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**between the**

**BARBERTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

**and the**

**BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

- A. This Master Agreement shall be a comprehensive statement of the rights and responsibilities of the Barberton Education Association (BEA) and the Barberton City School District Board of Education (Board).
- B. The BEA agrees to maintain its eligibility to represent classroom teachers and tutors by continuing to admit Barberton classroom teachers and tutors to membership without discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, or membership or participation in or association with the activities of any school employee organization.
- C. The Board has complete authority over the policies of the school system which it exercises under the provisions of Ohio law and in the fulfilling of its responsibilities under this Agreement.
- D. The Superintendent, under law, has certain statutory and ministerial authority which cannot be negated under the terms of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE I — RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD**

- A. It is mutually agreed that the Board, under law, has the final responsibility of establishing policies for the certificated/licensed staff and all other employees of the Barberton City Schools.
- B. The Superintendent and the administrative staff have the responsibility of administering the policies established.
- C. The Board has the responsibility, through Board Policy and Administrative Guidelines, to keep the staff safe and informed of any potential threats or dangerous situations.

## **ARTICLE II — RECOGNITION**

- A. The Board recognizes the BENOEA/NEA as the exclusive representative for the teachers' bargaining unit. This recognition shall continue for the term of this Agreement, unless the State Employment Relations Board (SERB), in accordance with SERB procedures, issues an order which removes the BEA as the exclusive representative.
- B. "Teacher" means a person employed by the Board in a teaching position, for fifteen (15) hours or more per week, under a regular teacher's contract and paid in accordance with the Salary Schedule in Article VIII, Section G, hereof, for which the State Board of Education requires certification pursuant to §§3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principals, Assistant Principals, and other administrative persons below the rank of Assistant Superintendent such as Directors and Supervisors who spend less than fifty percent (50%) of their time teaching or working with students.
- C. "Tutor" means a person employed in a tutor position for fifteen (15) hours or more per week under a regular tutor's contract and paid in accordance with the salary schedule in Article VIII, Section K of this Agreement.



### **ARTICLE III — RIGHTS OF BEA**

The BEA is the sole and exclusive representative for all bargaining unit personnel as follows:

- A. It shall represent the members of the BEA bargaining unit to the Board and the Superintendent. This right shall in no way be construed or applied to limit the rights of an individual teacher to present grievances or discuss matters of concern on his/her own behalf with or without the involvement of the BEA.
- B. It shall be entitled to appoint one (1) BEA Building Representative per school to the Superintendent's Advisory Council, if the Superintendent establishes such a council.
- C. It shall receive advance copies of the Board agenda through the BEA President.
- D. It shall have organizational use of school buildings for:
  - 1. Monthly BEA representative meetings.
  - 2. Executive Board meetings.
  - 3. Group meetings for voting purposes.
  - 4. General teachers' meetings.
  - 5. Specialized workshops.
- E. It shall have organizational use of bulletin boards in the faculty lounge and school office for:
  - 1. BEA announcements.
  - 2. OEA bulletins.
  - 3. BEA bulletins.
  - 4. NEA bulletins.
- F. It shall have organizational use of school mail/E-mail (in accordance with Board of Education Policy) for:
  - 1. Notice of meetings.
  - 2. Minutes of meetings.
  - 3. Pertinent BEA, OEA, NEOEA, and NEA information.
- G. The Barberton Education Association (BEA) President, Vice-Presidents, PR&R Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and other members paid a stipend by the BEA have the option to be paid a stipend by the Board as identified by the BEA. The BEA shall reimburse the Board of the cost of the stipends, state/federal taxes, workers' compensations, Medicare and any applicable retirement costs payable to the Ohio STRS.

### **ARTICLE IV — COMMON PURPOSE CLAUSE**

- 1. The parties agree that problems involving financing, operation, continuation, or basic changes in the school program shall be discussed jointly in the hope that solutions can be reached that will be satisfactory to the Board, the Administration, and the BEA. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Board from exercising its statutory duties of operating and/or maintaining the Barberton City School District.

2. It is expected that teachers in grades K-12 will use electronic grading tools in core content areas. Those teachers expected to use electronic grading tools will be provided access to the equipment needed. A training program will be established by the Superintendent/designee in conjunction with the BEA and the Staff Development Committee to provide opportunities to expand best practices and communication.
3. In any situation, in which two (2) employees (i.e. teacher/teacher or teacher/paraprofessional) will be sharing a core academic classroom, time during one of the Professional Development days, before the school year starts, will be set aside to discuss teaching policies and responsibilities.
4. Intervention Specialists at the preschool, when required to conduct home visits for the purpose of evaluations, will be accompanied by a resource officer or administrator if requested by the visiting Intervention Specialist.

## **ARTICLE V — TEACHER RIGHTS**

### **A. Academic Freedom**

The Board, the Administration, and the BEA believe that academic and professional freedom are essential to the teaching profession. Controversial issues may be a part of the instructional program when in the judgment of the individual staff member and consistent with the approved course of study such issues are within the teacher's area of teaching expertise and are deemed to be appropriate to the curriculum and to the maturity level of his/her students. Academic freedom is the right of the learner and his/her teachers to explore, present, and discuss divergent points of view in the quest for knowledge and truth.

### **B. Right to Representation**

All BEA members shall have the right to be accompanied by an Association representative(s) to any meetings with Barberton School Administrators and/or Board members, whenever the teacher feels it is warranted.

## **ARTICLE VI — PERSONNEL POLICIES**

### **A. Duty Hours**

1. Duty hours for bargaining unit members shall consist of up to seven and one-half (7<sup>1/2</sup>) hours. The typical workday of members assigned to the Primary Building shall not start earlier than 8:00 a.m. nor end later than 4:00 p.m. The typical workday for members assigned to the Elementary Intermediate Building shall not start earlier than 7:40 a.m. nor end later than 3:40 p.m. The typical workday for members assigned to the Middle School or High School will not start earlier than 7:15 a.m. nor end later than 3:15 p.m. The beginning and ending of the workday at a particular building will be established by the administration consistent with these parameters. This time shall be continuous and shall include the statutorily prescribed lunch period.
  - a. In the event a teacher and principal propose to have a course offering outside the established duty hours, acceptance of the assignment of the course shall be voluntary and the teacher's duty hours shall be adjusted accordingly.
  - b. Duty hours for bargaining unit members at Barberton Preschool Building shall consist of up to seven and one-half (7<sup>1/2</sup>) hours, the start (commencing) and ending (terminating) will be based on the transportation needed for the building. This time shall be continuous, and shall include the statutorily prescribed lunch period.
  - c. Any day deemed a calamity day after the 4th (fourth) calamity day, will be a remote teaching day from home or school at the teacher's preference.

2. Teacher Work Year/Day

- a. The Administration can adjust the starting and ending times for a maximum of two (2) parent-teacher conference days per school year as reflected in the school calendar. Teachers shall be required to schedule conferences only for those students they and/or their Building Principal feel are in need of a conference, or for students whose parent(s) or guardian(s) specifically request a conference. Any time remaining may be used by the teacher for recordkeeping, grading, planning, in-service, and building meetings.
- b. The annual school year calendar shall contain one hundred eighty- five (185) teacher workdays which shall include the following:
  - 1) One hundred seventy-seven (177) teaching days with students
  - 2) One (1) in-service day at the start of the school year
  - 3) One (1) workday at the start of school
  - 4) One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) parent/teacher conference day during the first semester and one (1) full day for primary and intermediate levels per ORC 3313.48.
  - 5) One (1) records day at the end of the first semester
  - 6) One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) parent/teacher conference during the second semester and one (1) full day for primary and intermediate levels per ORC 3313.48.
  - 7) One (1) teacher in-service day per the school calendar
  - 8) One (1) workday at the end of the school year
  - 9) Two (2) Professional Development Days during the school year 4
  - 10) At the preschool, one (1) day per month (September-May) without students in attendance is to be dedicated to  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of assessment recordkeeping and  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of Step Up to Quality professional development.
  - 11) At the preschool, one (1) full day per semester without students for parent/teacher conferences per ORC 3313.48.
- c. General Considerations
  - 1) There shall be no more than two (2) evening parent/teacher conferences per school year.
  - 2) The District strives to provide meaningful and relevant professional development to all staff members. We value and encourage input of the topics, content and presentation mode of professional development. We will use the members of the DLT (District Leadership Team) and DLT meetings to address such input. As a result, two DLT meetings may be extended by thirty (30) minutes to specifically address professional development.

3. The starting times for all certified/licensed personnel shall be established prior to the start of the school year, and shall be maintained throughout the school year.
4. Tutor/Intervention Specialist Tutors Work Year/Day
  - a. The school year for tutors shall be as needed but shall not be less than one hundred seventy-five (175) days. The annual calendar shall include:
    - 1) One-half (1/2) parent/teacher conference during the first semester
    - 2) One-half (1/2) parent/teacher conference during the second semester
  - b. The school year for intervention specialist tutors shall be as needed but shall not be less than one hundred seventy-five (175) days. The annual calendar shall include:
    - 1) One-half (1/2) parent/teacher conference during the first semester
    - 2) One (1) record at the end of the first semester.
    - 3) One-half (1/2) parent/teacher conference during the second semester.

**B. Class Size and Load**

The following maximum pupils per class shall be maintained:

1. In Elementary schools, except as described in Paragraph 2 below, enrollment shall not exceed the following student per teacher ratios:

<u>Grades:</u>	<u>Student: Teacher Ratio</u>
Pre K	Step Up to Quality Number
K	23:1
1-2	25:1
3-5	27:1

2. When enrollment in elementary classes exceeds the class size limits prescribed in Paragraph 1 above, the teacher will receive additional compensation at an annualized rate of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per pupil pro-rated on the number of days the student is in the classroom as a fraction of the number of days in the instructional year (i.e., 177 days), up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) students in Kindergarten, up to a maximum of twenty-seven (27) students in grades K-5, and up to a maximum of twenty-nine (29) students in grades 3-5. If any K-5 teacher voluntarily agrees to allow the maximum cap to be exceeded, that teacher shall receive further compensation in accordance with this provision.
3. In grades 6 through 12, every endeavor will be made to maintain a maximum of thirty (30) pupils per class.
4. In the Secondary schools:
  - a. Any teacher's schedule that is entirely made up of individual periods shall have no more than one hundred-fifty (150) students per day, which will be determined as of October 1st for the first semester and February 1st for second semester.
  - b. Any teacher's schedule that is entirely made up of double periods/blocks shall have no more than eighty (80) students per day, which will be determined as of October 1st for the first semester and February 1st for the second semester.

- c. In scheduling Secondary teachers, an effort will be made to limit the number of preparations to three (3).
5. In the event class size exceeds thirty (30), an immediate conference will be held with the teacher, BEA, and Principal to find an equitable solution to the problem.
6. Classes in Choir, Band, Ensemble, and Physical Education may exceed these maximums. For SLD/BD-DH tutors, the number of students being tutored shall be in accordance with State Minimum Standards.
7. For Middle School, Grades 6, 7, and 8 shall be considered Secondary School for purposes of implementing this Article VI (B).
8. Every attempt will be made for equitable distribution of students with special needs. If a teacher has a concern, he/she will request a meeting with the principal and Student Services Director.
9. The caseload for Intervention Specialists shall not exceed the ratio requirements of the "Operating Standards for Serving Children with Disabilities" as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education.
10. In an effort to make a smooth transition with new students, new students will be placed in the classroom no sooner than the day following registration completion. The teacher will be notified of the student's upcoming attendance, the day prior to the student's placement in the classroom through the school email system. All arrangements will be made by support staff, administration or teacher, as appropriate to make sure a desk, a textbook and/or other needed materials are available to the new student upon entering the classroom.
11. A minimum of six (6) hours of training may be provided for teachers who are assigned to work with an Educational or Teacher Aide. Such training(s) shall be provided for the teacher and the aide during the teacher's workday for the purpose of understanding their respective roles.

#### C. Planning and Conference Periods

1. Secondary teachers shall have no less than five (5) periods per week for planning and conference purposes and in any event no less than two hundred-ten (210) minutes of planning and conference time during their workweek. To the extent feasible, teachers shall have one (1) period per day. Teachers working with one other teacher in a co-teaching environment, every attempt will be made to have common planning times. Teachers working with two or more other teachers in a co-teaching environment shall have input on their preferred common planning times. Lunch time shall not be considered as conference and planning time. In addition, department heads not compensated monetarily shall be given no duty assignment.
2. Preschool and elementary teachers (Grades PreK-5) shall have two hundred-ten (210) minutes of planning and conference time per week. Teachers working with one other teacher in a co-teaching environment every attempt will be made to have common planning times. Teachers working with two or more other teachers in a co-teaching environment shall have input on their preferred common planning times.
3. Elementary (K-5) planning and conference time shall be after the tardy bell and before the dismissal bell, while students are in attendance. Every attempt will be made for special's teachers planning to be forty-two (42) consecutive minutes during the students school day. However, Specials Teachers' (i.e. Art, Physical Education, Music and Technology) planning time may be scheduled before the tardy bell or after the dismissal bell in a minimum of twenty (21) minute blocks.
4. An attempt will be made to have one (1) period of planning and conference time per teacher each school day.

5. An attempt will be made to have forty-two (42) consecutive minutes of planning per teacher each school day. In the event that it does not appear possible to schedule 42 consecutive minutes of planning time for every teacher in the following school year, the building principal, the affected teachers and a BEA representative will meet before a schedule is finalized.
6. Teachers will not be required to perform scoring and/or recording of state mandated tests during personal planning time.
7. Intervention Specialist tutors who are assigned to work twenty (20) or more hours per week shall be granted three (3) hours paid planning time per week. All other tutors shall receive one (1) hour paid planning time per week.
8. Any teacher who travels from building to building as part of his/her work assignment may be assigned duties in only one building.

D. Teacher Participation in the Educational Program

1. All changes in curriculum and organizational structure in the Barberton City Schools shall be made on the educational merits of the plan.
2. Any committee assigned the task of researching, recommending, and presenting a change in curriculum, included but not limited to mapping textbook adoption or course of study revision, shall be composed of at least seventy-five percent (75%) teachers. Any teacher whose assignment includes teaching the said curriculum and desiring to serve on a committee shall express an interest in writing to the BEA President. The BEA President will submit a list of all interested teachers to the Superintendent along with his/her recommendations (after discussion with the Superintendent/designee). The Superintendent shall appoint the committee from the list submitted by the BEA President.
3. The BEA shall have the right to initiate periodic evaluations of the curriculum and/or organizational structure of the Barberton City Schools, shall notify the Board that said evaluation is in progress, and shall present its findings to the Superintendent.
4. Copies of all written communications concerning in-service meetings, curriculum assignments and special workshops shall be forwarded to the BEA President prior to distribution.
5. BEA members are encouraged to participate in grant opportunities that enhance the educational merits of the District. Prior to the Board of Education approval of a grant, all teachers involved in the implementation of the grant must sign a release put together by the grant writer. Said release will assure the teacher participant's voluntary agreement to be a part of the implementation of the process, procedure or requirements the grant institutes.
6. BEA Preschool staff shall abide by the Chapter 3301-37 of the Administrative Code Preschool Program Rules 1-12 and Step Up to Quality Guidelines for a 5-Star Rating. (Step Up to Quality is a five-star rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality programming standards that exceed preschool licensing and school age childcare licensing health and safety regulations. Step Up to Quality program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children.)

E. Faculty Advisory Committee(s)/Superintendent Advisory Committee

1. A Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) shall be elected in each building to work closely with the Building Administration on all matters of concern. The BEA building representatives shall conduct the election for the selection with a five (5) member minimum or a ratio of one (1) member for each ten (10) teachers, whichever is greater. The committee shall elect a chairperson.
2. Matters that cannot be resolved at the FAC level may be taken through the BEA for a discussion meeting with the Central Office Administration after being vetted at the building level.
3. A Superintendent's Advisory Committee (SAC) shall be appointed by the BEA Executive Committee and shall consist of two (2) representatives from each building, the BEA President and Vice President. The committee shall be a voluntary position with all meetings held after the work day ends. The SAC shall meet one (1) time per quarter, as needed, unless it is mutually decided that additional meetings are warranted, to discuss, with the Superintendent and his/her designees any issues that impact the District or any FAC issues that have not been resolved. A list of issues will be sent to the Superintendent, by the BEA President, one week prior to the meeting date. A list of issues will be sent to the BEA President, by the Superintendent, one week prior to the meeting date. From these lists an agenda will be established by the Superintendent.
4. Each building shall institute a volunteer schedule committee. The committee shall be made up of FAC members, counselors, department heads, and the Principal or designee, if desired. The committee shall meet at least one time in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period and one time within ten (10) days prior to the end of the current school year. The committee will review and discuss proposed building schedules for the next school year. Building principals will make the final decisions on building schedules.

F. Application for Summer School

1. Barberton City Schools faculty shall be considered for Summer School positions. Vacancies will be listed in all buildings for six (6) working days. However, vacancies will be filled on the basis of qualifications, regardless of school affiliation.
2. Accumulated sick leave may be used by Summer School certificated employees.

G. Meetings After Duty Hours

1. Up to one (1) day per month may be set aside for a building meeting, if such a meeting is deemed necessary by the Principal. The building meeting schedule shall be established by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Faculty meetings will begin no later than ten (10) minutes after the student dismissal and will last no longer than forty (40) minutes. The BEA Building Representative shall be given the opportunity to use a portion of the time after each building meeting for the conduct of representative organization business.
2. Teachers may be required to attend up to and including three (3) departmental meetings per school year after the teachers' regularly scheduled workday as scheduled through the Central Office. Any such meeting shall begin within fifteen (15) minutes after the student day and shall not exceed forty-five (45) minutes in duration.
3. If tutors are required by the Administration to attend meetings outside their regular duty hours, they will be compensated at their regular rate of pay.
4. The Association recognizes the importance of open house and encourages members of the bargaining unit to attend.

H. Qualified Substitutes

1. It shall be the practice of the Board through the electronic system to obtain a qualified substitute for each teacher absence of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) day or more. The Board agrees to make all reasonable efforts to obtain qualified substitutes.
2. Teachers who agree to cover a class during any scheduled individual planning and conference period at the direction of the building principal shall be compensated at the following rates:

	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>2026-2027</b>
Per period, block schedule	\$32.20	\$33.17	\$34.17
Per period, (doubled if blocked)	\$16.10	\$16.59	\$17.09
Per block, period of time in Elementary	\$16.10	\$16.59	\$17.09

Certification/licensure shall be the primary basis for assignments prescribed in this section. If two (2) teachers are both certified for the assignment, or if no available teacher is certified for the assignment, the most senior available teacher shall be offered the assignment.

I. Duties

All BEA members may be assigned duties at the discretion of the principal. Intervention Specialists, who are exclusively in a self-contained classroom, shall not be assigned morning duties.

J. Personnel Files

1. Upon a twenty-four (24) hour advance request, a teacher's personnel file shall be open to the individual teacher, during personnel office hours, in the presence of an Administrator or his/her representative. The teacher may be accompanied by one (1) person of his/her choice during inspection. Information such as credentials and letters of reference are specifically exempted from review.
2. All communications, including evaluations by Administrators, commendations, and validated complaints directed toward the teacher which are added to the personnel file shall be made available to the affected teacher. If the teacher believes information on file is inaccurate, irrelevant, or incomplete, the teacher may request that such materials be removed and shall have the right to file a written statement setting forth the teacher's position in the event such material is not removed.

K. Assaults

1. Any assault upon a Member of Bargaining Unit (MBU) is considered a serious offense. An incident of alleged assault should be reported in writing to the Principal, by the teacher involved using the BCSD Allegation of Assault Form (to be developed in consultation with BEA prior to August 1, 2024). The Principal will notify the BEA President and the Superintendent upon receipt of the report. The Superintendent shall acknowledge receipt of the report and, in turn, report the incident to the Board. The Principal will investigate the incident and report in writing to the Superintendent at the conclusion of the investigation. The Superintendent shall forward his/her final report to the MBU and the BEA President after notification to the Board.
2. A member of the bargaining unit who is required to be absent due to a physical, emotional, mental, or psychological injury, determined by a licensed medical professional, resulting from an assault which occurs in the course or arising out of Board employment and who cooperates with the Administration and law enforcement in the prosecution of the assailant is eligible to receive Assault Leave. The first thirty (30) workdays of assault leave shall not be deducted



from the employee's accumulated sick leave, and the employee will not be required to file for Worker's Compensation for these days. Additional days of assault leave may be granted by the Superintendent.

3. If medical attention is required, the member of the bargaining unit shall supply a certificate from a licensed physician (includes P.A.) stating the nature of the injury and its duration. If the bargaining unit member misses more than thirty (30) school days as a result of such physical, emotional, mental, or psychological injury, the Board may have the member of the bargaining unit examined by a licensed physician (includes P.A.) of its choice for determination of the nature and extent of the MBU's injury. IF the MBU disagrees with the medical assessment of the Board's licensed physician (includes P.A.) the MBU may request another examination from a medical professional which is mutually agreeable to the MBU and the Board.
4. Falsification of either the signed statement of the licensed physician (includes P.A.) certificate is grounds for termination of employment under Section 3319.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.
5. Full payment for assault leave, less Workers' Compensation, shall not exceed the member of the bargaining unit's per diem rate of pay, and will not be approved for payment unless and until the form and the certificate, as provided above, are furnished to the Treasurer. The first thirty (30) workdays of assault leave shall not be deducted from the employee's accumulated sick leave, and the employee will not be required to file for Workers' Compensation for these days. Additional days of assault leave may be granted by the Superintendent.
6. The Board shall render diligent assistance and advice to the teacher in securing criminal prosecution of the assailant through law enforcement and judicial authorities.

#### L. Student Teacher Policy

1. All Supervisory Teachers must have a minimum of three (3) years' teaching experience as reflected in the steps of the pay scale. During a current school year, if one hundred twenty (120) days have been worked, that year will be considered a year's teaching experience.
2. Supervisory Teachers will have given an indication of a wide knowledge in the area of curriculum development and general leadership in the school situation.
3. No individual teacher will have more than two (2) Student Teacher responsibilities for more than the equivalent of one (1) school term, i.e., semester, quarter, trimester. The supervising teacher will be responsible for only one (1) intern during any given time frame.
4. Participation as a Supervisory Teacher for students from a university who are observing or supervising a student teacher is entirely voluntary. Any stipend for these activities shall be paid directly to the Board. The Board shall make a stipend available to the teacher for classroom supplies/use. The stipend shall be the amount received from the university or other organization.
5. Information will be provided on the Student Teacher. This will be of the same type as would be requested on an employment application.
6. No Student Teacher will substitute in a class.

