78,997	223.9%	80,052
29	179.8%	64,299	198.4%	70,951	215.1%	76,923	218.0%	77,942	220.9%	78,997	223.9%	80,052
30	187.4%	67,017	207.0%	74,026	224.7%	80,356	227.6%	81,375	230.5%	82,430	233.5%	83,485

School Year 2024-2025

BASE SALARY: 36,834

35,761 + 3%

YEARS		BS		150		MA		MA+15		MA+30		MA+45
0	100.0%	36,834	103.8%	38,234	109.5%	40,334	112.4%	41,383	115.3%	42,470	118.3%	43,557
1	103.8%	38,234	108.1%	39,818	114.3%	42,102	117.2%	43,151	120.1%	44,238	123.1%	45,325
2	107.6%	39,634	112.4%	41,402	119.1%	43,870	122.0%	44,919	124.9%	46,006	127.9%	47,093
3	111.4%	41,033	116.7%	42,986	123.9%	45,638	126.8%	46,687	129.7%	47,773	132.7%	48,861
4	115.2%	42,433	121.0%	44,569	128.7%	47,405	131.6%	48,455	134.5%	49,542	137.5%	50,629
5	119.0%	43,833	125.3%	46,153	133.5%	49,174	136.4%	50,224	139.3%	51,310	142.3%	52,397
6	122.8%	45,232	129.6%	47,737	138.3%	50,942	141.2%	51,992	144.1%	53,078	147.1%	54,165
7	126.6%	46,632	133.9%	49,321	143.1%	52,710	146.0%	53,760	148.9%	54,846	151.9%	55,933
8	130.4%	48,032	138.2%	50,905	147.9%	54,478	150.8%	55,528	153.7%	56,614	156.7%	57,701
9	134.2%	49,432	142.5%	52,489	152.7%	56,246	155.6%	57,296	158.5%	58,382	161.5%	59,469
10	138.0%	50,831	146.8%	54,073	157.5%	58,014	160.4%	59,064	163.3%	60,150	166.3%	61,237
11	141.8%	52,231	151.1%	55,657	162.3%	59,782	165.2%	60,832	168.1%	61,918	171.1%	63,005
12	145.6%	53,631	155.4%	57,240	167.1%	61,550	170.0%	62,600	172.9%	63,686	175.9%	64,773
13	149.4%	55,030	159.7%	58,824	171.9%	63,318	174.8%	64,368	177.7%	65,455	180.7%	66,541
14	153.2%	56,430	164.0%	60,408	176.7%	65,086	179.6%	66,136	182.5%	67,223	185.5%	68,309
15	157.0%	57,830	168.3%	61,991	181.5%	66,854	184.4%	67,904	187.3%	68,991	190.3%	70,077
16	160.8%	59,230	172.6%	63,576	186.3%	68,622	189.2%	69,672	192.1%	70,759	195.1%	71,845
17	164.6%	60,629	176.9%	65,160	191.1%	70,390	194.0%	71,440	196.9%	72,527	199.9%	73,613
18	164.6%	60,629	181.2%	66,744	195.9%	72,158	198.8%	73,208	201.7%	74,295	204.7%	75,381
19	164.6%	60,629	181.2%	66,744	195.9%	72,158	198.8%	73,208	201.7%	74,295	204.7%	75,381
20	164.6%	60,629	181.2%	66,744	195.9%	72,158	198.8%	73,208	201.7%	74,295	204.7%	75,381
21	164.6%	60,629	181.2%	66,744	195.9%	72,158	198.8%	73,208	201.7%	74,295	204.7%	75,381
22	172.2%	63,429	189.8%	69,911	205.5%	75,694	208.4%	76,744	211.3%	77,831	214.3%	78,917
23	172.2%	63,429	189.8%	69,911	205.5%	75,694	208.4%	76,744	211.3%	77,831	214.3%	78,917
24	172.2%	63,429	189.8%	69,911	205.5%	75,694	208.4%	76,744	211.3%	77,831	214.3%	78,917
25	172.2%	63,429	189.8%	69,911	205.5%	75,694	208.4%	76,744	211.3%	77,831	214.3%	78,917
26	179.8%	66,228	198.4%	73,079	215.1%	79,231	218.0%	80,280	220.9%	81,367	223.9%	82,454
27	179.8%	66,228	198.4%	73,079	215.1%	79,231	218.0%	80,280	220.9%	81,367	223.9%	82,454
28	179.8%	66,228	198.4%	73,079	215.1%	79,231	218.0%	80,280	220.9%	81,367	223.9%	82,454
29	179.8%	66,228	198.4%	73,079	215.1%	79,231	218.0%	80,280	220.9%	81,367	223.9%	82,454
30	187.4%	69,027	207.0%	76,247	224.7%	82,767	227.6%	83,816	230.5%	84,903	233.5%	85,990