#### M. Calendar

1. The starting and ending dates for the teachers' work year shall be determined by the Board. The BEA President shall have the right to submit written recommendations to the Board on or before December 15 of the immediately preceding work year.

2. Placement of holiday periods and professional days will be positioned within the school calendar in the following manner:
  - a. Two (2) plans shall be designed jointly by the BEA and the Administration not to exceed the duration of the Master Agreement in effect.
  - b. These two (2) plans will then be placed on a Referendum Ballot for vote of the certificated staff.
  - c. The BEA President, or his/her designated representative, will be present during the counting of the ballots.
  - d. The plan with majority approval may be adopted by the Board.

N. Audio Visual Materials and Equipment

When audio visual materials and equipment comprise a normal part of the instructional program used in a particular course, such materials and equipment shall be available to teachers for use in such courses until the last day of school. When teachers must use computers as a requirement of their jobs, computer, internet access, and in-service shall be provided by the Board.

O. Parking Facilities

The Board agrees to make reasonable efforts to keep parking facilities free of snow and debris. In addition, the Board agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide individual parking spaces denoted by painted lines.

P. Telephone

All schools will have one (1) telephone located in a teachers' lounge or staff room.

Q. School Announcements

1. School announcements over the Public Address System shall be made during the first ten (10) minutes and the last five (5) minutes of the school day.
2. The last two (2) minutes of any period in the high school/middle school may be used for announcements, if the announcement is of such nature that it cannot wait. Written communications should be encouraged in all cases.
3. Announcements are not to be made at other times during the school day, unless the welfare of the student body or the faculty is at stake.
4. Personnel using Office Public Address Systems should be limited to those designated by the Building Principal.

R. Student Discipline

The Board/Administration/Teachers and tutors recognize their responsibilities to give mutual support and assistance with respect to the maintenance and control of discipline.

S. Tutor Provisions

1. The Board and/or Administration has the right to utilize tutors on an emergency basis to cover classes and perform teaching duties as assigned by the Superintendent or designee, provided a tutor may decline such assignment if the assignment falls outside the tutor's regularly scheduled hours, either entirely or in part. Secondary tutors will only be pre-empted from scheduled tutoring time when teachers or tutors decline to cover a class during their individual planning time. For such service, tutors shall be paid at their regular hourly rate.
2. The Intervention Specialist tutor has the responsibility to prepare all except the initial Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for his/her students.
3. The tutor shall be responsible for scheduling his/her students in such a manner that the tutor's time is fully utilized.
4. Tutor hours will be established according to the number of students needing tutor services. Said hours shall be no less than fifteen (15) or more hours per week and may be adjusted above the fifteen (15) hour minimum according to the needs of the District at any time throughout the school year.

T. Local Professional Development Committee

The parties agree that the Local Professional Development Committee Bylaws will govern the operation of the LPDC in the District. Any changes to the Bylaws submitted by the LPDC must be mutually agreed upon by the Superintendent and the BEA Board of Directors. All changes to the Bylaws will be signed off by the Chairperson of the LPDC, the President of the BEA and the Superintendent of the Barberton Schools.

U. Special Education

1. Four (4) release days will be allotted to special education staff who are involved in conducting IEP reviews. These days shall be scheduled by December 15<sup>th</sup> and approved by the Superintendent Designee, Student Services Director. Educators shall have the option of working off campus and the educator will designate where they are working for the day.
  - a. Intervention Specialists who are involved in conducting IEP Reviews and have seven (7) or fewer IEP's will be allotted two (2) release days for IEP writing.
  - b. Intervention Specialists who are legally out of compliance with their IEP reviews will conduct their IEP writing release days from campus with the support from the Student Service Department for the remainder of the year.
2. In the Elementary Buildings, every attempt will be made to have at least one Intervention Specialist for each grade level to provide support in the co-teaching environment.
3. Only full-time teachers shall be assigned to co-teaching positions.
4. A Special Education Committee comprised of a minimum of fifty percent (50%) BEA members shall be established and shall meet on a quarterly basis, or more often, as needed. The purpose of the Committee is to discuss concerns, issues or problems related to the delivery of services for special needs students. Subcommittees may be formed by grade level in grades Pre-K through 5 to discuss best placement of children on TEPs.
5. Multi-handicapped teachers involved in preparing and/or administering paper/pencil alternate assessments shall be granted one (1) professional day for preparation of alternative assessments.

Multi-handicapped teachers shall also be provided class coverage while proctoring alternative assessments.

6. The Student Service Director shall provide all updates on IEP language and procedure changes to all special education staff on the Special Education Google Docs that is easily accessible through school email.

V Released Time for National Board Certification

Any teacher who is undergoing the process of obtaining National Board Certification shall be granted two (2) release days out of the District to work toward his/her National Board Certification.

W. Job Sharing \*See Appendix L.

X. Credit Flexibility

1. Overview

- a. The new Credit Flexibility Policy enacted by the Board will be referenced as it is stated in the *Board Policy Manual* under File Item IGBM "Credit Flexibility."
- b. The new Credit Flexibility Program Information and Guidelines will be referenced in future copies of the *Student Handbook and Course Information* as well as the school website.

2. Working Conditions

- a. Without regard to the number of students participating, anytime a credit flexibility meeting goes beyond regular working hours, Credit Flex Committee members who are bargaining unit members (including teacher of record, guidance counselor, transition specialist, and any special education case managers) will be compensated at the special project rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per hour for committee meetings. Department chairpersons will be excluded from this compensation for committee meeting attendance. Unless agreed to by the teacher(s), no meeting shall be scheduled during the usual student day.
- b. Committee membership is voluntary. The committee should include a majority of the bargaining unit members. Committee members are appointed by the BEA president with input from the department chairperson or designee.
- c. The teacher of record is defined as the person responsible for final determination of grade and whether credit should be granted. This position is voluntary with the Association President appointing member(s) with input from the department chairperson or designee. If no teacher(s) volunteer(s) for this duty, the principal may appoint a teacher in order to be compliant with the State Board. The teacher of record will be a member of the Credit Flex Committee.

- d. The teacher of record will be compensated at the summer school compensation rate per hour of actual and reasonable work conducted outside of the contractual school day in conjunction with the approved Credit Flexibility Plan. All hours must be determined in advance and approved by the Credit Flexibility Committee not to exceed ten (10) hours per student, per semester or fifteen (15) hours per student, per year-long course. Summer work is voluntary and will be compensated at the same rate and must be determined in advance according to the Credit Flexibility Plan. The total budget of Credit Flexibility for the district shall not exceed \$5,000 annually.
- e. Bargaining unit members will review and approve or disapprove Credit Flexibility Plans with administration members. Decision making is by consensus.
- f. Only bargaining unit members certified in the core, Highly Qualified Teacher, or credentialed can be the teacher of record. The acceptance of the teacher of record shall be voluntary. Compensation to be determined as noted in 2.d., above. To meet state requirements, the principal may assign a teacher of record with input from the BEA President if there are no volunteers.
- g. The teacher of record may be granted release time for work done associated with the creation of supplemental materials for independent study students, performance based work, work-study evaluation, offsite monitoring, internships, community partnerships, etc. This would be determined as part of the Credit Flexibility Plan and approved by the building principal in advance.
- h. For any work that requires the teacher of record to travel to an offsite location, the teacher of record will submit and be compensated for mileage at the district approved rate of travel. Any additional liability coverage related to address offsite issues required to cover the teacher of record will be covered by the Board at their expense.
- i. Credit Flex teacher reassignment will be reviewed by the principal and committee as needed.
- j. Regular progress reporting time frames will stay intact for the teacher of record. Any additional reporting on progress will be determined as part of the Credit Flexibility Plan.
- k. Priority consideration may be given to the Credit Flex teachers who request professional development opportunities to assist in the understanding of this Credit Flexibility process.
- l. The teacher of record will be evaluated under the current terms of evaluation. Credit Flex students will not impact evaluation outside of the current terms negotiated in the Negotiated Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VII — APPOINTMENTS, ASSIGNMENTS, AND TRANSFERS**

### **A. Basic Qualifications**

The Board shall, where possible, only employ teachers with a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Persons to be employed as teachers shall possess those qualifications, including certification/licensure, as required by Ohio law. Persons with temporary certification/ alternative licensure may be employed as an emergency measure. Certain exceptions to the above requirements are permitted under Ohio law, as it applies to Career Technical Education teachers required in Career Technical Education Programs. Career Technical Education Training Programs. With the exception of the Fire Safety Program at BHS, all onsite Career Technical Educators shall be BEA members.

### **B. Assignments**

1. The Superintendent has the statutory authority to direct and assign teachers and other employees of the schools under his/her supervision.
2. Assignments with regard to building and grade in preschool, elementary school, and building and subject area in high school/middle school, of all teachers remaining under contract will be issued to the teacher in writing prior to the end of the school year. Only unforeseen circumstances shall necessitate some reassignment at a later date.

### **C. Transfers and Reduction in Force**

#### **1. Voluntary Transfers**

- a. Any teacher desiring a transfer may file a Transfer Request for the following year.
- b. Teachers may submit Transfer Requests for a specific position or may make a general request indicating their personal desires.
- c. As vacancies for the new school year are being filled, all Transfer Requests on file will be considered before new employees are assigned.
- d. A Transfer Request will be considered valid until the opening of the new school year, unless the teacher requests its cancellation at an earlier date.
- e. Before a new school year begins, a written notice shall be sent by the personnel office to all unsuccessful applicants for transfer.
- f. Transfer Request forms will be available in each building.
- g. All vacancies shall be posted for six (6) school days in each building's main office bulletin board before applicants for the position are considered. From the last day of school through the last day of July, notices of vacancies shall be posted on the district's email and website. Between August 1 and the first day of classes, oral and written notification of all vacancies shall be given to the Association President.

#### **2. Involuntary Transfers**

An involuntary transfer shall be initiated by a conference between the Superintendent, or his/her designee, and the affected teacher. Written notice shall be given to the teacher as soon as practicable and, under normal circumstances, not later than the end of the school year. An involuntary transfer will have a rational basis.

3. Reduction in Force

- a. If the Board suspends teaching contracts pursuant to O.R.C. §3319.17 or for financial reasons solely determined by the Board, seniority shall be determined by length of continuous service in the Barberton City School District. Continuous service shall not be broken by authorized leaves of absence, but will be broken by a resignation or any other termination (excluding suspensions) of employment.
- b. Retention of bargaining unit members and recall of eligible teachers whose contracts have been suspended pursuant to a reduction in force will not be based upon seniority, except in circumstances when choosing between teachers with comparable evaluations. The application of the term "comparable" as applied to teacher evaluations shall occur in accordance with the Board adopted, standards-based teacher evaluation policy defining that term.
- c. For 2014 -15, all teachers' evaluations are deemed comparable.
- d. For the transition period beginning on June 30, 2015, comparable shall be defined in relation to the teacher's effectiveness rating as determined by the OTES teacher performance rubric as aligned with the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession and the student growth component will not be used as a determinant in making evaluation comparisons for reductions in force. For this period, all ratings above "Ineffective" will be considered comparable. Thereafter, unless the parties agree otherwise, comparability will be determined in relation to the effectiveness ratings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.111 and 3319.12.
- e. Beginning with the 2016 - 17 school year, teachers ranked "Skilled and Developing" on their final summative rating will be deemed comparable for any reduction in force. Prior to initiation of successor contract negotiations, the Evaluation Review Committee will make a recommendation to the parties on the issue of comparability for purposes of reduction in force.
- f. When the position(s) to be eliminated or reduced in part to accomplish RIF has been determined, the following order shall be followed to determine the order of reducing the number of bargaining unit employees:  
  
If reductions are necessary, limited contract teachers shall first be reduced in the affected teaching fields (certification/licensure) utilizing the following order:
  - 1) Comparable evaluations.
  - 2) When evaluations are comparable, seniority in the District shall prevail, with the contract of the least senior limited contract teacher in the affected teaching field the first to be suspended.
- g. All BEA Members currently on a Reduction in Force shall retain the rights guaranteed under the Collective Bargaining Agreement in affect at the time of their reduction.
- h. Teachers whose contracts are suspended shall forthwith be placed on a Recall List, a copy of which shall be given to the BEA President. No new teachers shall be employed by the Board while there are teachers on the Recall List who are certified/licensed for the particular position the Board intends to fill.

- i. A teacher whose name appears on the Recall List shall be offered reemployment when a position becomes available for which he/she is certificated/licensed. Appropriately teachers shall be returned to active employment in reverse order of reduction based on licensure and comparable evaluations as described in subsections c and d above. In all cases, continuing contract teachers, if any shall have preference over limited contract teachers. The following shall apply:
  - 1) The Board shall recall the teacher to active employment by giving written notice by registered mail to the teacher. It shall be the responsibility of each teacher to notify the Board of any change of address. The teacher's address, as it appears on the Board's records, shall be conclusive when used in connection with an offer of re-employment.
  - 2) If a teacher does not accept re-employment in writing, postmarked within fifteen (15) days from the day said notice was delivered unless an extension is granted in writing by the Superintendent, said teacher shall be considered to have rejected the recall and shall be permanently removed from the Recall List.
  - 3) Each teacher shall remain on the Recall list for twenty-seven (27) months from the teacher's last day of active service, unless the teacher fails to accept recall or waives his/her recall rights in writing.
  - 4) A teacher who is recalled shall be credited with the sick leave accumulation and years of service for salary schedule placement that the teacher had at the time of contract suspension, plus any additional sick leave or service earned in the interim by teaching in any other Ohio district.
- j. Tutors whose contracts have been suspended due to reduction in force shall be placed on a seniority list for their respective classification only and the current negotiated reduction in force procedures shall be applied.
- k. All tutors including those on the recall list, shall be notified of teaching vacancies, including vacancies which occur during summer months when school is not in session, for which they have a valid teaching certificate/license on file. Those on the recall list who apply for said vacancies shall be granted an interview for the vacant position.
- l. In the first week of February, the Administration will post in each school building a Seniority List, a copy to be provided to the BEA President, of staff members with continuing and limited contracts. The Seniority List will identify years of service, the date the teacher was hired by official action of the Board, certification(s)/license(s) currently on file, current assignment, and system wide seniority.
- m. Within ten (10) school days of the posting date of the Seniority List, any corrections to the Seniority List by staff members will be given to the Personnel Office, and a copy of the same will be provided to the BEA President. A final corrected Seniority List will be posted during the last week of February. Thereafter, teachers shall be eligible for retention in a reduction in force only in those teaching areas for which the teacher has previously filed a valid teaching certificate/license with the personnel office.



D. Application for Administrative or Supervisory Positions

1. All teachers who possess the proper licensure for administrative or supervisory positions may file a letter of application for such positions with the Superintendent.
2. A teacher who will hold the proper licensure for such positions by the opening of a new school year may file a letter of application.
3. All letters of application will be considered valid until the opening of the school year following the date of filing of the application.
4. Any administrative or supervisory vacancy which does not require special licensure shall be posted for six (6) workdays before applicants for the position are considered.

E. Issuance of Contracts

1. Written contracts will be issued to all certificated/licensed personnel no later than the last day of the school year. Tutors shall be employed under a regular teacher's contract in accordance with O.R.C. §3319.11.
2. Continuing contracts shall be issued in accordance with O.R.C. §3319.11.

F. Certification/Licensure

Any person employed as a teacher must hold the appropriate certificate/license issued by the Ohio State Department of Education. The Board Treasurer cannot legally issue a check for the performance of duties until this certificate is placed on file with the Superintendent, unless the certificate/license is being processed. The Treasurer may then issue checks for a period not in excess of sixty (60) days.

G. Non-Renewal of Limited Contracts

Non-renewal of limited contracts shall only occur pursuant to O.R.C. §3319.11. Any challenge to the non-renewal of an employee's limited contract shall also be in accordance with O.R.C. §3319.11, and said employees shall have no right to pursue a non-renewal appeal or a challenge to the teacher evaluation procedure (Article XII) related to a non-renewal under Article XI — Grievance Procedure.

H. Application for Supplemental Contract Positions

Vacancies for supplemental positions will be filled in accordance with the posting and bid procedures in Article VII, Section (C)(1)(g). Supplemental positions shall only be offered to persons who are not members of the bargaining unit in accordance with O.R.C. §3313.53.

I. Senate Bill 2 ("Master Teacher" or Equivalent)

1. The Board and the Association agree to establish a Master Teacher Committee for the purpose of establishing procedures whereby bargaining unit members may become and/or maintain the designation of Master Teacher according to the standards set forth by the State of Ohio.
2. Bargaining unit members serving on the committee shall receive a stipend of the BA-0 hourly rate or be granted release time.
3. A stipend one hundred-fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be granted to teachers who achieve Master Teacher Status.

J. Student Wellness Behavioral and Mental Health Provider

1. The student services performed by the Student Wellness Behavioral & Mental Health Provider Service shall not be services or duties that can be or are performed by the BEA bargaining unit.
2. The student services provided by the Student Wellness Behavioral & Mental Health Provider Service or any similar agency shall not cause a Reduction in Force of the BEA bargaining unit as defined in Article VII(C)(3).

**ARTICLE VIII — COMPENSATION**

A. Pay Periods

1. All personnel of the Barberton City Schools will receive their annual salary in twenty-four (24) bi-monthly pay periods. *Contingent upon the acceptance of a bi-monthly (24) pay schedule by AFSMCE & OAPSE bargaining.*

Supplemental Agreements under 5% will be paid in one lump sum or in thirds, per the choice of the MBU, pursuant to the schedule below. This arrangement is contingent upon the acceptance of a bi-monthly (24) pay schedule by *AFSMCE and OAPSE*.

Schedule

2<sup>nd</sup> pay in November.

2<sup>nd</sup> pay in March

1<sup>st</sup> pay in June.

2. All paychecks shall only be issued by direct deposit of pay to the bank of the employee's choice and pay stubs will be noticed via employee's district and/or personal email.

B. Deductions and Agency Shop Provision

1. Ohio State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

The amount of contribution shall be established by the State Retirement Board, except that during the term of this Agreement only, the parties agree that if the legislature should increase the teachers' contribution to STRS and decrease the Board's contribution to STRS, the employee shall receive that percentage increase over his/her current compensation. At the end of this Agreement, the employee's contribution and the Board's contribution shall be according to law.

2. STRS Tax Deferred Pick-Up

- a. The Treasurer of the Board shall contribute to STRS, in addition to the Board's required employer contribution, an amount equal to each employee's contribution in lieu of payment to such employee. The amount contributed by the Board on behalf of the employee shall be treated as a mandatory salary reduction from the contract salary otherwise payable to such certified employee.

- b. The total annual salary for each employee shall be the salary otherwise payable under their contract. The total annual salary shall be payable by the Board in two (2) parts: (1) deferred salary, and (2) cash salary. An employee's deferred salary shall be equal to that percentage of said employee's total annual salary which is required by STRS to be paid as an employee contribution by said employee and shall be paid by the Board to STRS on behalf of said employee as a "pick-up" of the STRS employee contribution otherwise payable by the employee. An employee's cash salary shall be equal to said employee's total annual salary less the amount of the "pick-up" for said employee and shall be payable, subject to applicable payroll deductions, to said employee.
- c. The Board's total combined expenditures for employees' total annual salaries otherwise payable under their contracts (including "pick-up" amounts) and its employer contributions to STRS shall not be greater than the amounts it would have paid for those items had this provision not been in effect.
- d. The Board shall compute and remit its employer contributions to STRS based upon the total annual salary, including the "pick-up." The Board shall report for federal and Ohio income tax purposes as an employee's gross income said employee's total annual salary less the amount of the "pick-up." The Board shall report for municipal income tax purposes as an employee's gross income said employee's total salary, including the amount of the "pick-up." The Board shall compute income tax withholding based upon gross income as reported to the respective tax authorities.
- e. The "pick-up" shall be included in the employee's total annual salary for the purpose of computing daily rate of pay, for determining salary adjustments to be made due to absence, or for any other similar purpose.
- f. The "pick-up" shall be a uniform percent for all certified employees, and it shall apply to all payroll payments made after the effective date of this provision and shall not be at the individual employee's option.
- g. This provision shall be effective and the "pick-up" shall apply to all payroll payments made after January 1, 1987.
- h. The current taxation or deferred taxation of the "pick-up" is determined solely by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and compliance with this section does not guarantee that the tax on the "pick-up" will be deferred. If the IRS or other governmental entity declares the "pick-up" not to be tax deferred, this section shall be null and void and the STRS contribution procedure in place prior to the effective date of this provision shall be in effect.
- i. In the event that Article VIII, Section B.1. is implemented, the percentage allocated to compensation shall be treated as taxable income.

3. Federal, State, and City Income Tax

The mandated deductions shall be divided equally over their designated pay periods.

4. United Way Pledges

All employees may have United Way pledges deducted from their checks.

5. U.S. Savings Bonds

Upon written request, the Board grants employees the privilege of having U.S. Savings Bond deductions made from their paychecks. These deductions may be made monthly or from each pay. The deadline for requesting savings bond deductions will be Friday of the second week of school. Bonds will be purchased beginning in October.

6. Credit Union Deductions

Upon written request, the Board grants employees the privilege of having deposits to the Summit Schools Federal Credit Union or Integrity Credit Union deducted from their paychecks. Written requests for such deductions must be made, and will be implemented as soon as possible, but at no time later than thirty (30) days. Changes in such deductions can be made at any time.

7. Authorized Payroll Deductions

Employees hired at any time other than the beginning of the school year may request authorized payroll deductions within the first thirty (30) days of their employment in accordance with item 6. above.

8. Income Protection Plan Deductions

All certificated personnel may have income protection plan deductions taken from their checks from a Board specified carrier.

9. Association Dues Deduction and Agency Shop Provision

- a. In recognition of the BEA's service to the bargaining unit, all members of the bargaining unit shall either be members of the BEA or share in the BEA's costs of collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustments by paying to the BEA a service fee.
- b. The amount of the service fee and an explanation of the basis on which the fee is calculated shall be certified to the Board by the BEA Treasurer. Deduction of the fee shall be from the paycheck of each member of the bargaining unit designated by the BEA Treasurer on the third Friday of September of each school year. Deductions shall be taken from the first twenty (20) consecutive paychecks commencing with the first paycheck in October of each school year, shall be automatic, and shall not require written authorization.
- c. The BEA hereby agrees to indemnify the Board and hold it harmless from any and all charges, complaints, claims, lawsuits and judgments, and other forms of liability which arise out of the payroll deduction of BEA dues and fees.
- d. The Treasurer is authorized to make payroll deductions for the BEA, the Northeastern Ohio Education Association, the Ohio Education Association, and the National Education Association for all certificated employees desiring such deductions. The Treasurer will send a monthly check for the amount of deductions to the BEA Treasurer. All dues and service fees deductions shall be made from twenty (20) consecutive paychecks commencing with the first paycheck in October of each school year.

10. Tax-Sheltered Annuities

- a. Bargaining unit members may participate in a tax-sheltered annuity program.
- b. Bargaining unit members may initiate annuity deductions, may change annuity companies, or may change the amount of their payroll deductions with reasonable notice to the Treasurer in the open window periods noted in paragraph C below.
- c. Annuity deductions shall be mailed by the Treasurer to the designated agency within seven (7) days from the date of the payroll or immediately when the invoice is received, whichever is later.

11. EPAC or Fund for Children and Public Education deductions will be administered in accordance with Ohio law.

C. Request for Summer Pay

1. Any request for accumulated pay in advance for the summer must be submitted to the Superintendent no later than May 1. Such request will be submitted to the Board for consideration.
2. Teachers who are not re-employed for the following year do not have to file a request for advance summer pay.

D. School Work Year

1. Exclusive of supplemental contracts, the maximum number of workdays required of full-time members of the bargaining unit shall be one hundred eighty-five (185). NEOEA Day shall not constitute one (1) of the one hundred eighty-five (185) days.
2. The school work year for tutors shall be as needed but shall not be less than one hundred seventy-five (175) days.
3. In addition, the Association and the Board agree that there can be up to two (2) waiver days each school year scheduled at the discretion of the Board. The Association's execution of the waiver day form shall not be unreasonably withheld.

E. Teachers' Salaries Shall Be Based Upon:

1. Degree held or number of years of training.
2. Years of experience.
3. Any member of the bargaining unit who becomes eligible for horizontal movement on the salary schedule shall be placed in the new column at the beginning of the next school year, provided that all academic work qualifying the member for such movement has been completed before the start of the next school year, and that all required verification has been submitted to the personnel office no later than September 15; in the event a member becomes eligible for horizontal movement during the first semester of a school year, the member shall be placed in the new column at the beginning date of the second semester of that school year, provided that all academic work qualifying the member for such movement has been completed by such date, and all required verification has been submitted to the personnel office no later than February 1.

4. Lateral movement on the salary schedule shall occur only for coursework which is directly relevant to the subject area of certification/licensure or the field of education. Such coursework must be offered by an accredited college or university.

F. Initial Position on Salary Schedule

The initial salary of a teacher shall be the minimum on the schedule for which the teacher is qualified, as set forth below:

1. One (1) year of credit shall be given for each year of teaching experience in public schools, up to and including five (5) years; and may be given for each year of teaching in public schools, up to and including ten (10) years.
2. One (1) year of credit shall be given for each year of military service and for each year of teaching experience in Ohio chartered non-public schools, up to and including five (5) years.
3. Total allowance of credit for teaching experience (excluding tutor experience) and military service, granted at the option of the Board, shall not exceed ten (10) years on the District's salary schedule, unless the Board, at its discretion, grants additional years' credits.

4. Career Technical Education (CTE) Positions on the Salary Schedule.

- a. Career Technical Education teachers with ten (10) or more years of industry experience shall be placed on the payscale with pay equivalent to MA in addition to years of experience.

5. Tutors Initial Position on the Salary Schedule

- b. Persons with work experience as a tutor who are employed as a regular classroom teacher shall be placed on the teachers' salary schedule in accordance with the following:
  - 1) Persons employed as a teacher on or after July 1, 1997, whose prior tutoring experience was in another school district shall not receive credit on the teachers' salary schedule for this experience.
- c. Persons with prior tutor experience who were employed as a regular classroom teacher prior to July 1, 1997, shall not be affected by paragraph (4)(a) above and the clause "excluding tutor experience" appearing in paragraphs 1. and 3. above shall not apply to such persons.
- d. All tutors shall receive a written notice for each school year prior to the first workday specifying their initial work site, number of days to be worked, number of hours to be worked, and rate of compensation.
- e. Persons employed as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year and after shall receive credit on the teacher's salary schedule for their tutor experience with the Barberton City School District if said experience exceeds one year. No one may receive credit for more than five years tutor experience with the Barberton School District.

G. Teachers' Salary and Salary Index\*

1. The teachers' salary index schedule appears in Appendix A of the Current Agreement.
2. The BA-0 base salary shall be forty-three thousand, five hundred thirty-one dollars (\$43,531) for the 2024-25 school year; forty-four thousand, eight hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$44,837) for the 2025-26 school year; forty-six thousand, one hundred eighty-two dollars (\$46,182) for the 2026-27 school year. ( 3%; 3%; 3%).

H. Counselors' Salary Program

There shall be no subcontracting of counselor positions.

3. High School Counselor(s) Teachers' Schedule x 1.147 (Work Year: 202 days)  
Middle School Counselor(s) Teachers' Schedule x 1.147 (Work Year: 202 days)
4. All High School and Middle School Counselors and Assistant Counselors shall work an additional forty-five (45) minutes per day beyond the regular duty hours for a classroom teacher. (Refer to Article VI (A) Duty Hours.) The Principal and the Counselor will determine the specific hours of duty.
5. All full-time elementary school counselors shall work a normal school day and will be in attendance during regular school hours.

I. Specialists' Salary Program

**Specialists' Salary Program**

1.	Middle School & Elementary Instrumental Music Instructors	Teachers' Salary + 10% of BA-0 Base Salary (Work Year: 207 Days)
2.	Assistant Band Director (3@8%) Assistant to Marching, Pep & Concert Band	24% of BA-0 Base Salary
3.	Band Director (Marching, Pep & Concert Band, and Assist with Middle School Concert Band)	20% of BA-0 Salary
4.	Vocal Music Department Head	4.5% of BA-0 Base Salary
5.	Instrumental Music Department Head	4.5% of BA-0 Salary
6.	Band Camp/Extended Summer Time	8% of BA-0 Salary
7.	Vocal High School Music	10% of BA-0 Base Salary
	Vocal Middle School Music	2% of BA-0 Base Salary
8.	Destination Imagination District Coordinator (1)	10% of BA-0 Base Salary
9.	Elementary Music Instructors	2% of BA-0 Base Salary
10.	Destination Imagination Coordinator's Assistant (1)	7.5% of BA-0 Base Salary
11.	Destination Imagination Coach (3)	3% of BA-0 Base Salary
12.	Head Nurse	8% of BA-0 Base Salary
13.	Website Coordinator	12% Of BA-0 Salary

J. Extended Time Compensation

1. Career Technical Education Home Economics Extended Time will be compensated at the rate of two percent (2%) of the employee's salary for each assigned week. The number of weeks assigned is determined by foundation units.
2. Any certificated/licensed employee who is granted a supplemental contract to work beyond the normal one hundred eighty-five (185) day school year shall be compensated at the same rate in effect for summer school for all hours worked.
3. Days worked after the official last day of a school year shall be compensated on the basis of the salary schedule in effect during the fiscal year in which the work is performed with the exception of tutors who perform staff development work that applies to the workday requirement for the following school year. For this work, such tutors will be paid at the rate in effect for the school year to which the staff development days apply.



K. Hourly Position Compensation

The hourly rate for summer school, success school, home instruction (all of which shall be calculated at the base hourly rate), and tutors shall be as follows:

1. Summer School Compensation:

2024-2025	\$29.52
2025-2026	\$30.41
2026-2027	\$31.32

2. Home Instruction Compensation:

2024-2025	\$29.75
2025-2026	\$30.64
2026-2027	\$31.56

3. Tutor's Hourly Rate Schedule:

Experience:	Index	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
0	1.00	30.42	31.33	32.27
1	1.0560	32.12	33.09	34.08
2	1.1120	33.83	34.84	35.89
3	1.2100	36.81	37.91	39.05
4	1.3080	39.79	40.98	42.21

L. Compensation Schedule for High School and Middle School Additional Duty

Teachers who are assigned to the extra duties listed in Appendix E of this Agreement will be paid at the stated percentage of the BA-0 Salary Schedule.

M. Hold Harmless Clause

The parties will agree to contract language, prior to signatures, that will hold the BEA bargaining unit members harmless in the event that legislation is enacted impacting the employer/employee contribution rates for STRS.

N. On one of the teacher meeting days, at the beginning of the school year, a committee will be convened, consisting of the Elementary Principal from both buildings and one BEA member from each grade level of each building to discuss the elementary supplementals and distribution of funds.

1. A committee of teachers in each elementary building appointed by the BEA shall meet with the Principal to determine those extra duties for which compensation will be allowed. The committee, including the Faculty Advisory Committee will also recommend the salary for these positions.

2. These positions will be posted in the building and assigned by the building Principal.

3. These positions shall be reviewed annually in each school by the committee of teachers and the Faculty Advisory Committee to determine if the activity should be continued for another school year.

O. Compensation Schedule for Athletic Assignments

Teachers who are assigned to the extra duties listed in Appendix E of this Agreement will be paid at the stated percentage of the BA-0 Salary Schedule.

P. Reimbursement for In-District Travel

1. Members of the bargaining unit whose duties require them to be regularly in two (2) or more buildings on a given day, or whose responsibilities require them to visit the homes of children, or who travel in conjunction with their duties in vocational programs, shall receive mileage reimbursement. The rate of reimbursement shall be at the standard mileage allowance prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) In no event will the rate of reimbursement under this section be less than the rate applicable to any non-bargaining unit employee.
2. All mileage reimbursement shall be requested by the employee no later than two (2) weeks following the completion of the academic quarter for quarters 1, 3 & 4 of the academic calendar year. Quarter 2 mileage reimbursement shall be due two (2) weeks after return from the winter holiday break. Should a position require work over the summer that requires intra district travel, all mileage will be due two (2) weeks after returning to school for the next school year.

Q. Severance Pay

1. Any certificated employee of the Board, upon retirement from active service under provisions of the appropriate State Employees Retirement System or upon the death of an employee, shall receive severance pay equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of his/her accumulated sick leave days, up to a maximum limit of seventy (70) days.
2. This payment is to be made upon the evidence of approval of retirement benefits by the appropriate State Employees Retirement System; provided, however, that the retirement be effective within ninety (90) days of last day of active service.
3. The Board agrees to implement a deferral of severance pay tax shelter plan pursuant to IRS law effective January 1, 2007.

R. Sick Leave Bonus

1. MBU's who have used no sick leave during a semester shall receive a Three Hundred Dollar (\$300.00) bonus. MBU's who have used no sick leave during the first semester of the school year shall be paid their bonus by the first pay date in February of that school year. MBU's who have used no sick leave during the second semester of the school year shall be paid their bonus by the first pay date in July following the conclusion of the school year.
2. MBU's who have used one-half (1/2) to three (3) sick days during a semester shall receive a One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) bonus. MBU's who have used one-half (1/2) to three (3) sick days during the first semester of the school year shall be paid their bonus by the first pay date in February of that school year. MBU's who have used one-half (1/2) to three (3) sick days during the second semester of the school year shall be paid their bonus by the first pay date in July following conclusion.

S. Intervention Specialist Tutors Supplemental

All Intervention Specialist Tutors assigned to write and maintain ten (10) or more IEPs, in addition to their hourly rate of pay, shall receive a prorated stipend of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) which shall be adjusted at the end of each quarter based on assigned IEP numbers.

**ARTICLE IX — EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN**

A. Comprehensive Major Medical Plan and General Provisions

1. All positions requiring certificated personnel shall be classified, for insurance purposes, as follows:
  - a. Full-time position: A position requiring more than fifteen (15) hours per week for a minimum of thirty-five (35) weeks per year.
  - b. Part-time position: A position requiring fifteen (15) hours per week or less for a minimum of thirty-five (35) weeks per year.
2. All certificated employees classified as having full-time positions shall be given a comprehensive major medical plan (Appendix F) as provided by the Board, and will pay:

School Year:	Single per Month:	Family per Month:
2024-2025	13.25%/month	13.25%/month
2025-2026	13.5%/month	13.5%/month
2026-2027	13.75%/month	13.75%/month

The employees classified as having full-time positions will be covered under the life insurance program provided by the Board. Under a comprehensive insurance plan, all expenses shall be subject to the deductible and coinsurance standards.

Should the Board and union agree to any material plan modifications in the middle of a plan year, the reasonable and appropriate premium result as determined by the SRHCC (Summit Regional Health Care Consortium) shall be applied. Any premium sharing paid by employees will be adjusted as of the effective date of the premium change.

3. Plan benefits for a certificated employee whose spouse is also a certificated employee may choose one family plan or two single plans.
4. All certificated employees classified as having part-time positions shall receive single comprehensive major medical plan, and dental coverage, as provided by the Board. All employees classified as having part-time positions will be covered under the life insurance program provided by the Board.
5. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to notify the personnel office, in writing, of any change in dependency status.
6. A new employee will be eligible for the insurance program on the first day of the next month from the date of his/her employment before inclusion under the insurance programs provided by the Board.
7. Upon termination of employment from the Board, the employee shall also be terminated from insurance programs. All employees have the option to convert to an individual policy through COBRA coverage, if eligible.

8. The Board will not accept any premiums for all collateral dependents. Part-time employees who have been granted single coverage will not be permitted to pay premiums for their dependents.
9. Certificated/licensed employees covered by the insurance programs will have Board-paid coverage for the contract year. (A contract year is twelve (12) months.) Resignations will end August 31. Retirements will end at the end of the last month worked.
10. When leaves of absence are granted to certificated/licensed employees for illness or disability, insurance benefits will be available according to FMLA (12 weeks per year) and COBRA (18 36 months per the applicable law).
11. When leaves of absence are granted to certificated/licensed employees for education or professional purposes or for maternity reasons, the employee on leave will be granted permission to make payments to the Board for his/her coverage. Payments must be made prior to the first of every month.
12. When leaves of absence are granted to certificated employees for enlistment or recall to duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, insurance premiums will not be paid by the Board, nor will the Board grant permission to the employee to make premium payments.
13. The BEA President, or his/her designee, shall be entitled to inspect the insurance policies applicable to members of the bargaining unit. Such policy, or any portion of any such policy, will be made available upon request to the BEA. The Board may change carrier(s) for any insurance program, provided coverage and services are not reduced. The BEA will receive thirty (30) days advance notice of any proposed change in carrier(s).
14. Additional Surgical Opinion Benefits  
Additional surgical opinions are covered the same as any other physician visit.
15. Pre-Admission Certification and Limitations Applicable to Hospital Expense Benefits
  - a. Penalties for failure to obtain pre-authorization for network services that are deemed not medically necessary are the financial responsibility of the provider. This includes weekend admissions, non-emergency admissions, and additional services requested. Pre-authorization is done by the provider.
  - b. Financial penalties for failure to obtain pre-authorization for non-network services that are deemed not medically necessary are the financial responsibility of the member.
16. Tutors who are regularly scheduled to work fifteen (15) or more hours per week for thirty-five (35) weeks shall be entitled to single hospitalization coverage as prescribed in Article IX(A) of the BEA Master Agreement.

17. Coordination of Spousal Benefits

Where a spouse is able to obtain health insurance coverage through an employer, the spouse will be required to obtain coverage through his/her employer unless the spouse must pay more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month for available coverage. The spouse's plan will be treated as the primary plan for the spouse, and the District's plan will be then secondary for the spouse.

18. See Appendix F for a schedule of hospitalization plan benefits.

Note: The vision benefit shall remain the same as currently in effect.

B. Life Insurance

The Board will provide term life insurance in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) with an accidental death and dismemberment benefit to each teacher covered by this Master Agreement. (Refer to Section A for limitations on life insurance.)

C. Workers' Compensation

The Board contributes annually to the State Workers' Compensation Fund. Teachers are eligible for benefits as defined in O.R.C. §4123.54.

D. Dental Insurance

1. The Board shall provide dental insurance with coverage in accordance with Article IX (A)(4) and the schedule which appears in Appendix F of this Agreement.
2. The premium contribution for employees on single and family coverage participating in the dental insurance plan shall match the employees' health insurance percentage.

E. IRS Section 125 Plan

The Board shall establish and institute, at no cost to the employee, an IRS Section 125 Plan for all interested bargaining unit members. The Plan will enable employees to tax shelter out-of-pocket insurance premiums, medical, child care and other qualifying expenses. Participation forms shall be supplied by the provider.

**ARTICLE X — ABSENCE AND SICK LEAVE**

A. Accumulative Sick Leave

1. Availability of Sick Leave Allowance

- a. Pursuant to §3319.141 of the Ohio Revised Code, all full-time teachers and tutors shall accrue sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) days per month for each year under contract. Part-time employees shall accrue sick leave on a pro rata basis based upon a thirty six and one-fourth ( $36\frac{1}{4}$ ) hour week. A teacher completing a full school year will earn a total of fifteen (15) days of sick leave. Sick leave accumulation shall be unlimited.

- b. Each new full-time teacher shall be granted five (5) days sick leave effective the first day of the school year. These five (5) days shall be part of the total number of accumulated days to which the employee shall be entitled for the first year of employment. An additional five (5) days sick leave may be granted for new employees at the discretion of the Superintendent.

2. Termination of Employment and Sick Leave

- a. A teacher who leaves the employ of the Board shall retain his/her accumulated sick leave for ten (10) years from the date of termination of his/her last contract.
- b. A teacher re-employed by the Board who, since leaving the employ of the Board, has been employed by other boards of education or by State, county, or municipal governments of Ohio, shall receive full credit for sick leave accumulated both in the prior employ of the Board and in the employ of the other agencies listed above as shown in the records of the employing organization, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code; however, such credit for sick leave shall not exceed the maximum number of days of sick leave granted by the Board to its teachers.
- c. Any teacher being employed by the Board who has been in the service of another board of education or State, county, or municipal government of Ohio, shall receive full credit for sick leave accumulated in this previous service as shown in the records of the last employing organization, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code; however, such credit for sick leave accumulation shall not exceed the maximum number of days of sick leave granted by the Board to its teachers.

3. Limitations and Requirements for Sick Leave Allowance

- a. No salary payment for days of absence under sick leave provisions shall be made to any teacher, except as provided in subsequent paragraphs.
- b. Teachers may use sick leave for absence due to personal illness; injury; exposure to a contagious disease which could be communicated to others; pregnancy; and illness in the teacher's immediate family. (Immediate family includes: parents, husband, wife, children, brother, or sister living in the employee's home.) Up to three (3) days of sick leave may be taken in such illness outside the home, or in the case of illness of other dependents living in the same house, or grandparents, grandchildren, and in-laws bearing the preceding relationships. Permission of the Superintendent or his/her delegated representative must be secured before additional sick leave is approved. Should an illness or emergency occur at a time when it is not possible to reach the Personnel Office, teachers are expected to notify the Personnel Office on the first workday, during regular hours, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily, after such illness or emergency occurs. A one-half (½) day of sick leave use is defined as an absence for a period less than three (3) hours and forty-six (46) minutes.
- c. Employees may use accumulated and unused sick leave for absence due to death in the immediate family, which for this purpose shall include: grandparents, parents, spouse, child, grandchild, brother, sister, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, and, in addition, such other persons who, by relationship to such employee, shall be determined by the Superintendent to be members of the employee's immediate family.

- d. For an absence resulting from the aforementioned causes chargeable to sick leave, the prescribed form (see Appendix G) of the Board must be completed, regardless of the duration of the absence. If medical attention was required by the teacher, the employee's statement on the prescribed form shall list the name and address of the attending physician and the dates when he/she was consulted. This form shall accompany the payroll report which is signed and submitted by the building Principal.
- e. For any absence over three (3) consecutive days, employee must provide a signed slip from attending physician, medical facility or District approved tele medic system.
- f. Demonstrated patterns of sick leave abuse shall also be grounds for disciplinary action.

**B. Personal Leave**

Subject to the conditions listed below, each teacher shall be entitled to three (3) days of personal leave per school year without stating the reason therefore. All personal leave is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. A request for personal leave shall be submitted at least three (3) days prior to the date requested, except in emergencies, on the form shown in Appendix K.
- 2. No more than twelve (12) teachers may take personal leave on any day and not more than four (4) MBU's at the high school, three (3) MBU's at the primary, intermediate, and middle schools and two (2) MBU's at the preschool.
- 3. Personal leave may not be taken for BEA-related activities.
- 4. Personal leave may not be taken on the day before or the day after a non-work weekday or vacation, during the first and last week of school, or for reason g. below, without the approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- 5. Personal leave may not be accumulated from year to year.
- 6. One (1) additional day of personal leave day will be granted for the observance of religious holidays where total abstinence from work is required by the employee's faith, or other reasons approved by the Superintendent. Requests for said additional day may occur at any time in the school year regardless of prior personal leave usage. Teachers must apply for this leave at least seven (7) days in advance and said letter of application must state the specific reason for the leave. The fourth day and any future restricted days must comply with the following restrictions:
  - a. Personal leave may not be used for vocational or recreational reasons.
  - b. The observance of religious holidays where total abstinence from work is required by the employee's faith.
  - c. Response to a subpoena from a court or other legal authority; or a court appearance as a party to the litigation.
  - d. Attendance at graduation exercises for the employee or his/her spouse, child, or grandchildren.
  - e. Road conditions which render it impossible, despite the exercise of all reasonable effort and precaution, to report for work.
  - f. Attendance at the funeral of a close friend or relative not specified under a sick leave listing.