School Year 2025-2026

BASE SALARY: 37,939

36,834 + 3%

YEARS		BS		150		MA		MA+15		MA+30		MA+45
0	100.0%	37,939	103.8%	39,381	109.5%	41,544	112.4%	42,625	115.3%	43,744	118.3%	44,863
1	103.8%	39,381	108.1%	41,012	114.3%	43,365	117.2%	44,446	120.1%	45,565	123.1%	46,684
2	107.6%	40,823	112.4%	42,644	119.1%	45,186	122.0%	46,267	124.9%	47,386	127.9%	48,505
3	111.4%	42,264	116.7%	44,275	123.9%	47,007	126.8%	48,088	129.7%	49,206	132.7%	50,326
4	115.2%	43,706	121.0%	45,907	128.7%	48,827	131.6%	49,909	134.5%	51,028	137.5%	52,148
5	119.0%	45,148	125.3%	47,538	133.5%	50,649	136.4%	51,730	139.3%	52,849	142.3%	53,969
6	122.8%	46,589	129.6%	49,169	138.3%	52,470	141.2%	53,551	144.1%	54,671	147.1%	55,790
7	126.6%	48,031	133.9%	50,801	143.1%	54,291	146.0%	55,372	148.9%	56,492	151.9%	57,611
8	130.4%	49,473	138.2%	52,432	147.9%	56,112	150.8%	57,194	153.7%	58,313	156.7%	59,432
9	134.2%	50,915	142.5%	54,064	152.7%	57,933	155.6%	59,015	158.5%	60,134	161.5%	61,253
10	138.0%	52,356	146.8%	55,695	157.5%	59,754	160.4%	60,836	163.3%	61,955	166.3%	63,074
11	141.8%	53,798	151.1%	57,326	162.3%	61,576	165.2%	62,657	168.1%	63,776	171.1%	64,895
12	145.6%	55,240	155.4%	58,958	167.1%	63,397	170.0%	64,478	172.9%	65,597	175.9%	66,716
13	149.4%	56,681	159.7%	60,589	171.9%	65,218	174.8%	66,299	177.7%	67,418	180.7%	68,537
14	153.2%	58,123	164.0%	62,220	176.7%	67,039	179.6%	68,120	182.5%	69,239	185.5%	70,358
15	157.0%	59,565	168.3%	63,851	181.5%	68,860	184.4%	69,941	187.3%	71,060	190.3%	72,180
16	160.8%	61,006	172.6%	65,483	186.3%	70,681	189.2%	71,762	192.1%	72,881	195.1%	74,001
17	164.6%	62,448	176.9%	67,115	191.1%	72,502	194.0%	73,583	196.9%	74,703	199.9%	75,822
18	164.6%	62,448	181.2%	68,746	195.9%	74,323	198.8%	75,404	201.7%	76,524	204.7%	77,643
19	164.6%	62,448	181.2%	68,746	195.9%	74,323	198.8%	75,404	201.7%	76,524	204.7%	77,643
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22	172.2%	65,331	189.8%	72,009	205.5%	77,965	208.4%	79,047	211.3%	80,166	214.3%	81,285
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26	179.8%	68,215	198.4%	75,272	215.1%	81,607	218.0%	82,689	220.9%	83,808	223.9%	84,927
27	179.8%	68,215	198.4%	75,272	215.1%	81,607	218.0%	82,689	220.9%	83,808	223.9%	84,927
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29	179.8%	68,215	198.4%	75,272	215.1%	81,607	218.0%	82,689	220.9%	83,808	223.9%	84,927
30	187.4%	71,098	207.0%	78,534	224.7%	85,250	227.6%	86,331	230.5%	87,450	233.5%	88,569