- g. Marriage of an employee or his/her son, daughter, or grandchildren.
  - h. Personal business responsibilities which cannot be discharged outside of normal school hours.
  - i. Attendance at events in which an employee's presence is required or expected.
7. Teachers will have the choice of being reimbursed for any unused personal leave at a stipend of a minimum of One Hundred Dollars (\$120.00) or the substitute rate, whichever is greater, or rolling unused Personal Leave into Sick Leave. BEA members must notify payroll by June 1<sup>st</sup> if he or she intends to roll over unused personal leave into sick days via Google Forms. Payment on Sick Leave shall be paid by the second paycheck in July for the previous school year. Failure to notify payroll by June 1<sup>st</sup> will result in unused personal leave being paid out.

## C. School Business

### 1. Procedures to Regulate Attendance at Professional Meetings

Teachers are encouraged to attend professional meetings, do extended travel, publish professional papers, do civic work, and perform research and experimentation that contribute to the educational program. In order to regulate attendance at professional meetings, a written request shall be submitted to the Principal for approval before being forwarded to the Superintendent/Designee. The Superintendent/Designee shall have the authority to grant such requests without loss of pay, with loss of pay equivalent to the wages paid a substitute teacher, or with full loss of pay. All absences of such nature must be classified before the teacher leaves to attend such meeting.

### Attendance of Certificated/Licensed Personnel to Conferences, Workshops and Conventions

- a. It shall be the policy of the Board to encourage attendance of personnel at various meetings. The Superintendent/Designee shall use his/her discretion in approving or rejecting requests for attendance at such meetings. The BEA President may examine such requests and the Superintendent's/Designee's decisions thereon. An attempt will be made by the Administration to rotate attendance of personnel so that all classes of certificated classifications shall have the opportunity to participate in this type of in service program.
- b. The BEA, as the sole and exclusive representative of teaching personnel, shall be entitled to send representatives to the various professional conferences and conventions sponsored by OEA, NEOEA, NEA, or departments thereof, or to other conferences or conventions of professional merit.
- c. Expenses of delegates to conferences dealing with the BEA and its allied organizations (OEA, PR&R Conferences, OEA Rep Assembly, etc.) will be paid by the BEA, except that the Board will provide a substitute teacher and allow the delegate to attend without loss of pay or accumulated sick leave. Expenses of delegates to conferences on instruction or curriculum will be paid entirely by the Board. Delegates must be members of the organization which is sponsoring the conference. Delegates shall attend with the approval of the Superintendent and the BEA President.



3. Conferences and Conventions

Any employee wishing to attend any conference, meeting, or convention may be absent for such purpose, not to exceed one (1) week for anyone (1) such conference, meeting, or convention, upon the approval of the Superintendent/Designee.

a. Upon the approval of the Superintendent, the employees may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending such meetings.

b. The Board will assume reasonable expenses, as outlined below:

1) Registration

The money involved here is dictated by the meeting itself.

2) Meals

Meals selected by school personnel should be in line with meals they would normally consume if they remained in the school District. Meals will be reimbursed at a reasonable amount per the Government Services Administration standards.

3) Transportation

(a) Mileage shall be reimbursed in accordance with Article VIII, section P, of this Master Agreement.

(b) Mileage from Barberton shall not exceed a radius of one thousand (1,000) miles for Board reimbursement.

(c) Mileage in excess of a radius of one thousand (1,000) miles shall be paid by the employee.

4) Lodging

Hotel room costs should approximate the cost of rooms in major hotel and motel chains in the vicinity of the conference.

D. Compulsory Leave

An employee who must be absent for jury duty or to satisfy a subpoena (in which the employee is held harmless and/or is not a party of) shall give written notice to the Superintendent in advance of such absence. The Board shall continue the employee's regular compensation for each day of compulsory leave. Evidence for use of this leave may be requested.

E. Unauthorized Absence

A salary deduction will be made for any unauthorized absence. The daily rate of pay shall be determined by the individual's contract salary divided by the number of days in his/her work year.

F. Notification in Case of Absence

1. If teachers are unable to report for work, they are required to notify the electronic system and their Building Principal. The employee should make every effort to report the absence no later than 90 minutes prior to start time on the day of the absence. In case of emergency, a report of the absence will be made, to the Building Principal, as soon as possible.
2. Unless a specific date has been given when a teacher expects to return to school at the time of reporting absence, it is the teacher's responsibility to notify the Administration the day before returning to school, in order that the Administration may notify the substitute that he/she will not be needed since the regular teacher and the substitute are not needed at the same time.
3. Under no circumstances are the teachers to make arrangements for the substitute or to call them stating when they are returning.

G. Leaves of Absence

1. Upon proper application and verification thereof, a contract teacher shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for personal illness or disability, as provided in O.R.C. §3319.13.
2. Upon proper application and approval thereof, a contract teacher may be granted a leave of absence without pay for educational or professional purposes.
3. Without a request, the Board may grant a leave of absence without pay, and renewals thereof, to any teacher because of physical or mental disability; but such teacher may have a hearing on such un-requested leave of absence, or its renewal, in accordance with O.R.C. §3319.16.

H. Leave for Maternity

1. The use of sick leave during pregnancy and disabilities attributable to childbirth or related medical conditions shall be governed by O.R.C. §3319.141 and applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws. The employee shall make a reasonable effort to give the Superintendent/Designee at least ten (10) days advance notice of the commencement of such leave.
2. An employee who gives birth shall be entitled to an unpaid child-rearing leave of absence upon cessation of leave under subsection 1 of this section. An employee whose spouse gives birth shall be entitled to an unpaid child-rearing leave of absence to commence between the date of birth of his child and sixty (60) days thereafter. To qualify, the employee shall give the Superintendent/Designee at least forty-five (45) days advance written notice of the commencement of such leave. Such written notice must specify the duration of the leave desired; and duration of the leave will not, thereafter, be shortened or extended except by mutual agreement. In no event shall leave exceed the remainder of the school year in which birth occurs plus the immediately following school year.
3. Termination of leave must coincide with the beginning either of a school year or of a semester. The Superintendent/Designee and the teacher(s) may terminate such leaves by mutual agreement at other times as required by the instructional needs of the district. Upon expiration of the leave, the employee shall be returned to full contract status.

4. An employee who adopts an infant child shall be entitled to ten (10) days of paid sick leave beginning from the time the child is in his/her home and may utilize an unpaid child-rearing leave of absence, in accordance with subsection 2 of this section. Written application for leave must be submitted to the Superintendent/Designee at least forty-five (45) days prior to attaining custody of the adopted child or immediately upon notice of when custody will take place, whichever occurs later.

I. Leave for Service in the Armed Forces

1. Leave Not to Exceed Thirty-One (31) Days

A teacher who is a member of the reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States shall, upon application, be granted a leave of absence for military service not to exceed thirty-one (31) days in one (1) calendar year, without loss of pay, as specified in O.R.C. §5923.05.

2. Extended Military Leave (Leave beyond thirty-one (31) days)

A teacher who leaves his/her teaching position to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined by O.R.C. §3319.14, shall be considered to be on special leave of absence, and he/she shall be entitled to return to the service of the Barberton City Schools under the terms of pertinent statutes. Upon such return, the teacher shall be returned to service in the school without loss of professional or financial status.

J. Leave of Absence for BEA President

1. At the request of the BEA, a half-time ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) leave of absence with full pay shall be granted to the BEA President during his/her term of office. The BEA shall reimburse the Board for the total cost of such leave, including the cost of fringe benefits and retirement.
2. The BEA President or designee(s) shall, after advance notification to the building Principal, be allowed to visit schools to investigate working conditions, special problems of teachers, or for other purposes related to BEA business. Teachers shall not be interrupted while in the classroom. In addition, the BEA President shall be given one period or forty-five (45) minutes per day to perform BEA duties, whichever is greater.

K. Duration and Return from Leave of Absence

1. A leave of absence shall be for a definite period, usually for the remainder of the current contract year, subject to renewal at the discretion of the Superintendent and the Board.
2. A teacher desiring reinstatement from a leave of absence shall notify the Superintendent prior to April 1 if he/she wishes to return to duty the following school year.
3. Upon the return to service of a teacher at the expiration of a leave of absence, he/she shall resume the contract status held prior to such leave.

L. Physical Examination

When an employee requests a leave for any reason or when, without request, the Board proposes to grant him/her a leave of absence on account of physical or mental disability, or upon his/her return from such leave, the Board retains the right to request an examination by physicians of its own choosing, at Board expense. The Board may request a physical examination for personnel returning from military service.

M. Sabbatical Leave

Unless otherwise mutually agreed, a member of the bargaining unit granted a leave of absence for professional improvement under §3319.131 of the Ohio Revised Code shall receive part pay during the period of leave. "Part pay" is defined as the difference between the employee's expected salary and the pay given the substitute employed in place of the employee during the leave. Unless the employee receiving leave has completed twenty-five (25) years of teaching in Ohio, the Board may require the employee to return to the district at the end of the leave for a period of at least one (1) school year.

**ARTICLE XI — GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

A. Definitions

1. "Grievance" means a claim that this Agreement has been violated, misinterpreted, or misapplied. Matters not arising under this Agreement shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.
2. "Grievant" means any person or group of persons filing a grievance.
3. Time limits may be extended only by written, mutual agreement. Failure to file a grievance or appeal a grievance to the next step of the procedure within the applicable time limit shall result in a waiver of the grievance. Failure to respond to a grievance within the applicable time limit shall result in automatic advancement of the grievance to the next level of the procedure. If a grievant is prohibited from complying with a time limit applicable to appealing a grievance disposition to the next level by personal or family illness or absence from school due to emergency personal business, the appeal period shall be extended for an additional two (2) school days.

B. Confidentiality

Grievance proceedings through Level Three of the grievance procedure shall be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate.

C. Informal Procedure

The grievant shall first discuss the grievance with his/her Principal. If desired, a BEA representative may be present.

D. Formal Procedure

1. Level One

If the grievant is not satisfied with the Principal's informal response, a formal grievance may be filed on their behalf by the Barberton Education Association in writing with the Principal. (See Appendix J for the Certified Employee Grievance Form.) The grievance must be filed within fifteen (15) school days of the incident giving rise to the grievance unless the grievant cannot reasonably be charged with knowledge of the incident, in which case the grievance must be filed within fifteen (15) school days of when such knowledge may reasonably be inferred. The

Principal shall, within three (3) school days render a written decision to the grievant, with copies to the BEA Representative, the BEA President, and the Superintendent.

2. Level Two

If the grievant is not satisfied with the Level One response, the grievance may be appealed to the Superintendent by the Barberton Education Association within five (5) school days. The Superintendent or designee shall, within ten (10) school days, meet with the grievant and representatives of the BEA. The Superintendent/designee shall, within ten (10) school days after this meeting, render a written decision, with reasons, to the grievant, with copies to the BEA Representative, the BEA President, and the Principal.

3. Level Three

If the grievant is not satisfied with the Level Two response, the grievance may be submitted by the BEA to arbitration, within twenty (20) school days. The submission shall be in writing, addressed to the American Arbitration Association (AAA) office in Cleveland, Ohio, with a copy to the Superintendent. Selection of an arbitrator and conduct of any arbitration hearing shall be in accordance with the alternate strike method. Either party has the right to request a second list. The arbitrator shall have no power to alter, add to, or subtract from any provision of this Agreement. The arbitrator's decision, unless contrary to law, shall be final and binding. The arbitrator's fee and expenses shall be shared equally by the Board and the BEA. The cost of the transcript, if any, shall be borne solely by the party requesting the transcript unless otherwise directed by the arbitrator, or unless both parties order a copy of the transcript, in which case, the cost shall be equally shared by the parties. If a grievance is processed to Level Three but withdrawn prior to arbitration, the arbitrator's cancellation fee, if any: (1) shall be shared equally by the Board and the BEA if the grievance is withdrawn as the result of a compromise settlement; (2) shall be borne solely by the BEA if the grievance is withdrawn by the BEA with no change in the Board's position; and (3) shall be borne solely by the Board if the grievance is withdrawn as the result of a decision by the Board and/or Superintendent to grant the grievance, or because Board and/or Superintendent action during the period triggering the cancellation fee removes the circumstance(s) underlying the grievance.

E. Miscellaneous Grievance Provisions

1. No reprisals will be taken by any person against any other person for participating in the grievance procedure.
2. If a grievance is filed or being processed on or after June 1, time limits shall be reduced so that the grievance procedure may be exhausted prior to the end of the school year or as soon thereafter as practicable.
3. A grievance shall be filed with the party at the lowest possible level (but in no event at a level higher than Level Two) who has authority to resolve the grievance. If the BEA concludes that a grievance affects a group of teachers, the grievance may be submitted in writing directly to the Superintendent and processing will commence at Level Two.
4. Every effort will be made to avoid interruption of classroom activities and involvement of students in all phases of the grievance procedure.
5. Only authorized grievance forms (see Appendix J), made available by the BEA, shall be used in filing and processing grievances.
6. The BEA shall furnish names of all BEA Representatives to each school Principal and the Superintendent at the beginning of each school year.
7. The BEA shall be notified of and shall have the right to be present at any level of the grievance procedure.

## **ARTICLE XII — EVALUATION OF TEACHING EFFICIENCY**

The following Agreement between the Barberton Education Association and the Barberton City Schools Board of Education shall be in compliance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC), except as agreed to by the parties involved.

### **A. Philosophy of Evaluation:**

The Board and Association acknowledge that the overarching purposes of the teacher evaluation system are to serve as a tool to advance the professional development of teachers, to inform instruction and to assist teachers and administrators in identifying and developing best educational practices in order to provide the greatest opportunity for student learning and achievement.

### **B. Who Will be Evaluated:**

1. All teachers shall be formally evaluated annually using the Barberton Evaluation System as outlined in ORC.
2. The following teachers will be evaluated using ONLY the Teacher Performance Evaluation Rubric in their area of licensure or area of specialty and will NOT include student growth measures:
  - a. school counselors, school speech and language pathologists, school psychologists, school nurses;
  - b. licensed/certified staff members assigned to work with students less than fifty percent (50%) of the time.
3. All other licensed/certified staff members assigned to work with students at least fifty percent (50%) of the time will be evaluated using the Teacher Performance Evaluation Rubric and the Student Growth Measures as prescribed in Ohio Revised Code (ORC).

### **C. Evaluators:**

Evaluators shall be full-time contracted administrative employees of the Barberton City Schools, unless an alternative evaluator is mutually approved by teacher and principal. The evaluator must be credentialed as follows:

1. has completed all state -sponsored mandatory evaluation training;
2. has passed all state-mandated evaluation assessments and received Evaluation Certification through the State of Ohio;
3. no academic or technology coach shall evaluate any teacher.

### **D. Evaluation Instrument/Instrument Training:**

1. The Barberton Evaluation System shall be the process and forms outlined in Article XII and in Appendix H (OTES 2.0) and I, which are in compliance with ORC.
2. Training on the use of the Barberton Evaluation System shall be provided to all teachers to ensure the understanding of the expectations and processes of the evaluation instrument.

3. No later than September 15, or in the case of a new teacher no later than thirty (30) days after initial employment with the district, the employer shall provide orientation that ensures awareness of and an understanding of all processes, procedures, tools, and forms used in the evaluation system.

E. Teacher Performance Evaluation Procedures:

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1. Assignment of Evaluators:

- a. Not later than September 15 of each year, or in the case of a new teacher, within thirty (30) days of the first day worked, each teacher shall be notified in writing of the name and position of their evaluator(s). If the evaluator(s) need to be changed, teachers will be notified in writing.
- b. A teacher newly employed or one reassigned after the beginning of the work year shall be notified by the evaluator of the evaluation procedures in effect. Such written notification shall be within two (2) weeks of the first day in a new assignment.

2. Criteria for Evaluation:

- a. A teacher shall be evaluated on criteria set forth in the Evaluation Instrument, Appendix H (OTES 2.0).
- b. Peer, student, and parent surveys or evaluations cannot be used to gain evidence in this evaluation process.
- c. No evidence shall be collected by electronic monitoring or recording (audio or video) devices. Forms in Appendix H (OTES 2.0) may be documented on electronic devices.

3. Schedule for Evaluation:

- a. The teacher shall complete the Professional Growth Plan Form - Appendix H (OTES 2.0) by September 15.
- b. Teachers shall be evaluated annually through two formal observations, as well as informal observations and walkthroughs.
- c. Each teacher who received a rating of accomplished on the teacher's most recent evaluation conducted under this section shall be evaluated once every two school years.

4. Schedule for Observations:

- a. Teachers shall be observed formally twice during the school year. The first formal observation shall occur no later than January 15 (This date may be extended one day for every calamity day called prior to January 15); the second formal observation shall occur no later than May 1.
- b. A teacher who is under consideration for renewal or nonrenewal and with whom the board has entered into a limited contract or extended limited contract pursuant to section 3319.11

of the Revised Code, must be formally observed at least three (3) times using the procedures, timelines, and deadlines set forth in this article. The Superintendent shall have the right to waive the third observation.

- c. The teacher and evaluator will mutually agree on a date, time, and class in which each formal observation will occur.
  - d. Each formal observation shall consist of a minimum of thirty (30) minutes of classroom visitation.
  - e. If the evaluator is unable to observe a teacher at the scheduled time, a new timeline and observation date shall be established.
5. Schedule for Pre- and Post-Observation Conferences:

Pre- and post- evaluation observation conferences shall be held during the contractual work day; personal planning time shall not be used for pre- or post- evaluation observation conferences.

a. Pre-Observation Conference:

- 1) Each formal observation shall include a pre-observation conference. The date of the pre-observation conference should be scheduled after the date of the formal observation has been scheduled. Teachers should be given at least 48-hours' notice in order to prepare for the pre-observation conference.
- 2) The purpose of the pre-observation conference is to provide the evaluator and the teacher with an opportunity to discuss the following:
  - a) The written lesson plan and unit objective(s);
  - b) Evidence that supports the Teacher Performance Rubric;
- 3) Due to the fluidity of lesson plans and classroom timing, should lesson plans need to be adjusted prior to the actual observation, the teacher shall inform the evaluator and supply new written plans and unit objectives.

b. Post-Observation Conference:

- 1) A post-observation conference shall occur within ten (10) contractual work days of the formal observation. During the post-observation conference:
  - a) The evaluator and teacher will review and discuss all rubrics, forms, evidence, and data collected.
  - b) The evaluator will provide the teacher with copies of all rubrics, forms, evidence, and data collected.
  - c) The evaluator will provide the teacher with a copy of the teacher's progress in each category of the rubric based on all data and evidence collected to date.



- d) Any areas of refinement noted by the evaluator during the formative assessment that may lead to an ineffective rating, shall be developed into a plan of action by the evaluator.

6. Informal Observations/Walkthroughs

- a. Informal observations are unannounced, but must occur during the teacher's contractual day. No more than two (2) informal observations/walkthroughs per semester shall occur. An informal observation/walkthrough shall be no more than fifteen (15) minutes.
- b. Any data collected during the informal observation/walkthrough that will be used as evidence on the rubric must be placed on the form designated in Appendix H (OTES 2.0).
- c. The completed form must be shared with the teacher within five (5) contractual workdays.
- d. Teachers shall be given the opportunity to meet with the evaluator to provide evidence that may refute any deficiencies identified on the informal observation/walkthrough form. That evidence must be entered on the Teacher Evaluation Rubric and become part of the teacher's evaluation portfolio.

F. Completion of Evaluation Process

- 1. A copy of the final evaluation report, that includes the holistic performance rating shall be given to the teacher at the final post-observation conference or at another conference scheduled no later than May 10.
- 2. All applicable documents and forms shall be signed by the evaluator and the teacher. The teacher's signature shall not be evidence that the teacher agrees with the contents of the evaluation report.
- 3. The teacher shall have the right to make a written response to the evaluation and to have their response attached to the evaluation report placed in the teacher's personnel file.
- 4. The following statements are in accordance with compliance with ORC:
  - a. Teachers with above expected levels of student growth will develop a professional growth plan.
  - b. Teachers with expected levels of student growth will develop a professional growth plan collaboratively with the credentialed evaluator and will have input on the credentialed evaluator for the evaluation cycle.
  - c. Teachers with below expected levels of student growth will develop an improvement plan with their credentialed evaluator. The administration will assign the credentialed evaluator for the evaluation cycle and approve the improvement plan.
- 5. Due Process:
  - a. A teacher shall be entitled to Association representation at any conference held during the evaluation process.

- b. The definition of "comparable," as applied to teacher evaluations shall be applicable after an evaluation system that complies with Ohio Revised Code has been fully implemented, as defined in this article, for a minimum of three (3) years. Until such time, all teachers within the District shall be deemed to have comparable evaluations. This definition shall be used for all purposes including Reduction in Force, non-renewal, transfer and/or termination.

G. Ineffective Ratings & Improvement Plan:

If any evidence is collected by an evaluator that will lead to an "ineffective" rating on the Summative Evaluation Form (Appendix I) in any area of the teacher performance rubric, the evaluator must develop an Improvement Plan for the teacher.

1. Definitions

- a. Improvement Plan: A written assistance plan developed by the evaluator to improve areas of performance on key professional indicators that have been documented to be ineffective by the evaluator.
- b. Resources: All monetary, time, material and human (mentors/coaches) resources provided to a teacher on an Improvement Plan.
- c. Timeline: A minimum of six (6) work weeks will be given to the teacher to meet the requirements including target dates and review dates established in the plan.

2. Improvement Plan Specifics:

- a. Improvement Plan shall be implemented the school year following the Summative Conference in which an ineffective rating was assigned.
- b. Areas for refinement documented by the evaluator must be re-examined by the evaluator during subsequent observations and walkthroughs.
- c. The evaluator shall provide the necessary time to examine the progress of the teacher on the Improvement Plan. Meetings to discuss progress shall be scheduled at the implementation of the Improvement Plan; length and frequency of meetings shall provide the teacher with the maximum opportunity for successful completion of the Improvement Plan.
- d. A reassessment of the teacher's performance shall be completed in accordance with the written plan, with opportunities for observation of performance. Should improvement be documented, the normal evaluation cycle resumes. Should deficiencies still exist, the Improvement Plan shall be modified and reinstated.