603 INSURANCE

- A. The Board shall continue to make available health, dental, vision, and life insurance coverages for bargaining unit members. Coverage and benefit levels will be maintained except as otherwise mandated by applicable law or as otherwise mutually agreed. A standing joint insurance committee will be formed to study cost saving options or alternative coverage and make recommendations to the Board and EKEA. The Insurance Committee will be composed of the Treasurer, two (2) other Board representatives, the EKEA President or designee, and two (2) other EKEA representatives.

Effective with October 2013 coverage (for which employee contributions are deducted in September), the Board will pay 85% of the single or family health insurance premium, whichever is applicable, for medical insurance. The Board will also pay 85% of the single or family premium for dental and vision insurance.

The Board shall offer a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)/Health Savings Account (HSA) as an option for bargaining unit members in addition to the current health insurance plan.

- B. The Board shall provide a forty-thousand dollar (\$40,000.00) term life insurance policy to regular full-time and regular part-time bargaining unit members.
1. The Board shall pay the total amount of the basic \$40,000.00 term life insurance policy.
 2. A teacher may elect to purchase at his or her cost additional supplemental coverage.
- C. Bargaining unit members may elect to forego their right to health insurance coverage (hospitalization, major medical, prescription drug, and dental) and shall receive a \$2,500.00 supplemental payment in the final pay of June.
1. Bargaining unit members who elect to take advantage of this supplemental payment shall not be eligible to renew their insurance with the Board for a minimum of one calendar year with the following exceptions:

The employee ceases to be eligible for insurance coverage under their spouse's plan through:

- a. The death of their spouse.
- b. Termination of their spouse's employment.

- c. Divorce from their spouse.
- d. Unpaid leave of absence of their spouse.

Under any of the above conditions, the employee may immediately apply for insurance coverage from the Board.

- 2. Bargaining unit members will be permitted to enroll under the District plan during the next open enrollment period following the year for which they received the supplemental payment, unless they fall under provision 1 above.
- 3. Bargaining unit members shall be permitted to utilize this supplemental cash payment once annually, with payment being made at the second payroll in June.

D. The Board retains the right to change insurance carriers as long as:

- 1. Any such change is discussed with the EKEA, and
- 2. Any new insurance program shall be equal to the existing insurance in terms of benefits, coverage, and entitlements.

E. Except as otherwise required by law, any proposed modifications to the existing insurance plan must be ratified by the EKEA before any new plan is adopted.

F. IRS Section 125 Plan

Any bargaining unit member electing insurance coverage shall be eligible to elect to have his or her portion of payments deducted from his or her salary before taxes pursuant to a salary reduction plan in accordance with applicable IRS regulations. The Board shall adopt a plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.

604 STRS PICKUP

The Board agrees to continue to pick up STRS retirement contributions on behalf of bargaining unit employees using the salary restatement method that yields favorable tax treatment to the employees at no cost to the Board.

605 TUITION COMPENSATION

The Board will reimburse bargaining unit members for college credit course work according to the provisions of this article.

- A. Eligible teachers shall apply in writing on the appropriate form to the superintendent for approval of the course(s) desired no later than two weeks after the beginning of the course. Reimbursement for courses pertaining to the teacher's current assignment or approved Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) shall be approved. Other courses may be approved at the discretion of the superintendent or superintendent's designee. It is the teacher's responsibility to apply for reimbursement during the appropriate fiscal year (July 1-June 30) so that he or she will be able to comply with the timelines in part B. Courses which begin prior to June 30 and end prior to July 31 shall be deemed to fall within the most recent fiscal year.
- B. Transcripts and fee statements shall be submitted to the superintendent on or before September 15 following the fiscal year during which the reimbursement request was submitted. Failure to comply with the timelines shall mean that no reimbursement shall be made. The teacher must receive a grade of "B" or better or "Pass" in a Pass/Fail course in order to qualify for reimbursement.
- C. An individual must be a licensed/certified teacher employed by the Board to be eligible to apply for reimbursement, and must continue to be employed by the Board during the succeeding fiscal year to receive reimbursement, unless the employee has been RIF'd in accordance with Section 504.
- D. The Board shall annually allocate \$25,000.00 to reimburse bargaining unit members subject to the following conditions.
 - 1. Teachers will be reimbursed with the second payroll in October following the fiscal year during which the course work was approved, if the teacher has completed the requirements in Sections A, B, and C.
 - 2. Reimbursement shall not exceed the teacher's documented cost.
 - 3. Reimbursement shall be based upon semester hours, with a quarter hour worth two-thirds of a semester hour.
 - 4. The amount paid for each semester hour will be determined by the following formula: $\$25,000.00 / \text{total approved hours for the previous fiscal year for which documentation has been received according to Section B.}$

606 TUITION WAIVER FOR CHILDREN OF NONRESIDENT TEACHERS

Children of full-time NONCONTIGUOUS nonresident District employees may attend District tuition-free. Such students must have been admitted by the first day of school in any school year, and are allowed to remain for the entire school year even if the parent's employment ceases. Children admitted will be counted for state funding purposes.

607 SEVERANCE PAY

- A. A teacher or his or her eligible STRS survivor may apply for a severance payment under any one of the following situations:
 - 1. Retirement from the District under the STRS.
 - 2. Upon the death of a teacher while in active service with the District.
- B. Qualifying teachers or their eligible STRS survivor(s) shall receive twenty-five percent (25%) of their accrued sick leave. In no circumstance will this exceed a total pay of eighty (80) days. Qualifying teachers shall be credited an additional one-fourth (1/4) day of severance payment for each year of service in the East Knox Local School District, to a maximum of thirty-five (35) years service or eight and three-fourths (8.75) additional days of severance.
- C. Payment shall be based upon the per diem rate of the teacher's base pay (not including supplemental contracts) at the time of retirement/death.
- D. Payment shall eliminate all sick leave credit accrued by the teacher at that time.
- E. Severance pay shall be made only once to any teacher.

608 SUPPLEMENTAL PAY

A. Supplemental Salary Schedule

EFFECTIVE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Years	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
0	4,995	3,239	3,044	2,108	897	585	273
1	5,095	3,304	3,105	2,150	915	597	278
2	5,197	3,370	3,167	2,193	933	609	284
3	5,301	3,437	3,230	2,237	952	621	290
4	5,407	3,506	3,295	2,282	971	633	296
5	5,515	3,576	3,361	2,327	990	646	301
6	5,625	3,648	3,428	2,374	1,010	659	307
7	5,738	3,721	3,497	2,421	1,030	672	314
8	5,852	3,795	3,567	2,470	1,051	685	320
9	5,969	3,871	3,638	2,519	1,072	699	326
10	6,089	3,948	3,711	2,570	1,093	713	333

Note: Indices shall be adjusted vertically at 2% incremental levels for each year of experience and shall not be dependent upon the teachers' base salary schedule.