H. Deadline for Non-renewal:

1. The Superintendent (or designee) shall notify any teacher being non-renewed or terminated for the next school year by May 15.
2. Upon the intent of nonrenewal of any teacher, the Board shall furnish that teacher a written notice by June 1, signed by the Treasurer, stating the reasons for such actions. If said teacher, within ten (10) contractual working days after the receipt of notice from the Treasurer of the Board, requests in writing to the Treasurer a private hearing before the Board, the Board shall provide such a hearing. The teacher(s) so affected shall have the right to be represented by counsel or by a representative of his/her teacher organization at this hearing.

I. Barberton Evaluation System Committee (BESC):

1. Committee Authority

- a. The Association and the Board agree to create a joint Barberton Evaluation System Committee whose charge will be to create and revise, as necessary, the policy, procedures, instrument, and forms for teacher evaluation.
- b. All recommendations for changes in the evaluation system made by the BESC shall be submitted to the Association and the Board for review.
- c. The Association and the Board shall bargain any changes to the evaluation system language, policy, procedures, instrument, and forms, as required in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 4117.
- d. Newly negotiated language shall be subject to ratification by the Board and the Association.
- e. Once ratified by both parties, the agreed changes shall be incorporated into the Master Agreement and will go into effect.
- f. In the event of legislative action by the Ohio General Assembly that impacts in any way on this topic, the Association and the Board agree to reconvene bargaining to determine whether adjustments are appropriate.

2. Composition

- a. The Committee shall be comprised of six (6) Association members [two (2) BHS, two (2) BMS, two (2) ES] appointed by the Association president and two (2) members appointed by the Board or its designee. In addition, each party may appoint up to one (1) ad hoc non-voting member to assist and/or attend committee meetings. Committee members serve for one year; however, for the sake of continuity and proper development and revision of the evaluation system, members may be asked to serve more than one year.

3. Operational Procedures

- a. The committee shall be chaired jointly by a committee member from the Association and a committee member from the Board.
- b. The committee will establish by mutual agreement a meeting calendar and timeline for work completion.
- c. Committee agendas will be developed jointly by the co-chairpersons of the Committee.
- d. All decisions of the committee will be achieved by consensus.
- e. At the initial committee meeting, the committee will develop the ground rules by which the committee will operate. These ground rules will be reviewed annually.
- f. At each committee meeting the group will select an individual to act as the recording secretary for that meeting.
- g. Members of the committee will receive release time for committee work and training.

- h. Make recommendations on issues of comparability for purposes of reduction in force.
4. HQSD Committees
- a. Should District or Building HQSD Committees be established, BEA members will be paid the hourly per diem rate of the base salary for any hours worked outside the contractual day. The composition of the HQSD Committee(s) will be determined by the Superintendent and the BEA President.

### **ARTICLE XIII — EVALUATION OF NON-OTES TEACHERS**

- A. The purpose of periodic formal evaluation is to improve instruction and to facilitate professional dialogue.
- B. Orientation
- Staff members, especially new teachers, must be oriented to the philosophy, criteria, and procedures of evaluation. The teacher evaluation program will be explained to new teachers as part of the Pre-School Workshop and to all teachers during the early weeks of the school year. The Principal in each building is responsible for presenting this program.
- C. Building principals, assistant principals and/or a designated Supervisor shall be responsible for observing and evaluating the teachers assigned to them with respect to minimum evaluation requirements. Additional observations may be performed by other certified Administrators which may be considered as part of the final summative evaluation.
- D. The results of each formal observation, as well as other job performance issues and documents will be documented in writing on the Teacher Classroom Observation Form (Appendix H).
- E. All observations and other documented items will be consolidated into a Teacher Summative Evaluation Form (Appendix I) as indicated below.
- F. Traveling Teachers
- Principals responsible will share the obligation for the observations and evaluations of traveling teachers and tutors.
- G. First Year Limited Contract Teachers
- 1. Each first year teacher in the District will be observed a minimum of four (4) times per school year, two (2) observations per semester (Appendix H).
  - 2. A summative evaluation (Appendix I) will be presented to the teacher in a conference, conducted within ten (10) working days after the second or final observation of each semester.
- H. Regular Limited Contract Teachers
- 1. Other regular limited contract teachers will be observed a minimum of once each semester (Appendix I) per school year.

2. A summative evaluation (Appendix I) will be presented to the teacher in a conference after the final observation of the year, conducted within ten (10) working days after the final observation of the school year.

#### I. Continuing Contract Teachers

1. Continuing contract teachers will be evaluated every other year unless specific deficiencies are noted.
2. Continuing contract teachers will be observed a minimum of one (1) time per evaluation (Appendix H).
3. A summative evaluation (Appendix I) will be presented to the teacher in a conference within ten (10) days after the final observation of the year, but no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>, if specific deficiencies are noted.
4. When specific deficiencies are noted and written notice is given to the teacher, additional observations/evaluations may be done.
5. A continuing contract teacher may opt for goal setting or an action research/project in lieu of administrative conducted evaluation(s), if mutually agreed upon with the evaluating Administrator.

#### J. General Considerations

1. Additional conferences may be conducted, at the discretion of the Evaluator, after each classroom observation.
2. Should a teacher disagree with an observation or the summative evaluation form, the teacher may file a written response which shall be attached to the appropriate form.
3. Copies of all completed observation and summative evaluation forms shall be distributed to the evaluator and to the teacher. The original of all evaluation forms shall be forwarded to the Assistant Superintendent's office to be placed in the teacher's personnel file.
4. The teacher and administrator may take one (1) BEA representative to any and all conferences in this procedure. The representative shall be from the Association and the teacher shall give at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice if a representative will be present at the conference, if possible.
5. Time limits may be extended by mutual agreement for observations/ evaluations of continuing contract teachers.
6. When the overall performance of a teacher is less than satisfactory, the evaluator shall check the appropriate rating on the Teacher Summative Evaluation Form (See Appendix I).
7. If any category on the Teacher Summative Evaluation Form is marked unsatisfactory (U), the evaluator shall inform the teacher on the evaluation form of the reasons for the unsatisfactory rating.

8. When a problem is identified, an administrator will assist the teacher to set up written goals and objectives for improvement in the problem area(s).
9. All evaluations for teachers whose contracts are to be considered by the Board during the school year shall be completed on or before April 10 of that year.
10. Tutors shall be evaluated in accordance with the above procedure by a qualified evaluator as designated by the Superintendent.
11. Observations shall be at least thirty (30) minutes in length. Copies of observation forms will be given to the teacher within five (5) days of the observation.
12. Criteria of expected job performance are to be found in the teacher's job description and in the Summative and Observation documents.
13. This evaluation procedure is intended by the parties to be lieu of the evaluation procedures in O.R.C. §3319.111 and as defined in O.R.C. §3319.11(A)(1). Under this Agreement, the parties only intend to supersede the evaluation procedure portion of O.R.C. §§3319.11 and 3319.111; however, they do not intend to abrogate any due process right of employees with respect to an appeal of non-renewal action under the statute except that the negotiated evaluation procedures in this Article XII shall replace the evaluation procedure in the statute.

K. Philosophy of Teacher Evaluation

The goal of teacher evaluation in the Barberton City School District is to improve education for children. Evaluation is a process whereby, through mutual goodwill and intent, teacher success can be noted and strengthened and teacher deficiencies can be addressed and remedied. Teacher evaluation is a continuous and constructive process. Growth as a result of an exchange of ideas can best be accomplished by teachers, Principals, and Supervisors participating in thoughtful and constructive goal setting. The educational team working together will achieve the goal of evaluation which is the best education for all students.

L. Objectives

The objectives grow out of the philosophy and dictate attempts and efforts to be achieved in the evaluation process as follows:

1. Evaluation is to mutually establish realistic long-range and short-range goals for the teacher success in major professional performance areas. This is not to imply teacher veto authority over goal setting.
2. Evaluation is to strengthen and improve the learning climate for all students in the educational program.
3. Evaluation is to promote a professional relationship between the teacher and the evaluator whereby mutual consensus results in improved teaching performance.
4. Evaluation is to establish a continual positive development by re-assessment of the teacher's professional performance.
5. Evaluation is to establish teacher self-direction and the cooperation of individuals in achieving the best possible learning situation in the school program.

## **ARTICLE XIV — COMPLAINTS REGARDING TEACHING PERSONNEL**

- A. Any person who wishes, at a meeting of the Board, to voice a complaint regarding a member of the bargaining unit, first shall present a written, signed complaint to the Superintendent.
- B. Written complaints presented to the Board, or received by the Superintendent, shall be investigated by the Superintendent. Whenever the presence of the person against whom the complaint is lodged is required, the BEA representative shall be permitted to attend. The representative shall have the ability to present whatever witnesses he/she deems necessary to rebut the complaint.
- C. Any discussion of complaints concerning an employee shall be held at an executive session of the Board, closed to the public.
- D. A written copy of the complaint and of the findings of the Superintendent shall be furnished to the complaining party, the person against whom the complaint was lodged, and the BEA.
- E. Questions of breach of professional ethics concerning teaching personnel shall be referred to the BEA.

## **ARTICLE XV — TUTORS**

The following provisions of this Agreement shall not apply to tutors:

- A. Article VI (A) Duty Hours
- B. Article VI (H) Qualified Substitutes
- C. Article VI (K) Student Teacher Policy
- D. Article VII (C)(1) Voluntary Transfers
- E. Article VIII (E) Teachers' Salaries Shall Be Based Upon
- F. Article VIII (G) Grandfather Clause
- G. Article VII (H) Teachers' Salary and Salary Index

## **ARTICLE XVI — LONG TERM SUBSTITUTES**

- A. Persons employed as long-term substitutes shall be granted contracts for the length of service as needed and as determined by the Board up to one (1) year.
- B. Long term substitutes shall be employed only in encumbered positions where the incumbent is expected to return. Long term substitutes shall have no expectation of continued employment beyond the length of service at the time of their employment, and said long term teaching contracts shall expire at the conclusion of the agreement without further action by the Board, including the non-renewal of their contract.
- C. The provisions of this Agreement regarding evaluation and renewal or non-renewal of teacher contracts shall not apply to long term substitutes.
- D. Long term substitutes shall have no displacement rights under the reduction in force procedure in this Agreement and shall be excluded from same.
- E. The Association shall receive notification prior to the employment of any long term substitutes.

## ARTICLE XVII — NEGOTIATION PROCEDURE

### A. Statement of Principles

1. The Board and the BEA state that the purpose of the negotiation procedure is to promote harmonious and cooperative relationships between the Board and members of the bargaining unit and to protect the welfare of Barberton school children by assuring the orderly and uninterrupted operation of the public school system while negotiations are in progress.
2. "Good Faith" negotiations, as provided for in this procedure, include, but are not limited to, reasonable positions on bargainable issues and indicated willingness to reach agreement thereon; reasonable considerations of fiscal or professional judgment in setting forth, evaluating, or declining to agree to proposals; a search for counterproposals to proposals not accepted; or abstention from the breach of existing agreements; but does not compel either party to agree to a proposal or require the making of a concession.
3. Representatives of the Board and the BEA shall participate in negotiations freely, without fear of penalty, reprisal, or recrimination. No penalty, nor threat, nor implication thereof, shall attach to the negotiations.

### B. Scope of Bargaining

The scope of bargaining shall be wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment and the continuation, modification, or deletion of an existing provision of this Agreement.

### C. Commencement of Negotiations

Not earlier than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the expiration of the agreement, an initial negotiating meeting will be held to exchange written proposals. Thereafter, neither party shall submit additional proposals introducing new issues without the other party's consent.

### D. Negotiation Meetings

1. Negotiation meetings shall be scheduled at the request of the parties; and, until negotiations are concluded, the parties will, at each meeting, decide the date, time, and place of a subsequent meeting.
2. Meetings shall be scheduled at reasonable intervals, places, and times; and shall avoid, as nearly as is practicable, conflict and interference with school and employment schedules.
3. Either party may recess for caucuses of reasonable length, at any time.
4. Either party may keep minutes of meetings in such form and detail as it may deem advisable.

### E. Representation

1. Representation at all negotiation meetings shall be limited to a team of not more than seven (7) representatives designated by the Board and the BEA, respectively. At the initial negotiation session, each party shall designate its representatives, and only those so designated shall attend the negotiation meetings, unless the parties agree otherwise; provided, however, that each party may have two (2) observers present at each meeting.



2. Either party may call upon professional and lay persons to consider and make suggestions concerning matters under discussion.

F. Information

The parties agree to furnish, upon written request and in a reasonable time, available information concerning the financial status of the District as will assist the parties in the development and evaluation of proposals.

G. Agreement

1. As tentative agreement is reached on items which are the subject of negotiations, the agreement shall be reduced to writing and initialed by the designated representative of each party; but such initialing shall not be construed as final agreement between the representatives until all items have been so initialed.
2. Final agreement reached through negotiations shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the membership of the BEA for approval; and all of the BEA's designated representatives shall recommend and urge approval. Upon approval by the membership of the BEA, the agreement shall be submitted to the Board for approval; and all of the Board's designated representatives shall recommend and urge approval. If approved by both parties, the agreement shall then be signed on behalf of the parties and shall be adopted in resolution form as the policy of the Board.

H. Dispute Resolution Procedure

If agreement is not reached within forty-five (45) calendar days after the initial negotiation session, either party may declare a bargaining impasse. Within three (3) calendar days after any declaration of impasse, the parties shall jointly request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) to furnish the parties with the services of a mediator. The parties agree that this mutually-agreed upon dispute resolution procedure is intended to supersede the statutory procedure in O.R.C. §4117.14.

**ARTICLE XVIII — MENTOR/ENTRY YEAR PROGRAM RESIDENT EDUCATOR PROGRAM**

- A. The parties agree that a committee will be formed to develop a handbook to define the Resident Educator Program in Barberton. Committee makeup will include:
  - 1. Lead Mentors
  - 2. Assistant Superintendent
  - 3. BEA Representative
  - 4. Administrator Representative
- B. Compensation Schedule

Resident Educator Coordinator/Lead Mentor	7%
Facilitator Mentor – Yr. 2	1.5% per RE up to 6%
Mentor – Yr. 1 - Elementary	1% per RE up to 4%
Mentor – Yr. 1 - Secondary	1% per RE up to 4%

Any district meetings will be paid at the hourly rate.

**ARTICLE XIX — IEP/ETR/MFE/IAT/504 MEETINGS**

- A. All teachers working with students must be given an opportunity to provide information for staffing through consultation and/or attendance at the IEP, ETR, MFE, IAT, and/or 504 meeting.
- B. These meetings will take place during the school day, unless the parent is unable to attend during these hours.
- C. If any of these meetings occur outside of the teacher day, bargaining unit members whose presence is required will be compensated at the hourly rate as follows:

School Year	Hourly Rate
2024-2025	\$28.53
2025-2026	\$29.39
2026-2027	\$30.27

## **ARTICLE XX - COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (CCP)**

- A. The instructional preparation for and teaching of courses offered through the CCP program shall be deemed bargaining unit work and shall be offered to bargaining unit members in accordance with the Voluntary Transfer (Article VII; Section C) provisions of this Agreement. The Board shall seek volunteers in the bargaining unit who would be willing to become properly credentialed.
1. No bargaining unit member shall be required to participate in the CCP program.
  2. No evaluation conducted by an institution of higher education (IHE) will be utilized in the District evaluation of a bargaining unit member. However, he/she may provide information from the IHE evaluation as evidence of competencies in his/her District evaluation. Any evaluation performed by the IHE shall be kept separate from the employee's personnel file, unless inclusion is requested by the member in writing. No employee shall be terminated, non-renewed, or otherwise disciplined based upon results of the IHE evaluation.
  3. The District shall not include CCP courses in the observation or evaluation of a bargaining unit member except when no other courses are taught by the teacher. Further, no student data collected in conjunction with the CCP course offerings shall be used in the calculation of a teacher's Student Growth Measure or any other student performance measure used in the evaluation of a teacher, nor a School Counselor's Metric of Student Outcomes.
  4. Prior to the beginning of each course, all bargaining unit members who participate in the CCP program shall be provided at least one (1) in-service day to visit the participating IHE to engage in planning with the cooperating college instructor if it is considered necessary by the teacher and the college instructor. The bargaining unit member shall be paid his/her per diem rate of pay for the in-service day if it occurs on a non-contractual day and will be provided professional leave if it occurs on a contractual day. In addition to the applicable leave, the District shall reimburse the bargaining unit member for all necessary and actual expenses (e.g. mileage, meals, etc.)
  5. All bargaining unit members who participate in the CCP program shall be provided at least one half (1/2) professional leave and/or records day at the end of each semester in order to fulfill required administrative responsibilities. The bargaining unit member shall be paid at his/her per diem rate for this leave day if the day occurs on a non-contractual day.
  6. Bargaining unit members shall be compensated at their per diem rate, for participation in any in-service training that is required by the District or the IHE to meet the requirements of the CCP program on non-contractual workdays.
  7. Each CCP course's class size shall be governed by the class size limits (Article VI; Section B) of this Agreement.
  8. The District shall prohibit co-seating of CCP and non-CCP students in a class where college credit is being granted.
  9. The District shall adhere to the Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Administrative Code, ODE and ODHE guidelines regarding College Credit Plus requirements.

## ARTICLE XXI — GENERAL PROVISIONS AND SIGNATURES

### A. Equal Opportunity

The Board is an equal opportunity employer, and will continue to abide by all State and Federal Equal Employment laws.

### B. Conflict with Law

If any provision of the document, or any application of the provisions of this document or agreement reached under its terms, conflicts with any Federal law, regulation, ruling, or order, now or hereafter enacted or issued, such provision(s), application, or agreement shall be inoperative, but the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in effect.

### C. Waiver of Negotiations During Term of Agreement

The Board and the BEA acknowledge that during the negotiations resulting in this agreement, each party had the right and the opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter, and that this agreement was arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity. The Board and the BEA shall voluntarily waive said rights during the life of this Agreement, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to negotiate with respect to any subject or matter, irrespective of whether such matter or subject is specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both parties at the time negotiations were being conducted or at the time the parties signed this Agreement.

### D. Entire Agreement Clause

This Agreement supersedes and cancels all previous agreements, verbal or written, or based on alleged past practices between the Board and the BEA, and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. Any amendment or agreement supplemental thereto shall not be binding upon either party unless executed in writing by the parties hereto.

### E. Duration of Contract

This Agreement shall incorporate All provisions of the Negotiated Agreement not addressed in the party's negotiations leading to a successor Agreement and the provisions negotiated by the parties for the Agreement shall supersede any conflicting provisions in the Agreement effective through the MOU process, the Negotiated Agreement was extended one (1) year, June 28, 2020 through June 27, 2021. The superseding provisions set forth in Article VI — Personnel Policies, Article VIII — Compensation, Article XIX — General Provisions and Signatures and Appendices B through D.

This Successor Agreement shall be in effect from June 28, 2024 through June 27, 2027.

### F. Continuity

All items not changed, revised, or deleted by these negotiations will remain in full force and effect for the duration of any new contract. Supplementals which begin after July 1, shall be based upon the BA-0 salary for the subsequent school year.

### G. Signatures

**ARTICLE XXIV**

**SIGNATURES**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement on the  
21 day of April, 2024, at Barberton, Ohio.

BARBERTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

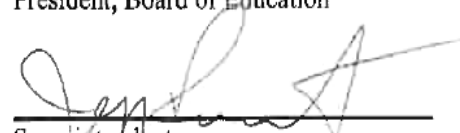
  
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

  
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President, Board of Education

  
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Superintendent

  
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**BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2024-2025 / 2025-2026 / 2026-2027  
TEACHERS' SALARY INDEX SCHEDULE**

	<b>Non-Degree</b>	<b>BA</b>	<b>BA/150</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>MA+15</b>	<b>MA+30</b>	<b>MA+45</b>
<b>0</b>	0.9350	1.0000	1.0700	1.1400	1.2000	1.2500	1.3000
<b>1</b>	0.9650	1.0400	1.1100	1.2000	1.2500	1.3000	1.3500
<b>2</b>	0.9950	1.0900	1.1600	1.2500	1.3100	1.3600	1.4100
<b>3</b>	1.0250	1.1300	1.2000	1.3100	1.3700	1.4200	1.4700
<b>4</b>	1.0550	1.1800	1.2500	1.3700	1.4200	1.4700	1.5200
<b>5</b>	1.0850	1.2200	1.2900	1.4200	1.4800	1.5300	1.5800
<b>6</b>	1.1150	1.2700	1.3400	1.4800	1.5400	1.5900	1.6400
<b>7</b>	1.1450	1.3100	1.3800	1.5400	1.5900	1.6400	1.6900
<b>8</b>	1.1750	1.3600	1.4300	1.5900	1.6500	1.7000	1.7500
<b>9</b>	1.2050	1.4000	1.4700	1.6500	1.7000	1.7500	1.8000
<b>10</b>	1.2350	1.4400	1.5300	1.7000	1.7600	1.8100	1.8600
<b>11</b>	1.2650	1.4900	1.5800	1.7600	1.8300	1.8800	1.9300
<b>12</b>	1.2950	1.5500	1.6400	1.8300	1.9000	1.9500	2.0000
<b>13</b>	1.2950	1.5500	1.6400	1.8300	1.9000	1.9500	2.0000
<b>14</b>	1.2950	1.5500	1.6400	1.8300	1.9000	1.9500	2.0000
<b>15</b>	1.3300	1.6100	1.7000	1.9000	1.9600	2.0100	2.0600
<b>16</b>	1.3300	1.6100	1.7000	1.9000	1.9600	2.0100	2.0600
<b>17</b>	1.3300	1.6100	1.7000	1.9000	1.9600	2.0100	2.0600
<b>18</b>	1.3600	1.6700	1.7600	1.9600	2.0200	2.0700	2.1200
<b>19</b>	1.3600	1.6700	1.7600	1.9600	2.0200	2.0700	2.1200
<b>20</b>	1.3600	1.6700	1.7600	1.9600	2.0200	2.0700	2.1200
<b>21</b>	1.3732	1.7100	1.8000	2.0000	2.0600	2.1100	2.1600
<b>22</b>	1.3732	1.7100	1.8000	2.0000	2.0600	2.1100	2.1600
<b>23</b>	1.3732	1.7100	1.8000	2.0000	2.0600	2.1100	2.1600
<b>24</b>	1.3732	1.7400	1.8300	2.0300	2.0900	2.1400	2.1900
<b>25</b>	1.4100	1.7400	1.8300	2.0300	2.0900	2.1400	2.1900
<b>26</b>	1.4100	1.7400	1.8300	2.0300	2.0900	2.1400	2.1900
<b>27</b>	1.4600	1.7700	1.8600	2.0600	2.1200	2.1700	2.2200

**Longevity steps added at step 30**

<b>30</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$1200</b>	<b>\$1400</b>
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**APPENDIX B**

Barberton City School District  
 Teacher Salary Schedule  
 2024-2025 School Year

Base Salary \$43,531

Step	non-degree	BA	BA+150	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45
0	\$40,702.00	\$43,531.00	\$46,579.00	\$49,626.00	\$52,238.00	\$54,414.00	\$56,591.00
1	\$42,008.00	\$45,273.00	\$48,320.00	\$52,238.00	\$54,414.00	\$56,591.00	\$58,767.00
2	\$43,314.00	\$47,449.00	\$50,496.00	\$54,414.00	\$57,026.00	\$59,203.00	\$61,379.00
3	\$44,620.00	\$49,191.00	\$52,238.00	\$57,026.00	\$59,638.00	\$61,815.00	\$63,991.00
4	\$45,926.00	\$51,367.00	\$54,414.00	\$59,638.00	\$61,815.00	\$63,991.00	\$66,168.00
5	\$47,232.00	\$53,108.00	\$56,155.00	\$61,815.00	\$64,426.00	\$66,603.00	\$68,779.00
6	\$48,538.00	\$55,285.00	\$58,332.00	\$64,426.00	\$67,038.00	\$69,215.00	\$71,391.00
7	\$49,843.00	\$57,026.00	\$60,073.00	\$67,038.00	\$69,215.00	\$71,391.00	\$73,568.00
8	\$51,149.00	\$59,203.00	\$62,250.00	\$69,215.00	\$71,827.00	\$74,003.00	\$76,180.00
9	\$52,455.00	\$60,944.00	\$63,991.00	\$71,827.00	\$74,003.00	\$76,180.00	\$78,356.00
10	\$53,761.00	\$62,685.00	\$66,603.00	\$74,003.00	\$76,615.00	\$78,792.00	\$80,968.00
11	\$55,067.00	\$64,862.00	\$68,779.00	\$76,615.00	\$79,662.00	\$81,839.00	\$84,015.00
12	\$56,373.00	\$67,474.00	\$71,391.00	\$79,662.00	\$82,709.00	\$84,886.00	\$87,062.00
15	\$57,897.00	\$70,085.00	\$74,003.00	\$82,709.00	\$85,321.00	\$87,498.00	\$89,674.00
18	\$59,203.00	\$72,697.00	\$76,615.00	\$85,321.00	\$87,933.00	\$90,110.00	\$92,286.00
21	\$59,777.00	\$74,439.00	\$78,356.00	\$87,062.00	\$89,674.00	\$91,851.00	\$94,027.00
24	\$61,379.00	\$75,744.00	\$79,662.00	\$88,368.00	\$90,980.00	\$93,157.00	\$95,333.00
27	\$63,556.00	\$77,050.00	\$80,968.00	\$89,674.00	\$92,286.00	\$94,463.00	\$96,639.00
30	\$63,756.00	\$77,450.00	\$81,568.00	\$90,474.00	\$93,286.00	\$95,663.00	\$98,039.00

**APPENDIX C**

Barberton City School District  
 Teacher Salary Schedule  
 2025-2026 School Year

Base Salary \$44,837

Step	non-degree	BA	BA+150	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45
0	41,923.00	44,837.00	47,976.00	51,115.00	53,805.00	56,047.00	58,289.00
1	43,268.00	46,631.00	49,770.00	53,805.00	56,047.00	58,289.00	60,530.00
2	44,613.00	48,873.00	52,011.00	56,047.00	58,737.00	60,979.00	63,221.00
3	45,958.00	50,666.00	53,805.00	58,737.00	61,427.00	63,669.00	65,911.00
4	47,304.00	52,908.00	56,047.00	61,427.00	63,669.00	65,911.00	68,153.00
5	48,649.00	54,702.00	57,840.00	63,669.00	66,359.00	68,601.00	70,843.00
6	49,994.00	56,943.00	60,082.00	66,359.00	69,049.00	71,291.00	73,533.00
7	51,339.00	58,737.00	61,876.00	69,049.00	71,291.00	73,533.00	75,775.00
8	52,684.00	60,979.00	64,117.00	71,291.00	73,982.00	76,223.00	78,465.00
9	54,029.00	62,772.00	65,911.00	73,982.00	76,223.00	78,465.00	80,707.00
10	55,374.00	64,566.00	68,601.00	76,223.00	78,914.00	81,155.00	83,397.00
11	56,719.00	66,808.00	70,843.00	78,914.00	82,052.00	84,294.00	86,536.00
12	58,064.00	69,498.00	73,533.00	82,052.00	85,191.00	87,433.00	89,674.00
15	59,634.00	72,188.00	76,223.00	85,191.00	87,881.00	90,123.00	92,365.00
18	60,979.00	74,878.00	78,914.00	87,881.00	90,571.00	92,813.00	95,055.00
21	61,571.00	76,672.00	80,707.00	89,674.00	92,365.00	94,607.00	96,848.00
24	63,221.00	78,017.00	82,052.00	91,020.00	93,710.00	95,952.00	98,194.00
27	65,463.00	79,362.00	83,397.00	92,365.00	95,055.00	97,297.00	99,539.00
30	65,663.00	79,762.00	83,997.00	93,165.00	96,055.00	98,497.00	100,939.00



**APPENDIX D**

Barberton City School District  
 Teacher Salary Schedule  
 2026-2027 School Year

Base Salary \$46,182

Step	non-degree	BA	BA+150	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45
0	43,181.00	46,182.00	49,415.00	52,648.00	55,419.00	57,728.00	60,037.00
1	44,566.00	48,030.00	51,263.00	55,419.00	57,728.00	60,037.00	62,346.00
2	45,952.00	50,339.00	53,572.00	57,728.00	60,499.00	62,808.00	65,117.00
3	47,337.00	52,186.00	55,419.00	60,499.00	63,270.00	65,579.00	67,888.00
4	48,723.00	54,495.00	57,728.00	63,270.00	65,579.00	67,888.00	70,197.00
5	50,108.00	56,343.00	59,575.00	65,579.00	68,350.00	70,659.00	72,968.00
6	51,493.00	58,652.00	61,884.00	68,350.00	71,121.00	73,430.00	75,739.00
7	52,879.00	60,499.00	63,732.00	71,121.00	73,430.00	75,739.00	78,048.00
8	54,264.00	62,808.00	66,041.00	73,430.00	76,201.00	78,510.00	80,819.00
9	55,650.00	64,655.00	67,888.00	76,201.00	78,510.00	80,819.00	83,128.00
10	57,035.00	66,503.00	70,659.00	78,510.00	81,281.00	83,590.00	85,899.00
11	58,421.00	68,812.00	72,968.00	81,281.00	84,514.00	86,823.00	89,132.00
12	59,806.00	71,583.00	75,739.00	84,514.00	87,746.00	90,055.00	92,364.00
15	61,423.00	74,354.00	78,510.00	87,746.00	90,517.00	92,826.00	95,135.00
18	62,808.00	77,124.00	81,281.00	90,517.00	93,288.00	95,597.00	97,906.00
21	63,418.00	78,972.00	83,128.00	92,364.00	95,135.00	97,445.00	99,754.00
24	65,117.00	80,357.00	84,514.00	93,750.00	96,521.00	98,830.00	101,139.00
27	67,426.00	81,743.00	85,899.00	95,135.00	97,906.00	100,215.00	102,525.00
30	67,626.00	82,143.00	86,499.00	95,935.00	98,906.00	101,415.00	103,925.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY SCHEDULEA. Compensation Schedule for High School Additional Duty

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Percentage of BA-0 Base Salary:</b>
Academic Challenge	4.5
Arts Club	6.0
Audio-Visual Coordinator	6.0
Technology Coordinator (2C 10%)	20.0
Communications <b>P.R.</b>	2.0
"Cigam"	6.5
Testing Coordinator	5.0
DECA / School Store	5.0
Colleje Access	6.0
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor	3.0
Future Teachers	2.0
Video Club	4.0
Graduation Coordinator/Senior Advisor	6.0
"Magician"	6.5
Math Club	2.0
National Honor Society	2.0
Nursing	1.2
Step Team	2.0
Science Club	2.0
Ski Club	2.0
World Language Club	3.0
Student Council	10.0
Writers Club	2.0
Artistic Director - Fall Drama	5.0
Artistic Director - Spring Musical	5.0
Business Ed Activities Coordinator (3 @ 1.2)	3.6
Cosmetology Club	1.2
Machine Trades Club	1.2
Head Color Guard	4.0
Assistant Color Guard	3.0
Musical Production	8.0
Theater Manager	8.0
Website Coordinator	10.0
Department Heads (9 @ 5%)	45.0
Teens Against Cancer	5.0

The BHS FAC and principal shall receive 25% of the BA-0 each year of the contract to be used towards new supplementals. FAC will make suggestions but the principal will make the final decision. Any unused contracted amounts in the above chart will be reallocated to support new club initiatives. This will be determined on an annual basis.

B. Compensation Schedule for Middle School Additional Duty

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Percentage of BA-0 Base Salary:</b>
Yearbook	4.0
Spelling Bee	1.0
Choir/Jr. Magic Singers	2.0
Student Council	5.0
PANDA	1.5
Spanish Club	1.0
Art Club (2@2%)	4.0
Drama Club	4.0
Computer Club	1.0
Outdoor Education (2 @ 4%)	8.0
Power of the Pen	2.0
Honor Society	2.0
Public Relations	1.5
Mentorship / PPG	1.0
DECA/School Store	1.0
A.V./Technology Coordinator (2@ 10%)	20.0
Project Understand	1.0

**The BMS FAC and principal shall receive 25% of the BA-0 each year of the contract to be used towards new supplementals. FAC will make suggestions but the principal will make the final decision. Any unused contracted amounts in the above chart will be reallocated to support new club initiatives. This will be determined on an annual basis.**

C. Compensation for Barberton Intermediate School

Spelling Bee	1.0
AV/Technology Coordinator (2 @8)	16.0
Yearbook	1.0
Art Club	2.0
Drama (2@1.5)	3.0
Science Club	2.0
Public Relations/Community Outreach	3.0
Student Leaders (2@2.5)	5.0

D. Compensation for Barberton Primary School

AV/Technology Coordinator (2 @8)	16.0
Yearbook	1.0
Art Club	2.0
Drama (2@1.5)	3.0
Science Club	2.0
Public Relations/Community Outreach	3.0
Book Club	1.5
Math Club	1.0
Active Kids	1.0
We Love Animals Club	1.5

**Primary and Intermediate FAC and principal shall receive 30% of the BA-0 each year to be used towards supplementals. Any unused contracted amounts in the above chart will be reallocated to support new club initiatives. FAC will make suggestions but the principal will make the final decision. This will be determined annually.**

E. Compensation Schedule for Athletic Assignments - Fall Sports

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Percentage of BA-0 Base Salary:</b>
<b><i>Football</i></b>	
Head Coach	23.0 — 33.0*
BHS Assistant	16.0
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	10.0
BHS Assistant	8.0
BHS Assistant	7.0
BHS Assistant	5.0
BHS Assistant	4.0
BMS Assistant (2 @ 7%)	14.0
BMS Assistant (2 @ 4%)	8.0
Conditioning	10.0
Summer Camp	6.0

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<b>Position:</b>	<b>Percentage of BA-0 Base Salary:</b>
<b><u>Cross Country</u></b>	
Head Coach Boys	7.0-12.0
Head Coach Girls	7.0-12.0
BHS Assistant	4.0
MS Assistant	4.0
<b><u>Tennis — Girls</u></b>	
Head Coach	7.0-12.0
Assistant	4.0
<b><u>Volleyball</u></b>	
Head Coach	12.0-17.0
BHS Assistant	8.0
BHS Assistant	8.0
BHS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
<b><u>Soccer</u></b>	
Head Coach (Boys and Girls)	12.0-17.0
BHS Assistant	8.0
BHS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
<b><u>Golf</u></b>	
Head Coach	7.0-12.0
BHS Assistant	5.0

Compensation Schedule for Athletic Assignments - Winter Sports

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Percentage of BA-0 Base Salary:</b>
<b><u>Basketball - Boys</u></b>	1
Head Coach	22.0-32.0*
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	10.0
MS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
Open Gym	10.0
Open Gym	6.0
<b><u>Basketball - Girls</u></b>	
Head Coach	22.0-32.0*
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	14.0
BHS Assistant	10.0
MS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
Open Gym	10.0
Open Gym	6.0
<b><u>Wrestling</u></b>	
Head Coach	17.0-25.0*
BHS Assistant	12.0
MS Assistant	8.0
Open Mat	10.0
<b><u>Swimming</u></b>	
Head Coach	12.0-17.0
BHS Assistant	7.0
<b><u>Bowling</u></b>	4.0

\*Placed by the Superintendent with the approval of the Board.

Compensation Schedule for Athletic Assignments - *Spring Sports*

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Percentage of BA-0 Base Salary:</b>
<b><i>Softball</i></b>	
Head Coach	12.0-17.0
BHS Assistant	7.0
BHS Assistant	7.0
BHS Assistant	7.0
<b><i>Baseball</i></b>	
Head Coach	12.0-17.0
BHS Assistant	7.0
BHS Assistant	7.0
BHS Assistant	7.0
<b><i>Track - Boys</i></b>	
Head Coach	12.0-17.0
BHS Assistant	7.0
BHS Assistant	4.0
MS Assistant	4.0
MS Assistant	4.0
<b><i>Track - Girls</i></b>	
Head Coach	12.0-17.0
BHS Assistant	7.0
BHS Assistant	4.0
MS Assistant	4.0
MS Assistant	4.0
<b><i>Tennis - Boys</i></b>	
Head Coach	7.0-12.0
Assistant	4.0



Compensation Schedule for Athletic Assignments - *General*

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Percentage of BA-0 Base Salary:</b>
<b><i>Athletic Department</i></b>	
Weight Room Supervisor	12.0-18.0*
BHS Faculty Manager	18.0-26.0*
Athletic Trainer	18.0-26.0*
BHS Intramurals	5.0
MS Intramurals	4.0
5/6 Intramurals	3.0
Elementary Athletic Coordinator	5.0
Middle School Athletic Coordinator	18.0
High School Assistant Athletic Director	30.0
<b><i>Cheerleaders</i></b>	
Head Coach	14.0-19.0*
MS Assistant	10.0
MS Assistant	5.0
BHS Assistant	10.0
MS Assistant	8.0
MS Assistant	8.0
<b><i>E Sports</i></b>	
Head Coach	7.0-12.0

\*Placed by the Superintendent with the approval of the Board.

The Board and Association agree that the Board shall have the right to establish all rates for supplemental positions created during the term of an agreement. The Board agrees that said rate(s) shall be the subject of future negotiations and that any increase in the index rate shall be applied retroactively to affected positions based upon the BA-0 base salary in effect at that time.

H. Length of Season Defined

The length of the season each teacher serves under a supplemental contract shall be established with the start of the season corresponding with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) official start of the season and if the OHSAA does not designate a specific end of season date, ending one (1) week after the last scheduled contest, including tournaments if applicable. For purposes of calculating per diem rate, each week of the season shall be deemed to consist of six (6) workdays.

## SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

### A. HEALTH INSURANCE

The limits of benefits shown in this schedule are applicable to each insured dependent in accordance with his/her classification. The maximum benefit applicable to each coverage under a classification is the amount listed opposite the benefit. Insurance is provided only for those benefits for which a maximum benefit is stipulated. The detailed Summary of Benefits, for each deductible credit plan, is available via the BenXpress portal (RESOURCES').

	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK
Hospital Services	80% after deductible	70% after deductible
Physician Services		
Office Visits	100% after co-pay	70% after deductible
Surgery in Office	80% after deductible	70% after deductible
Surgery in Hospital	80% after deductible	70% after deductible
All Other Eligible Services	80% after deductible	70% after deductible
Plan Deductible (Annual)		
Per Person	\$1000*	\$2000*
<i>Per Family</i>	\$2000*	\$4000*
Out-of-Pocket Limit		
Single	\$2250*	\$4500*
Family	\$4500*	\$9000*
Preventative Care Visit	No Charge	70% after deductible
Office Visit Co-Pay	\$20	70% after deductible
Specialist Visit Co-Pay	\$30	70% after deductible
Emergency Room Co-Pay	\$150***+10% after co-pay/ ***waived if admitted	\$150***+10% after co-pay/ ***waived if admitted
Urgent Care Co-Pay	\$35	70% after deductible
Lifetime Aggregate Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited

\*See Wellness Initiative (Section D)

\*\*Network and Non-network deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums **are not** separate and **do** accumulate toward each other.

\*\*Network and Non-network copayments and coinsurance **are** separate and **do not** accumulate toward each other.

\*\*\*Co-pay waived if admitted

## B. PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

<b>RETAIL PHARMACIES</b>	<b>NETWORK</b>	<b>NON- NETWORK</b>
Generic/Tier 1	\$10 co-pay	Not covered
Preferred Brand/Tier 2	\$40 co-pay	Not covered
Non-Preferred Brand/Tier 3	\$60 co-pay	Not covered
Specialty Injectable/Tier 4	50% w/ \$200 max	Not covered
	***90-day supply (included diabetic test strip)	
<b>MAIL ORDER (2x retail co-pay)</b>	<b>NETWORK</b>	<b>NON-NETWORK</b>
Generic/Tier 1	\$20 co-pay	Not covered
Preferred Brand/Tier 2	\$80 co-pay	Not covered
Non-Preferred Brand/Tier 3	\$120 co-pay	Not covered
Specialty Injectable/Tier 4	50% w/ \$200 max	Not covered
	***90-day supply (includes diabetic test strip)	
<b>RX Out-of-Pocket Max</b>		
Single	\$5,650	
Family	\$11,300	

## C. COMPREHENSIVE WELLNESS INITIATIVE

A voluntary employee wellness program is available. The wellness program consists of a combination of activities that are designed to:

1. Increase awareness.
2. Assess risk.
3. Educate and promote voluntary behavior change to improve the health of an
4. individual.
5. Encourage modifications of his or her health status.
6. Enhance his or her personal well-being and productivity, with a goal of preventing injury and illness.

There are five (5) key wellness/deductible credit categories:

- a. Annual Physical
- b. Non-tobacco user or participation in a smoking cessation program)
- c. Low-density Li-protein (LDL)/High-density Li-protein (HDL)- Cholesterol
- d. (BMI) Body-Mass Index
- e. Blood Pressure

Effective January 1, 2016, and each year thereafter, employees who voluntarily participate in an annual physical will also have the opportunity to earn Deductible Credits. Deductible Credits are defined as discounted units to be applied directly against the major medical plan deductible. Each credit shall be worth \$100 for single enrollees and \$200 for family enrollees. All credits shall be applied against the top of the deductible (i.e., reducing the deductible from \$750 to \$250 per single and from \$1,500 to \$500 per family). A maximum of five (5) credit units can be applied in any one calendar year period. Deductible Credits are non-transferable and are only applicable against claims incurred during the same calendar year.

Deductible Credit(s) shall be awarded for meeting or exceeding the established improvement target, or targeted improvement metrics from the prior year's results, (or under the care of a family doctor\*). Deductible Credits for the current calendar year shall be based on scores from the previous Fall physical.

Employees unable to reasonably meet the established improvement metrics or target score due to a physician's documented medical condition or chronic illness will receive the established Deductible Credit when deemed appropriate.

**E. DENTAL INSURANCE**

The detailed Summary of Benefits is available via the BenXpress portal ('RESOURCES').

<b>Covered Expense</b>	<b>Individual Deductible (per calendar year)</b>	<b>Family Deductible (per calendar year)</b>	<b>Plan pays:</b>
CLASS I Diagnostic and Preventive	None	None	100%
CLASS II Basic Services	\$25	\$50	80%
CLASS III Major Services	\$25	\$50	60%
CLASS IV Orthodontic Services*	None	None	50%

CALENDAR YEAR MAXIMUM for all CLASS I, II, III covered expenses: \$2,500 per person

CALENDAR YEAR MAXIMUM for all CLASS IV covered expenses: \$1,500 per person

(\*age limit 19)

**E. VISION INSURANCE**

A voluntary vision policy (100% employee paid) is available. The detailed Summary of Benefits is available via the BenXpress portal ('RESOURCES').

## F. Schedule of Benefits

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The Schedule of Benefits is a summary of the Deductibles, Coinsurance, Copayments, maximums and other limits that apply when you receive Covered Services from a Provider. Please refer to the "Covered Services" section of this Benefit Booklet for a more complete explanation of the specific services covered by the Plan. All Covered Services are subject to the conditions, exclusions, limitations, terms and provisions of this Benefit Booklet including any endorsements, amendments, or riders.

**This Schedule of Benefits lists the Member's responsibility for Covered Services.**

**To receive maximum benefits at the lowest Out-Of-Pocket expense, Covered Services must be provided by a Network Provider.** Benefits for Covered Services are based on the Maximum Allowable Amount, which is the maximum amount the Plan will pay for a given service. When you use a Non-Network Provider you are responsible for any balance due between the Non-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount in addition to any Coinsurance, Copayments, Deductibles, and non covered charges.