B. Groups:

Group I

- Head Football Coach
- Head Basketball Coach
- Head Volleyball Coach
- Band Director
- Head Cheerleader Advisor
- Yearbook Advisor
- Strength Conditioning Coach (includes Fall, Winter, Spring)

Group II

- Head Baseball Coach
- Head Softball Coach
- Head Wrestling Coach
- Head Golf Coach
- Head Track Coach (boys)
- Head Track Coach (girls)
- Head Cross Country Coach

Head Bowling Coach
Assistant Varsity/JV Football Coach (5 maximum)
Assistant Varsity/JV Basketball Coach (2 maximum)
Junior High Football Coach (7th)
Junior High Football Coach (8th)
Assistant Band Director

Group III

Junior High Basketball Coach (7th)
Junior High Basketball Coach (8th)
Junior High Cheerleader Advisor
Junior High Volleyball Coach (7th)
Junior High Volleyball Coach (8th)
Junior High Cross Country Coach
Assistant Varsity/Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach
Assistant Varsity/Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach
Freshman Basketball Coach
Junior High Bowling Coach
Junior High Golf Coach
Assistant Bowling Coach
Freshman Volleyball Coach

Group IV

Junior Class Advisor (2)
Assistant Varsity/Junior Varsity Baseball Coach (3 maximum)
Assistant Varsity/Junior Varsity Softball Coach (3 maximum)
Junior High Wrestling Coach
Junior High Track Coach (2)
Assistant Bowling Coach
Assistant Head Track Coach (boys)
Assistant Head Track Coach (girls)

Group V

Art Club
Sophomore Class Advisor
Flag Corps Director
Play Director
Majorette Advisor
Assistant Band Director/Marching Band Percussion (1st Semester)

Group VI

FCCLA Advisor
Spanish Club
Senior Class Advisor (2)
Assistant Play Director
Young Authors
Speech
Debate
Science Fair Coordinator
High School Student Council Advisor
Middle School Student Council Advisor
National Honor Society
Quiz Bowl
Math Club Advisor

Group VII

Freshman Class Advisor
Spelling Bee (2)

- C. Any newly created supplemental positions shall be determined by agreement of EKEA president/designee and the superintendent.
- D. Persons holding supplemental contracts for year-long activities shall be paid one-half (1/2) of their payment the first payroll of December and the remaining one-half with the second payroll of June. Persons holding supplemental contracts for less than year-long activities shall be paid the last pay of the months of December, March, and June, following completion of a form signed by the employee and the supervisor of the activity (principal or athletic director) attesting that the activity is completed.
- E. The listing of a supplemental contract position does not necessarily mean the position will be filled.

609 SATURDAY SCHOOL PAY, SUMMER SCHOOL, AND TUTORING

Pay for supervision of Saturday School shall be at the rate of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per day. Pay for teaching summer school and summer intervention shall be at the rate of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour. If a teacher is requested by the Administration to provide after-school tutoring, or to provide extended school year services in fulfillment of special education IEP requirements, pay shall be at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour.

610 RETENTION INCENTIVE

Each bargaining unit member who completes a full contract year of service for the 2022-2023 school year and thereafter will receive a fifteen-hundred-dollar (\$1,500.00) retention incentive to be paid the first pay in October of the succeeding school year.

The teacher must continue to be employed by the Board during the succeeding fiscal year to receive the retention incentive, unless the employee has been RIF'd in accordance with Section 504.

This provision sunsets on June 30, 2026 with final payment in October, 2026 and is not precedent setting.

**ARTICLE VII
LEAVE PROVISIONS**

701 SICK LEAVE

- A. Teachers shall earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth (1 ¼) days per month while under contract with the Board.
 - 1. Maximum annual sick leave accumulation is fifteen (15) days;
 - 2. Sick leave shall continue to accrue with no limit.
- B. Teachers new to the teaching profession and to the District who have not yet earned sick leave may be advanced up to five (5) days of sick leave during their first year of employment. After the first year, there will be no advancement of sick leave to any teacher who has exhausted accumulated sick leave.
- C. Sick leave may be used for the following reasons:
 - 1. Personal illness or injury
 - 2. Exposure to contagious disease
 - 3. Illness or death in the member's immediate family
 - 4. Pregnancy
 - 5. Medical appointment.
- D. For purposes of this article, immediate family shall be defined as mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter (natural, adopted, step, or foster), son (natural, adopted, step, or foster), daughter-in-law, son-in-law, spouse, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, grandmother, grandfather, or grandchildren.

- E. Upon return from sick leave, the teacher shall furnish a written signed statement on Board prescribed forms specifying for which of the above reasons sick leave was used. In the case of exposure to contagious disease which could be communicated to others, a physician's statement of fitness must be submitted prior to the individual's return to work. Any teacher absent for more than five (5) consecutive days will submit a doctor's excuse if so requested.
- F. If the sick leave extends beyond twenty (20) consecutive days, the Board may, at its own expense, require the teacher to be examined by a Board selected doctor to verify the need for continuing leave.

If the Board's doctor's opinion is different from the teacher's doctor, a third doctor selected by a mutual decision will examine the employee. The expense of the third doctor will be shared equally between the teacher and the Board.
- G. Sick leave may not be used in increments of less than one-half (1/2) day unless agreed to by the teacher's immediate supervisor.
- H. Falsification or fraudulent use of sick leave may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal, pursuant to Section 511 (Discipline).

702 PERSONAL LEAVE

Personal leave is to be used for conducting necessary or urgent personal business which cannot be conducted outside the school day. When the form shown below is filled out, teachers shall have three (3) personal leave days to be granted with the following exceptions.

- A. No personal leave shall be taken to earn additional compensation.
- B. Personal leave shall not be used to extend a school vacation, or during the first and/or last week of school without the express approval of the Superintendent (which approval will not be unreasonably withheld) due to the scheduling of an event outside of the control of the teacher.
- C. No more than two (2) teachers per building will be allowed to be absent for personal reasons on any one day, except in emergencies.
- D. Personal leave shall not be used in place of sick leave.
- E. Personal leave shall not be used in increments of less than one-half (1/2) day.

- F. Falsification or fraudulent use of personal leave may result in disciplinary action pursuant to the progressive discipline policy.

Personal leave days are not cumulative from one school year to the next. Requests shall be made in advance except in emergency situations. All unused personal days shall be converted to sick leave days on the second pay in June each year.

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PERSONAL LEAVE REQUEST

I, _____, request personal leave for
_____, _____ date. I affirm that the use of
day

personal leave is authorized pursuant to the personal leave provision of the Master
Contract between the East Knox Local Board of Education and the East Knox Education
Association.

Signed

Date

_____ approved

_____ disapproved

703 PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

- A. All professional leave requests shall be submitted on the appropriate form prior to the date of attendance at the activity and be approved by both the building principal and the superintendent. No teachers will be approved for more than two (2) days of professional leave in any school year. This limitation does not apply to leave occurring at the request of the Administration or leave that has traditionally been considered an inherent and integral part of the particular teacher's assignment. Teachers may request to be excused from classroom duties in order to accompany students to school functions and school-related activities which may take place during school hours and have been approved.
- B. Teachers will be entitled to \$100.00 each year for the purpose of professional development/leave during the term of this Agreement. Teachers may pool their funds. The maximum amount the Board will allocate each year for professional development will be \$6,200.00. Professional development funds will be processed and tracked through the building principals. Required forms will be available in each principal's office.

704 JURY DUTY

Teachers receiving notices to serve on jury duty shall promptly notify their building principal and submit a copy of the notice to the treasurer. Teachers required to report and/or serve on jury duty shall receive their regular compensation and promptly sign over to the District any jury duty compensation received. The absence report form shall include a statement reminding teachers of this requirement.

705 ASSAULT LEAVE

A. Definition

An assault is an injury inflicted upon an employee as a result of performing work-related duties.

B. Entitlement

An employee who suffers illness or injury that is caused by a job-related assault, be it off or on Board premises, shall be granted assault leave for the length of the absence.

Assault leave extending beyond five (5) days must be verified with a doctor's excuse. If the assault leave extends beyond twenty (20) days the Board may, at its own expense, require the employee to be examined by a Board selected doctor to verify the need for the continuing leave.

If the Board's doctor's opinion is different from the employee's doctor, a third doctor selected by a mutual decision will examine the employee. The expense of the third doctor will be shared equally between the teacher and the Board.

Such leave shall be with full pay and shall not be charged against sick or personal leave.

C. Duration

Such leave shall commence on the first day of absence and continue until the employee elects one of the following options:

1. The employee returns to work.
2. The employee begins to receive retirement benefits under an Ohio state retirement system.
3. The employee resigns.

D. Procedure

1. Employees shall immediately report all cases of assault suffered by them in connection with their employment to their supervisors or principal.
2. The employee shall complete and sign the assault leave form to report his/her use of assault leave.

706 UNPAID LEAVES

A. Family and Medical Leave

The Board will comply with the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993.

For purposes of family leave, a year shall be defined as a rolling twelve (12) month period measured backward from the date an employee uses FMLA leave.

B. Military Leave

The Board will grant military leave in accordance with law.

C. Medical Leave

The Board will grant unpaid leaves for illness and disability in accordance with ORC 3319.13.

D. Other Unpaid Leaves

The Board may, at its discretion, grant other unpaid leaves including, but not limited to, professional improvement.

707 SABBATICAL LEAVE

A. Teachers who have completed five (5) years' service in the District may obtain sabbatical leave by:

1. Having a plan of professional improvement approved by the LPDC.
2. Submitting a written request to the superintendent.
3. Having the Board approve the leave upon the superintendent's recommendation.

B. Sabbatical leave may be granted for one (1) or two (2) semesters. Upon completion of the leave, evidence of completion of the approved plan must be submitted to the LPDC.

C. To be eligible for part payment of salary, the teacher must agree in writing to return to employment in the District for at least two (2) years with the exception of death or disability of the employee. The teacher shall reimburse the Board for all monies received in violation of Sections B or C.

D. Teachers granted sabbatical leave shall receive part salary equal to the difference between the teacher's regular contract salary for the year of the leave and the cost of the substitute employed for the teacher on leave.

E. No more than five percent (5%) of the bargaining unit may be granted sabbatical leave in any one year.

F. A teacher may not be granted a sabbatical more often than every five years, nor for a second time before other bargaining unit members have had an opportunity to make a request for such leave.

G. A teacher on sabbatical leave shall be carried on the personnel roster for insurance purposes and shall have the right to participate at his/her own expense in all insurance programs for which the teacher would otherwise be eligible in this Agreement.

- H. Teachers on sabbatical leave shall hold the Board harmless for all contributions to STRS during the period of said leave, except those mandated by STRS on payment of part salary.

708 PARENTAL LEAVE

- A. A teacher who is pregnant or adopting a child or becoming a parent shall, upon written request, be granted leave without pay for parental reasons. Such leave shall begin either between the beginning of pregnancy and delivery of the child, or at the receipt of custody of the child, and may continue up to twelve (12) consecutive months after the birth or receipt of custody. Except in a case of unforeseen and emergency circumstances, a teacher's failure to return to work by the beginning of the first grading period following expiration of the leave shall sever the teacher's employment by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent. In order to minimize the educational impact upon students, the teacher's return from leave shall be at the beginning of a grading period.
- B. Applications for parental leave shall state in writing the expected date of birth or receipt of custody, the date requested leave is to begin, the date the staff member hopes to return to service, and the name of the attending physician or adoption official. If possible, applications should be made at least thirty (30) days in advance of the requested beginning date of the leave or requested extension except in the case of an emergency.
- C. Sick leave shall not accrue during parental leave. Staff members on parental leave shall be eligible to participate in Board provided insurance plans at their own expense.
- D. A teacher who returns to work in accordance with paragraph A above shall be granted his/her position held prior to leave if it is vacant. Should the position be filled, the returning staff member shall be appointed to a certificated position with equivalent contract status for which he/she is certificated/licensed.

709 SICK LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM

Teachers may donate paid leave to a fellow employee who is otherwise eligible to accrue and use sick leave. The intent of the leave donation program is to allow employees to voluntarily provide assistance to the co-workers who are in critical need of leave due to the catastrophic illness or injury of the employee or a member of the employee's immediate family. An individual wishing to receive a donation of sick days must complete a written application and return it to the Sick Leave Donation Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the EKEA president, two (2) EKEA designees, the superintendent, and one (1) designee of the

superintendent. The Committee shall operate by majority vote. The decision of the Committee shall not be subject to Article II (Grievance Procedure).

- A. An employee may receive up to the number of days (10 days) the employee is scheduled to work each pay period, if the employee who is to receive donated leave:
 - 1. (or a member of the employee's immediate family) has a catastrophic illness or injury,
 - 2. has no accrued sick leave.

- B. Employees may donate leave if the donating employee:
 - 1. voluntarily elects to donate leave and does so with the understanding that donated leave will not be returned,
 - 2. donates a minimum of one (1) day, and
 - 3. retains a sick leave balance of at least fifteen (15) days. Leave shall be donated in the same manner in which it would otherwise be used.

- C. The leave donation program shall be administered on a pay period by pay period basis. Employees using donated leave shall be considered in active pay status and shall accrue leave and be entitled to any benefits to which they would otherwise be entitled. Leave accrued by an employee while using donated leave shall be used, if necessary, in the following pay period before additional donated leave may be received. Donated leave shall be considered sick leave, but shall never be converted into a cash benefit.

- D. Employees who wish to donate leave shall certify:
 - 1. the name of the employee for whom the donated leave is intended,
 - 2. the type of leave and number of days to be donated,
 - 3. the employee will have a minimum sick leave balance of fifteen (15) days, and
 - 4. the leave is donated voluntarily and he or she understands it will not be returned.

- E. No employee shall be forced to donate leave. The donation of leave shall occur on a strictly voluntary basis. Donation of leave will not in any way affect the incentive pay for not using leave.

- F. Employees who have accumulated the maximum allowable sick leave per Board policy concerning severance pay will be given the first opportunity to donate leave.

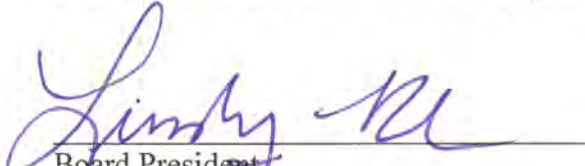
**ARTICLE VIII
LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Board and the EKEA agree to establish a labor-management committee (LMC) composed of three (3) members appointed by the EKEA and three (3) members appointed by the Superintendent. The purpose of the LMC is to keep communications open between the EKEA and the Board. Bargaining or grievance processing shall not be a function of the LMC; however, it may agree to clarify the existing agreement, make recommendations for memoranda of understanding, and attempt to resolve issues prior to reaching the grievance process.

The parties agree to use the services of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) for the purposes of training and advice in the establishment of the LMC. The parties agree to establish mutually-agreed ground rules for the operation of the LMC.

**ARTICLE IX
DURATION**


This Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.


Board President

6.1.23
Date


Board Treasurer

6-1-2023
Date


Association President

6-1-23
Date

GRIEVANCE FORM

Grievance # _____

Name of Grievant _____

Building _____

Statement of Grievance

Relief Sought

Signature of Aggrieved

Date

Signature of Association President

Date

STEP ONE

Appropriate Supervisor _____

Date Filed _____

Disposition of Supervisor:

Signature of Supervisor

Date

STEP TWO

(SUPERINTENDENT)

Position of Aggrieved and/or Association:

Signature of Aggrieved

Date

Signature of Association President

Date

Disposition by Superintendent:

Signature of Superintendent

Date

STEP THREE

(ARBITRATION)

Position of Aggrieved and/or Association:

Signature of Aggrieved

Date

Signature of Association President

Date