**Essential Health Benefits provided under this Plan are not subject to lifetime or annual dollar maximums. Certain non-essential health benefits, however, are subject to either a lifetime and/or annual dollar maximum.**

**Copayments/Coinsurance/Maximums are calculated based upon the Maximum Allowable Amount, not the Provider's charge.**

Under certain circumstances, if the Plan pays the Provider amounts that are your responsibility, such as Deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance, the Plan may collect such amounts directly from you. You agree that the Plan has the right to collect such amounts from you

**Essential Health Benefits are defined by federal law and refer to benefits in at least the following categories:**

- Ambulatory patient services,
- Emergency services,
- Hospitalization,
- Maternity and newborn care,
- Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment,
- Prescription drugs,
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices,
- Laboratory services,
- Preventive and wellness services, and
- Chronic disease management and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

**Such benefits shall be consistent with those set forth under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and any regulations issued pursuant thereto.**

**BENEFIT PERIOD** Calendar Year

**Dependent Age Limit** To the end of the month in which the child attains age 26

**DEDUCTIBLE**

	<b>Network</b>	<b>Non-Network</b>
Per Member	\$1,000	\$2,000
Per Family	\$2,000	\$4,000

Note: The Deductible applies to all Covered Services with Coinsurance amounts you incur in a Benefit Period, except for the following:

- Emergency Room services when subject to a Copayment plus Coinsurance

Copayments are not subject to and do not apply to the Deductible.

Note: Any amounts applied to the Deductible for expenses incurred during the last three months of the Benefit Period will also be applied to meet the next Benefit Period's Deductible but not the Out-of-Pocket Limit.

**OUT-OF-POCKET LIMIT**

	<b>Network</b>	<b>Non-Network</b>
Per Member	\$2,250	\$4,500
Per Family	\$4,500	\$9,000

The Out-of-Pocket Limit includes all Deductibles, Copayments, and Coinsurance amounts you incur in a Benefit Period, except for the following services:

Non-Network Human Organ and Tissue Transplant services

No one person will pay more than their individual Out-of-Pocket Limit. Once the Member and/or family Out-of-Pocket Limit is satisfied, no additional Copayments / Coinsurance will be required for the Member and/or family for the remainder of the Benefit Period, except for the services listed above.

Note: Network and Non-Network Copayments and Coinsurance are separate and do not accumulate toward each other.

**COVERED SERVICES COPAYMENTS/COINSURANCE/MAXIMUMS**

	<b>Network</b>	<b>Non-Network</b>
<b>Ambulance Services (Air and Water)</b>	20% Coinsurance	Covered Services are always paid at the Network level. However, Non-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges that exceed the Maximum Allowable Amount.

**Important Note:** Air ambulance services for non-Emergency Hospital to Hospital transfers must be approved through Precertification. Please see "Health Care Management" for details.

**Ambulance Services  
(Ground)**

20% Coinsurance

Covered Services are always paid at the Network level. However, Non-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges that exceed the Maximum Allowable Amount.

**Important Note:** All scheduled ground ambulance services for non-Emergency transfers, except transfers from one acute Facility to another, must be approved through Precertification. Please see "Health Care Management" for details.

**Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services**

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|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
| • inpatient Facility Services  | 20% Coinsurance          | 30% Coinsurance |
| • Inpatient Professional Services  | 20% Coinsurance          | 30% Coinsurance |
| • Outpatient Facility Services<br>(Includes Outpatient Hospital /<br>Alternative Care Facility and<br>Transitional Care) | 20% Coinsurance          | 30% Coinsurance |
| • Outpatient Professional<br>Services (Includes Transitional<br>Care)  | 20% Coinsurance          | 30% Coinsurance |
| • Other Outpatient Services  | 20% Coinsurance          | 30% Coinsurance |
| • Office Visits  | \$20 Copayment per visit | 30% Coinsurance |

Note: Coverage for the treatment of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse conditions is provided in compliance with federal law.

**Dental Services (only when related to accidental injury)**

Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received.

Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received.

**Diabetic Equipment, Education, and Supplies**

Copayment / Coinsurance is based on the setting where Covered Services are received



For information on equipment and supplies, please refer **to** the "Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment, and Appliances" provision in this Schedule.

Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under "Preventive Care:"

For information on Prescription Drug coverage, please refer to the "Prescription Drugs" provision in this Schedule.

**Diagnostic Services**

When rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services the Copayment/Coinsurance is based on the setting where Covered Services are received except as listed below. Other Diagnostic Services and or tests, including services received at an independent Network lab, may not require a Copayment/Coinsurance.

Copayment/Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received.

Laboratory services provided by a facility participating in Our Laboratory Network (as shown in the Provider directory) may not require a Coinsurance/ Copayment. If laboratory services are provided by an Outpatient Hospital laboratory which is not part of Our Laboratory Network, even if it is a Network Provider for other services, they will be covered as an Outpatient Services benefit.

Note: MRA, MRI, PET scan, CAT scan, nuclear cardiology imaging studies, and non-maternity related ultrasound services are subject to the Other Outpatient Services Copayment / Coinsurance, regardless of setting where Covered Services are received.

**Emergency Room Services**  
Copayment / Coinsurance is waived if you are admitted

\$150 Copayment per visit plus an additional 10% Coinsurance

Covered Services are always paid at the Network level. However, Non-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges that exceed the Maximum Allowable Amount.

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<b>Home Care Services</b>	20% Coinsurance	30% Coinsurance
Maximum Visits per Benefit Period	120 visits, Network and Non-Network combined	
Note: Maximum does not apply to Home Infusion Therapy, Manipulation Therapy or Private Duty Nursing rendered in the home.		
Private Duty Nursing Maximum per Member per Benefit Period	Unlimited	
<b>Hospice Services</b>	20% Coinsurance	20% Coinsurance
<b>Inpatient and Outpatient Professional Services</b>	20% Coinsurance	30% Coinsurance
<b>Inpatient Facility Services</b>	20% Coinsurance	30% Coinsurance
Maximum days per Benefit Period for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (includes Day Rehabilitation Therapy services on an Outpatient basis)	Unlimited	
Maximum days per Benefit Period for Skilled Nursing Facility	90 days, combined Network and Non-Network	
<b>Mammograms (Outpatient)</b>		
· <b>Diagnostic mammograms</b>	No Copayments / Coinsurance to the Maximum Allowable Amount.	30% Coinsurance
· <b>Routine mammograms</b>	Please see the "Preventive Care Services" provision in this Schedule.	
<b>Maternity Services</b>	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received

<b>Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances</b>	20% Coinsurance	30% Coinsurance
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(Includes certain diabetic and asthmatic supplies when obtained from a Non-Network Pharmacy.)

Maximum per Benefit Period For Wigs following cancer treatment	One wig Network and Non-Network combined
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Note: If durable medical equipment or appliances are obtained through your PCP / SCP or another Network Physician's office, Urgent Care Center Services, Other Outpatient Services, or Home Care Services, the Copayment / Coinsurance listed above will apply in addition to the Copayment / Coinsurance in the setting where Covered Services are received.

**Outpatient Services**

<b>Outpatient Surgery Hospital/</b> Coinsurance	20% Coinsurance	30%
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**Alternative Care Facility**

<b>Other Outpatient Services</b>	20% Coinsurance	30% Coinsurance
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Note: Physical Medicine Therapy obtained through Day Rehabilitation Programs is subject to the Other Outpatient Services Copayment/Coinsurance regardless of setting where Covered Services are received.

**Physician Home Visits and Office Services**

Primary Care and Virtual Office Physician (PCP)	\$15 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance
Specialty Care Physician (SCP)	\$25 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance
Allergy Injections	20% Coinsurance	30% Coinsurance

Note: Allergy testing, MRA, MRI, PET scan, CAT scan, nuclear cardiology imaging studies, non-maternity related ultrasound services, pharmaceutical injections and drugs (except immunizations covered under "Preventive Care Services" in the Certificate) received in a Physician's office are subject to the Other Outpatient Services Copayment / Coinsurance. The allergy injection Copayment/Coinsurance will be applied when the injection(s) is billed by itself. The office visit Copayment/Coinsurance will apply if an office visit is billed with an allergy injection.

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<b>Preventive Care Services</b>	No Copayments / Coinsurance to the Maximum Allowable Amount.	30% Coinsurance
<b>Surgical Services</b>	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received
<b>Temporomandibular and</b>	Copayments / Coinsurance	Copayments / Coinsurance
<b>Craniomandibular Joint</b>	based on setting where Covered	based on setting where Covered

**Disease Treatment**

<b>Therapy Services</b>	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received
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Note: If different types of Therapy Services are performed during one Physician Home Visit, Office Service, or Outpatient Service, then each different type of Therapy Service performed will be considered a separate Therapy Visit, Each Therapy Visit will count against the applicable Maximum Visits listed below,

Maximum Visits per Benefit  
Period for:

Physical Therapy	30 visits when rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, combined Network and Non-Network. When rendered in the home, Home Care Services limits apply instead of the limit listed here.
Occupational Therapy	30 visits when rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, combined Network and Non-Network. When rendered in the home, Home Care Services limits apply instead of the limit listed here.
Speech Therapy	Unlimited visits when rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, combined Network and Non-Network. When rendered in the home, Home Care Services limits apply instead of the limit listed here.
Manipulation Therapy	12 visits combined Network & Non-Network

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Cardiac Rehabilitation	Unlimited visits when rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, combined Network and Non Network. When rendered in the home, Home Care Services limits apply instead of the limit listed here.
Pulmonary Rehabilotation	Unlimited visits when rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, combined Network and Non-Network. When rendered in the home, Home Care Services limits apply instead of the limit listed here. When rendered as part of physical therapy, the Physical Therapy limit will apply instead of the limit listed here.

<b>Urgent Care Center Services</b>	\$35 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance
Allergy injections	20% Coinsurance	30% Coinsurance

NOTES: Allergy testing, MRA, MRI, PET scan, CAT scan, nuclear cardiology imaging studies, non-maternity related ultrasound services, pharmaceutical injections and drugs received in an urgent care center are subject to the Other Outpatient Services Copayment / Coinsurance.

The allergy injection Copayment / Coinsurance will be applied when the injection(s) is billed by itself. The urgent care visit Copayment / Coinsurance will apply if an urgent care visit is billed with an allergy injection.

**Human Organ and Tissue Transplant (Bone Marrow/Stem Cell) Services**

**The human organ and tissue transplant (bone marrow/stem cell) services benefits or requirements described below do not apply to the following:**

- **Cornea and kidney transplants; and**
- **Any Covered Services, related to a Covered Transplant Procedure, received prior to or after the Transplant Benefit Period. Please note that the initial evaluation and any necessary additional testing to determine your eligibility as a candidate for transplant by your Provider and the collection and storage of bone marrow/stem cells is included in the Covered Transplant Procedure benefit regardless of the date of service. The above services are covered as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services or Physician Home Visits and Office Services depending on where the service is performed, subject to applicable Member cost shares.**

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Transplant Benefit Period	<b>Network Transplant Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Transplant Provider</b>
	Starts one day prior to a Covered Transplant Procedure and continues for the applicable case rate/global time period (The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the Network Transplant Provider agreement. Contact the Transplant Case Manager for specific Network Transplant Provider information) for services received at or coordinated by a Network Transplant Provider Facility.	Starts one day prior to a covered Transplant Procedure and continues to the date of discharge.
<b>Deductible</b>	<b>Network Transplant Provider</b> Not Applicable	<b>Non-Network Transplant Provider</b> Applicable. During the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Transplant Procedure charges that count toward the Deductible will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.
<b>Covered Transplant Procedure during the Transplant Benefit Period</b>	<b>Network Transplant Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Transplant Provider</b>
	During the Transplant Benefit	During the Transplant Benefit

Period, No Copayment / Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount

Prior to and after the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Services will be paid as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services or Physician Home Visits and Office Services depending where the service is performed.

Period, You will pay 50% of the Maximum Allowable Amount. During the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Transplant Procedure charges at a Non-Network Transplant Provider Facility will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.

If the Provider is also a Network Provider for this Certificate (for services other than Transplant Services and Procedures), then you will **not** be responsible for Covered Services which exceed Our Maximum Allowable Amount.

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If the Provider is a Non-Network Provider for this Certificate, you **will** be responsible for Covered Services which exceed Our Maximum Allowable Amount. Prior to and after the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Services will be paid as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services or Physician Home Visits and Office Services depending where the service is performed.

#### **Covered Transplant Procedure during the Transplant Benefit Period**

#### **Network Transplant Provider Professional and Ancillary (non-Hospital) Providers**

No Copayment / Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount

#### **Non-Network Transplant Provider Professional and Ancillary (non-Hospital) Providers**

You are responsible for 50% of Maximum Allowable Amount. These charges will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.

#### **Transportation, Meals and Lodging**

Covered, as approved by the Plan, up to a unlimited benefit limit per transplant

For Transplants received at a Non -Network Transplant Provide Facility, covered as approved by the Plan, up to

a maximum of unlimited in charges per transplant. You will pay 50% of the approved amount. These charges will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.

**Unrelated donor searches for bone marrow/stem cell transplants for a Covered Transplant Procedure**  
 Covered, as approved by the Plan, up to unlimited per transplant benefit limit. You will be

Covered, as approved by the Plan, up to an unlimited benefit limit

Covered, as approved by the Plan, up to unlimited per transplant benefit limit. You will be responsible for 50% of search charges. These charges will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.

**Live Donor Health Services**

Medically Necessary charges for the procurement of an organ from a live donor are Covered in Full up to the Plan's Maximum Allowable Amount, including complications from six weeks from the date of procurement.

You will pay 50% of Our Maximum Allowable Amount for medically necessary live organ donor expenses. Covered expenses include complications from the donor procedure for up to six weeks from the date of procurement.

**Prescription Drugs**

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Days Supply: Days Supply may be less than the amount shown due to Prior Authorization, Quantity Limits, and/or age limits and Utilization Guidelines.

Retail Pharmacy (Network and Non-Network) 30

**Note:** When a 90-day supply is obtained from a Retail Pharmacy, three (3) Copayments (one for each 30-day period) will apply. When a 30-day supply is obtained, only one Copayment per Prescription Order will apply.

Mail Service 90

Specialty Pharmacy \*

See additional information in Specialty Network Retail / Specialty Mail Service section below.

Tier 1 Prescription Drugs	Network Retail Pharmacy Prescription Drug Copayment/Coinsurance: \$10 Copayment per Prescription Order
Tier 2 Prescription Drugs	\$40 Copayment per Prescription Order
Tier 3 Prescription Drugs	\$60 Copayment per Prescription Order
Tier 4 Prescription Drugs	50% Coinsurance, maximum \$200 per Prescription Order

The PBM's Mail Service Program Prescription Drug Copayment/Coinsurance:

Tier 1 Prescription Drugs	\$20 Copayment per Prescription Order
Tier 2 Prescription Drugs	\$80 Copayment per Prescription Order
Tier 3 Prescription Drugs	\$120 Copayment per Prescription Order
Tier 4 Prescription Drugs	50% Coinsurance, maximum \$200 per Prescription Order

Non-Network Retail Pharmacy      Not Covered  
Prescription Drug:

Note: No Copayment/Coinsurance applies to certain diabetic and asthmatic supplies, up to the Maximum Allowable Amount when obtained from a Network Pharmacy. These supplies are covered as medical supplies, durable medical equipment, and appliances if obtained from a Non-Network Pharmacy. Diabetic test strips are covered subject to applicable Prescription Drug Copayment/Coinsurance.



**BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JUSTIFICATION FOLLOWING THE USE OF SICK LEAVE**

Employee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

School or Office \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Days Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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As required by §3319.141 of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the use of Sick Leave for \_\_\_\_\_ days, from \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, was necessary under the following circumstances:

(CHECK ONE)

- \_\_\_\_\_ I was ill.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I was injured.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A member of my immediate family was ill or injured.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A member of my immediate family or I had a scheduled doctor's appointment.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(member of immediate family)

who is (check one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ a resident in my home
- \_\_\_\_\_ not a resident in my home

\_\_\_\_\_ Death occurred in my immediate family to the member listed below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(member of immediate family)

(CHECK ONE)

- \_\_\_\_\_ I did not obtain medical attention.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I obtained medical attention.

Name of Physician/Doctor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Physician/Doctor \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s) Consulted \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that falsification of this statement is grounds for termination of employment under §§3319.081 and 3319.16, Ohio Revised Code.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employee

(File this statement promptly after each absence with the person responsible for your Payroll Report.)

**Self-Assessment Summary Tool**

**Directions:** Teachers should record evidence to indicate strengths and areas for growth for each standard. all of the standards holistically and identify two priorities for the upcoming year. Note these two priorities with check marks in the far-right column.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Standard</b>		<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Areas for Growth</b>	<b>Priorities (Check 2)</b>
Standard 1: Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of how students learn and of student development</li> <li>• Understanding of what students know and are able to do</li> <li>• High expectations for all students</li> <li>• Respect for all students</li> <li>• Identification, instruction and intervention for special populations</li> </ul>			
Standard 2: Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of content</li> <li>• Use of content- specific instructional strategies to teach concepts and skills</li> <li>• Knowledge of school and district curriculum priorities and Ohio academic content standards</li> <li>• Relationship of knowledge within the discipline to other content areas</li> <li>• Connection of content to life experiences and career opportunities</li> </ul>			
Standard 3: Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of assessment types</li> <li>• Use of varied diagnostic, formative and summative assessments</li> <li>• Analysis of data to monitor student progress and to plan, differentiate, and modify instruction</li> <li>• Communication of results</li> <li>• Inclusion of student self-assessment and goal-setting</li> </ul>			

<b>Standard</b>		<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Areas for Growth</b>	<b>Priorities (Check 2)</b>
Standard 4: Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment to school and district priorities and Ohio academic content standards</li> <li>• Use of student information to plan and deliver instruction</li> <li>• Communication of clear learning goals</li> <li>• Application of knowledge of how students learn to instructional design and delivery</li> <li>• Differentiation of instruction to support learning needs of all students</li> <li>• Use of activities to promote independence and problem-solving</li> <li>• Use of varied resources to support learner needs</li> </ul>			
Standard 5: Learning Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair and equitable treatment of all students</li> <li>• Creation of a safe learning environment</li> <li>• Use of strategies to motivate students to work productively and assume responsibility for learning</li> <li>• Creation of learning situations for independent and collaborative work</li> <li>• Maintenance an environment that is conducive to learning for all students</li> </ul>			
Standard 6: Collaboration &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear and effective communication</li> <li>• Shared responsibility with parents/caregivers to support student learning</li> <li>• Collaboration with other teachers, administrators, school and district staff</li> <li>• Collaboration with local community agencies</li> </ul>			
Standard 7: Professional Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of and adherence to professional ethics, policies and legal codes</li> <li>• Engagement in continuous, purposeful professional development</li> <li>• Desire to serve as an agent of change, seeking positive impact on teaching quality and student achievement</li> </ul>			

**Teacher Performance Evaluation Rubric**

The *Teacher Performance Evaluation Rubric* is intended to be scored holistically. This means that evaluators will assess which level provides the best *overall* description of the teacher. The scoring process is expected to occur upon completion of each thirty (30) minute observation and post-conference. The evaluator is to consider evidence gathered during the pre-observation conference, the observation, the post-observation conference, and classroom walkthroughs (if applicable). When completing the performance rubric, please note that evaluators are not expected to gather evidence on all indicators for each observation cycle. Likewise, teachers should not be required to submit additional pieces of evidence to address all indicators. The professionalism section of the rubric may use evidence collected during the pre-observation and post-observation conferences as well as information from the Professional Growth and/or Improvement Plan (if applicable).

INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING					
		Ineffective	Developing	Skilled	Accomplished
INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING	<p><b>FOCUS FOR LEARNING (Standard 4: Instruction)</b></p> <p><i>Sources of Evidence:</i> Pre-Conference</p>	<p>The teacher does not demonstrate a clear focus for student learning. Learning objectives are too general to guide lesson planning and are inappropriate for the students, and/or do not reference the Ohio standards.</p>	<p>The teacher communicates a focus for student learning, develops learning objectives that are appropriate for students and reference the Ohio standards but do not include measurable goals.</p>	<p>The teacher demonstrates a focus for student learning, with appropriate learning objectives that include measurable goal(s) for student learning aligned with the Ohio standards. The teacher demonstrates the importance of the goal and its appropriateness for students.</p>	<p>The teacher establishes challenging and measurable goal(s) for student learning that aligns with the Ohio standards and reflect a range of student learner needs. The teacher demonstrates how the goal(s) fit into the broader unit, course, and school goals for content learning and skills.</p>
	Evidence				

<b>INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING</b>				
	<b>Ineffective</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Skilled</b>	<b>Accomplished</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ASSESSMENT DATA</b> <b>(Standard 3: Assessment)</b></p> <p><i>Sources of Evidence:</i> Pre-Conference</p>	<p>The teacher does not plan for the assessment of student learning or does not analyze student learning data to inform lesson plans.</p>	<p>The teacher explains the characteristics, uses, and limitations of various diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments but does not consistently incorporate this knowledge into lesson planning.</p>	<p>The teacher demonstrates an understanding that assessment is a means of evaluating and supporting student learning through effectively incorporating diagnostic, formative, and/or summative assessments into lesson planning.</p>	<p>The teacher purposefully plans assessments and differentiates assessment choices to match the full range of student needs, abilities, and learning styles, incorporating a range of appropriate diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments into lesson plans.</p>
	<p>The teacher does not use or only uses one measure of student performance.</p>	<p>The teacher uses more than one measure of student performance but does not appropriately vary assessment approaches, or the teacher may have difficulty analyzing data to effectively inform instructional planning and delivery.</p>	<p>The teacher employs a variety of formal and informal assessment techniques to collect evidence of students' knowledge and skills and analyzes data to effectively inform instructional planning and delivery.</p>	<p>Student learning needs are accurately identified through an analysis of student data; the teacher uses assessment data to identify student strengths and areas for student growth.</p>
<b>Evidence</b>				

INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING					
		Ineffective	Developing	Skilled	Accomplished
INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING	<p><b>PRIOR CONTENT KNOWLEDGE / SEQUENCE / CONNECTIONS</b>  <b>(Standard 1: Students; Standard 2: Content; Standard 4: Instruction)</b></p> <p><i>Sources of Evidence:</i>            Pre-Conference</p>	<p>The teacher’s lesson does not build on or connect to students’ prior knowledge, or the teacher may give an explanation that is illogical or inaccurate as to how the content connects to previous and future learning.</p>	<p>The teacher makes an attempt to connect the lesson to students’ prior knowledge, to previous lessons or future learning but is not completely successful.</p>	<p>The teacher makes clear and coherent connections with students’ prior knowledge and future learning—both explicitly to students and within the lesson.</p>	<p>The teacher uses the input and contributions of families, colleagues, and other professionals in understanding each learner’s prior knowledge and supporting their development. The teacher makes meaningful and relevant connections between lesson content and other disciplines and real-world experiences and careers as well as prepares opportunities for students to apply learning from different content areas to solve problems.</p>

<b>INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING</b>					
		<b>Ineffective</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Skilled</b>	<b>Accomplished</b>
				The teacher plans and sequences instruction to include the important content, concepts, and processes in school and district curriculum priorities and in state standards.	The teacher plans and sequences instruction that reflects an understanding of the prerequisite relationships among the important content, concepts, and processes in school and district curriculum priorities and in state standards as well as multiple pathways for learning depending on student needs. The teacher accurately explains how the lesson fits within the structure of the discipline.
	<b>Evidence</b>				

**INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING**

<p><b>INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING</b></p>	<p><b>KNOWLEDGE OF STUDENTS (Standard 1: Students)</b></p> <p><i>Sources of Evidence:</i> Analysis of Student Data Pre-Conference</p>	<p>The teacher demonstrates a lack of familiarity with students’ backgrounds and has made no attempts to find this information.</p> <p>The teacher’s plan for instruction does not demonstrate an understanding of students’ development, preferred learning styles, and/or student backgrounds/prior experiences.</p>	<p>The teacher demonstrates some familiarity with students’ background knowledge and experiences and describes one procedure used to obtain this information.</p> <p>The teacher’s instructional plan draws upon a partial analysis of students’ development, readiness for learning, preferred learning styles, or backgrounds and prior experiences and/or the plan is inappropriately tailored to the specific population of students in the classroom.</p>	<p>The teacher demonstrates familiarity with students’ background knowledge and experiences and describes multiple procedures used to obtain this information.</p> <p>The teacher’s instructional plan draws upon an accurate analysis of the students’ development, readiness for learning, preferred learning styles, and backgrounds and prior experiences.</p>	<p>The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the purpose and value of learning about students’ background experiences, demonstrates familiarity with each student’s background knowledge and experiences, and describes multiple procedures used to obtain this information.</p> <p>The teacher’s analysis of student data (student development, student learning and preferred learning styles, and student backgrounds/prior experiences) accurately connects the data to specific instructional strategies and plans.</p> <p>The teacher plans for and can articulate specific strategies, content, and delivery that will meet the needs of individual students and groups of students.</p>
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	<b>Evidence</b>				
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Instruction and Assessment					
		Ineffective	Developing	Skilled	Accomplished
INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT	<p align="center"><b>LESSON DELIVERY</b> (Standard 2: Content; Standard 4: Instruction; Standard 6: Collaboration and Communication)</p> <p><i>Sources of Evidence:</i> Formal Observation Classroom Walkthroughs/ Informal Observations</p>	<p>A teacher’s explanations are unclear, incoherent, or inaccurate, and are generally ineffective in building student understanding. The teacher uses language that fails to engage students, is inappropriate to the content, and/or discourages independent or creative thinking.</p>	<p>Teacher explanations are accurate and generally clear but the teacher may not fully clarify information based on students’ questions about content or instructions for learning activities or the teacher may use some language that is developmentally inappropriate, leading to confusion or limiting discussion.</p>	<p>Teacher explanations are clear and accurate. The teacher uses developmentally appropriate strategies and language designed to actively encourage independent, creative, and critical thinking.</p>	<p>Teacher explanations are clear, coherent, and precise. The teacher uses well-timed, individualized, developmentally appropriate strategies and language designed to actively encourage independent, creative, and critical thinking, including the appropriate use of questions and discussion techniques.</p>
		<p>The teacher fails to address student confusion or frustration and does not use effective questioning techniques during the lesson. The lesson is almost entirely teacher-directed.</p>	<p>The teacher re-explains topics when students show confusion, but is not always able to provide an effective alternative explanation. The teacher attempts to employ purposeful questioning techniques, but may confuse students with the phrasing or timing of questions. The lesson is primarily teacher-directed.</p>	<p>The teacher effectively addresses confusion by re-explaining topics when asked and ensuring understanding. The teacher employs effective, purposeful questioning techniques during instruction. The lesson is a balance of teacher-directed instruction and student-led learning.</p>	<p>The teacher accurately anticipates confusion by presenting information in multiple formats and clarifying content before students ask questions. The teacher develops high-level understanding through effective uses of varied levels of questions. The lesson is student-led, with the teacher in the role of facilitator.</p>

Instruction and Assessment					
		Ineffective	Developing	Skilled	Accomplished
	<b>Evidence</b>				
	<p><b>DIFFERENTIATION (Standard 1: Students; Standard 4: Instruction)</b></p> <p><i>Sources of Evidence:</i> Pre-Conference Formal Observation Classroom Walkthroughs/ Informal Observations</p>	The teacher does not attempt to make the lesson accessible and challenging for most students, or attempts are developmentally inappropriate.	The teacher relies on a single strategy or alternate set of materials to make the lesson accessible to most students though some students may not be able to access certain parts of the lesson and/or some may not be challenged.	The teacher supports the learning needs of students through a variety of strategies, materials, and/or pacing that make learning accessible and challenging for the group.	The teacher matches strategies, materials, and/or pacing to students' individual needs, to make learning accessible and challenging for all students in the classroom. The teacher effectively uses independent, collaborative and whole-class instruction to support individual learning goals and provides varied options for how students will demonstrate mastery.
	<b>Evidence</b>				

	<p><b>RESOURCES (Standard 2: Content; Standard 4: Instruction)</b></p> <p><i>Sources of Evidence:</i> Pre-Conference Formal Observation Classroom Walkthroughs/ Informal Observations</p>	<p>Instructional materials and resources used for instruction are not relevant to the lesson or are inappropriate for students.</p>	<p>The teacher uses appropriate instructional materials to support learning goals, but may not meet individual students' learning styles/needs or actively engage them in learning.</p>	<p>Instructional materials and resources are aligned to the instructional purposes and are appropriate for students' learning styles and needs, actively engaging students.</p>	<p>Instructional materials and resources are aligned to instructional purposes, are varied and appropriate to ability levels of students, and actively engage them in ownership of their learning.</p>
<p><b>Evidence</b></p>					

Instruction and Assessment					
		Ineffective	Developing	Skilled	Accomplished
<b>INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT</b>	<p><b>CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT (Standard 1: Students; Standard 5: Learning Environment; Standard 6: Collaboration and Communication)</b></p>	<p>There is little or no evidence of a positive rapport between the teacher and students. For example, the teacher may respond disrespectfully to students or ignore their questions or comments.</p>	<p>The teacher is fair in the treatment of students and establishes a basic rapport with them. For example, the teacher addresses students questions or comments but does not inquire about their overall well-being.</p>	<p>The teacher has positive rapport with students and demonstrates respect for and interest in all students. For example, the teacher makes eye contact and connects with individual students.</p>	<p>The teacher has positive rapport with students and demonstrates respect for and interest in individual students' experiences, thoughts and opinions. For example, the teacher responds quietly, individually, and sensitively to student confusion or distress.</p>
	<p><i>Sources of Evidence:</i> Pre-Conference Formal Observation Classroom Walkthroughs/ Informal Observations</p>	<p>There are no evident routines or procedures; students seem unclear about what they should be doing or are idle.</p>	<p>Routines and procedures are in place, but the teacher may inappropriately prompt or direct students when they are unclear or idle.</p>	<p>Routines and procedures run smoothly throughout the lesson, and students assume age-appropriate levels of responsibility for the efficient operation of the classroom.</p>	<p>Routines are well-established and orderly and students initiate responsibility for the efficient operation of the classroom.</p>

<b>Instruction and Assessment</b>					
		<b>Ineffective</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Skilled</b>	<b>Accomplished</b>
		<p>Transitions are inefficient with considerable instructional time lost. Lessons progress too slowly or quickly so students are frequently disengaged.</p> <p>The teacher creates a learning environment that allows for little or no communication or engagement with families.</p>	<p>The teacher transitions between learning activities, but occasionally loses some instructional time in the process.</p> <p>The teacher welcomes communication from families and replies in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Transitions are efficient and occur smoothly. There is evidence of varied learning situations (whole class, cooperative learning, small group and independent work).</p> <p>The teacher engages in two-way communication and offers a variety of volunteer opportunities and activities for families to support student learning.</p>	<p>Transitions are seamless as the teacher effectively maximizes instructional time and combines independent, collaborative, and whole-class learning situations.</p> <p>The teacher engages in two-way, ongoing communication with families that results in active volunteer, community, and family partnerships which contribute to student learning and development.</p>

<b>Instruction and Assessment</b>				
	<b>Ineffective</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Skilled</b>	<b>Accomplished</b>
	Expectations for behavior are not established or are inappropriate and/or no monitoring of behaviors occurs. The teacher responds to misbehavior inappropriately.	Appropriate expectations for behavior are established, but some expectations are unclear or do not address the needs of individual students. The teacher inconsistently monitors behavior.	A classroom management system has been implemented that is appropriate and responsive to classroom and individual needs of students. Clear expectations for student behavior are evident. Monitoring of student behavior is consistent, appropriate, and effective.	A classroom management system has been designed, implemented, and adjusted with student input and is appropriate for the classroom and individual student needs. Students are actively encouraged to take responsibility for their behavior. The teacher uses research-based strategies to lessen disruptive behaviors and reinforce positive behaviors.
<b>Evidence</b>				

<b>Instruction and Assessment</b>		<b>Ineffective</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Skilled</b>	<b>Accomplished</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION AND</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING (Standard 3: Assessment)</b>  <i>Sources of Evidence:</i> Pre-Conference Formal Observation Classroom Walkthroughs/	The teacher does not routinely use assessments to measure student mastery.	The teacher uses assessments to measure student mastery, but may not differentiate instruction based on this information.	The teacher uses assessment data to identify students' strengths and needs, and modifies and differentiates instruction accordingly, although the teacher may not be able to anticipate learning obstacles.	The teacher uses assessment data to identify students' strengths and needs, and modifies and differentiates instruction accordingly, as well as examines classroom assessment results to reveal trends and patterns in individual and group progress and to anticipate learning obstacles.



<b>Instruction and Assessment</b>		<b>Ineffective</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Skilled</b>	<b>Accomplished</b>
	<p>Informal Observations Post-Conference</p>	<p>The teacher rarely or never checks the students' understanding of content. The teacher fails to make adjustments in response to student confusion.</p> <p>The teacher persists in using a particular strategy for responding to misunderstandings, even when data suggest the approach is not succeeding.</p>	<p>The teacher checks for student understanding and makes attempts to adjust instruction accordingly, but these adjustments may cause some additional confusion</p> <p>The teacher gathers and uses student data from a few sources to choose appropriate instructional strategies for groups of students.</p>	<p>The teacher checks for understanding at key moments and makes adjustments to instruction (whole-class or individual students). The teacher responds to student misunderstandings by providing additional clarification.</p> <p>The teacher gathers and uses student data from a variety of sources to choose and implement appropriate instructional strategies for groups of students.</p>	<p>The teacher continually checks for understanding and makes adjustments accordingly (whole-class or individual students). When an explanation is not effectively leading students to understand the content, the teacher adjusts quickly and seamlessly within the lesson and uses an alternative way to explain the concept.</p> <p>By using student data from a variety of sources, the teacher appropriately adapts instructional methods and materials and paces learning activities to meet the needs of individual students as well as the whole class.</p>

Instruction and Assessment					
		<b>Ineffective</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Skilled</b>	<b>Accomplished</b>
		The teacher does not provide students with feedback about their learning.	Students receive occasional or limited feedback about their performance from the teacher.	The teacher provides substantive, specific, and timely feedback of student progress to students, families, and other school personnel while maintaining confidentiality.	The teacher provides substantive, specific, and timely feedback to students, families, and other school personnel while maintaining confidentiality. The teacher provides the opportunity for students to engage in self-assessment and show awareness of their own strengths and weaknesses. The teacher uses student assessment results to reflect on his or her own teaching and to monitor teaching strategies and behaviors in relation to student success.
	<b>Evidence</b>				

Professionalism		Ineffective	Developing	Skilled	Accomplished
<b>PROFESSIONALISM</b>	<p><b>PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES</b>  <b>(Standard 6: Collaboration and Communication; Standard 7: Professional Responsibility and Growth)</b></p> <p><i>Sources of Evidence:</i>  Professional Development Plan or Improvement Plan;  Pre-conference;  Post-conference;  daily interaction with others</p>	<p>The teacher fails to communicate clearly with students and families or collaborate effectively with professional colleagues.</p>	<p>The teacher uses a variety of strategies to communicate with students and families and collaborate with colleagues, but these approaches may not always be appropriate for a particular situation or achieve the intended outcome.</p>	<p>The teacher uses effective communication strategies with students and families and works effectively with colleagues to examine problems of practice, analyze student work, and identify targeted strategies.</p>	<p>The teacher communicates effectively with students, families, and colleagues. The teacher collaborates with colleagues to improve personal and team practices by facilitating professional dialogue, peer observation and feedback, peer coaching and other collegial learning activities.</p>
		<p>The teacher fails to understand and follow regulations, policies, and agreements.</p>	<p>The teacher understands and follows district policies and state and federal regulations at a minimal level.</p>	<p>The teacher meets ethical and professional responsibilities with integrity and honesty. The teacher models and upholds district policies and state and federal regulations.</p>	<p>The teacher meets ethical and professional responsibilities and helps colleagues access and interpret laws and policies and understand their implications in the classroom.</p>

		The teacher fails to demonstrate evidence of an ability to accurately self-assess performance and to appropriately identify areas for professional development.	The teacher identifies strengths and areas for growth to develop and implement targeted goals for professional growth.	The teacher sets data-based short- and long-term professional goals and takes action to meet these goals.	The teacher sets and regularly modifies short- and long-term professional goals based on self-assessment and analysis of student learning evidence.
	<b>Evidence</b>				

**Professional Growth Plan**

As a result of the evaluation process, teachers and evaluators should focus on accelerating and continuing teacher growth through professional development. Professional development should be individualized to the needs of the teacher, and specifically relate to his/her areas of refinement as identified in the teachers' evaluation. The evaluator should recommend professional development opportunities, and support the teacher by providing resources (e.g., time, financial).

**Self-Directed**

**Collaborative**

Teacher

Evaluator

<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Annual Focus</b></u></p> <p>These are addressed by the evaluator as appropriate for this teacher.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Date</b></u></p> <p>Record dates when discussed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Areas for Professional Growth</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>supports needed, resources, professional development</b></p> <p>Comments during conference with teacher and evaluator are made appropriate to the needs of the teacher.</p>
<p><i>Goal 1: Student Achievement/Outcomes for Students</i></p> <p><i>Goal Statement:</i></p> <p><i>Evidence Indicators:</i></p>		

<b>Goal 2: Teacher Performance on the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession</b>			
<i>Goal Statement:</i>			
<i>Evidence Indicators:</i>			

**Evaluator Signature**

**Date**

**Teacher Signature**

**Date**

*The signatures above verify that the teacher and evaluator have discussed and agreed upon this Professional Growth Plan.*

**Ohio Teacher Evaluation System**

**Improvement Plan**

**Improvement Plan**

Teacher  
Name:

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Grade Level/ Subject:

\_\_\_\_\_

School year:

\_\_\_\_\_

Building:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Improvement Plan

Conference:

\_\_\_\_\_

Written improvement plans are to be developed in the circumstances when an educator makes below expected academic growth with his/her students AND/OR receives an overall ineffective rating or an ineffective rating on any of the components of the OTES system. The purpose of the improvement plan is to identify specific deficiencies in performance and foster growth through professional development and targeted support. If corrective actions are not made within the time as specified in the improvement plan, a recommendation may be made for dismissal or to continue on the plan.

**Section 1: Improvement Statement** - List specific areas for improvement as related to the *Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession*. Attach documentation.

Performance Standard(s) Addressed in this Plan	Date(s) Improvement Area or Concern Observed	Specific Statement of the Concern: Areas of Improvement

**Section 2: Desired Level of Performance** – List specific measurable goals to improve performance. Indicate what will be measured for each goal.

Beginning Date	Ending Date	Level of Performance Specifically Describe Successful Improvement Target(s)

**Improvement Plan (continued)**

**Section 3: Specific Plan of Action**

Describe in detail specific plans of action that must be taken by the teacher to improve his/her performance. Indicate the sources of evidence that will be used to document the completion of the improvement plan.

Actions to be Taken	Sources of Evidence that Will Be Examined

**Section 4: Assistance and Professional Development**

Describe in detail specific supports that will be provided as well as opportunities for professional development.

[Empty box for Section 4 content]

Date for this Improvement Plan to Be Evaluated:

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The evaluator's signature on this form verifies that the proper procedures as detailed in the local contract have been followed.*



Improvement Plan: Evaluation of Plan

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level/ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

School year: \_\_\_\_\_ Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

The improvement plan will be evaluated at the end of the time specified in the plan. Outcomes from the improvement plan demonstrate the following action to be taken;

- Improvement is demonstrated and performance standards are met to a satisfactory level of performance\*
- The Improvement Plan should continue for time specified:
- Dismissal is recommended.

Comments: Provide justification for recommendation indicated above and attach evidence to support recommended course of action.

*I have reviewed this evaluation and discussed it with my evaluator. My signature indicates that I have been advised of my performance status; it does not necessarily imply that I agree with this evaluation.*

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The evaluator's signature on this form verifies that the proper procedures as detailed in the local contract have been followed.*

\*The acceptable level of performance varies depending on the teacher's years of experience. Teachers in residency—specifically in Years 1 through 4—are expected to perform at the Developing level or above. Experienced teachers—with five or more years of experience—are expected to meet the Skilled level or above.

**Post Conference Planning**

- The goal for the conference leader is to cognitively coach the teacher through the use of reflective questions.
- Record 3 reflective questions you would ask the teacher aligned to the area of reinforcement.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- Record 3 reflective questions you would ask the teacher aligned to the area of refinement.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

**Four Key Elements of the Instructional Post-Conference**

Conducting the Post-Conference: To be discussed at Day 3 Training prior to conducting the post-conference

1. Introduction/Greeting/Establish Length
  - Review Conference Process
  - General Impression Question
  - “How do you think the lesson went?”
2. Reinforcing the Teacher
  - Identify an area of Reinforcement (ONLY one area)
  - Ask Self-Analysis Question
  - Provide evidence from notes
3. Refining the Teacher’s Skill:
  - Identify an area of Refinement (ONLY one area)
  - Ask Self-Analysis Question
  - Provide evidence from notes
  - Give a recommendation for future practice
4. Present evidence and rating connected to the rubric

**Classroom Walkthroughs / Informal Observation**

An informal observation/ classroom walkthrough is a:

- Tool to inform evaluation that provides the opportunity to gather evidence of instruction over a series of short classroom visits;
- Process for giving targeted evidenced-based feedback to teachers; and
- Means for principals to visit classrooms more frequently and more purposefully.

An informal observation/ classroom walkthrough is not a(n):

- Formal observation;
- “Gotcha” opportunity for supervisors or evaluators;
- Isolated event; or
- Shortcut to the observation protocol required as part of the teacher evaluation process.

Classroom walkthroughs/ Informal observations, as part of the teacher evaluation system, may be general in nature or focused on observing a specific aspect of teacher performance. Summary data collected through a series of walkthroughs along with evidence documented through formal observations will come together to inform the teachers’ summative performance rating: *ineffective, developing, skilled or accomplished*.

**Guidelines for Informal Classroom Observations****Informally Observe All Teachers**

All teachers benefit from informal classroom observations. Informal observations should last from 15 to 20 minutes; therefore, conduct only as many observations in a day as you can follow up with on either the same or next day. Teachers need and deserve some type of immediate feedback.

**Informally Observe as Often as You Can**

The principal’s presence in the classroom sends a positive message to teachers: *the principal cares*. Including informal classroom observation as a school-wide initiative requires consistency and frequency. Find times in the day to observe teachers at varying times of the day: *for most teachers, what occurs in the morning is much different than what occurs in the afternoon*.

**Focusing on One or Two Areas**

Although there may be no predetermined focus established (because of no pre-conference), find a focus based on the instruction, events or discussions that are occurring in the classroom. A focus may also occur based upon past conferences and the need for follow up observations.

### **Make Time to Follow Up**

Follow-up communication to informal classroom observations is a critical component. Follow-up will often be in writing but the evaluator should extend to the teacher an invitation to discuss any comments provided face-to-face. The evaluator may also offer resources to help teachers refine their practice.

### **Teacher Driven Observations**

While it is recognized that evaluators have many demands on their time, encouraging teachers to identify instructional periods for the evaluator to observe can be a means for the evaluator to collect evidence related to a specific focus the teacher and evaluator may be working on.

### **Types of Data**

Data collected as evidence of teacher practice may be quantitative, qualitative, or a combination of both. Quantitative data includes frequencies, distributions and other counts or tallies. For example the observer could use a checklist to tally how many questions were asked of children in the front row or children who had their hands raised versus not. The evaluator might also chart the types of questions asked (higher versus lower levels). Qualitative data can include scripted notes detailing patterns of activities, vocabulary used, and events observed. In both cases accuracy is essential to ensure the credibility of the process and the evaluator.

**Informal Observation: General Form**

**Teacher Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade(s)/Subject Area(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time Walkthrough Begins:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time Walkthrough Ends:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** This form serves as a record of an informal walkthrough by the teacher’s evaluator. The evaluator will likely not observe all the teaching elements listed below in any one informal observation. This record, along with records of additional informal observations, will be used to inform the summative evaluation of the teacher.

<b>EVALUATOR OBSERVATIONS</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Instruction is developmentally appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesson content is linked to previous and future learning
<input type="checkbox"/> Learning outcomes and goals are clearly communicated to students	<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom learning environment is safe and conducive to learning
<input type="checkbox"/> Varied instructional tools and strategies reflect student needs and learning objectives	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher provides students with timely and responsive feedback
<input type="checkbox"/> Content presented is accurate and grade appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Instructional time is used effectively
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher connects lesson to real-life applications	<input type="checkbox"/> Routines support learning goals and activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Instruction and lesson activities are accessible and challenging for students	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple methods of assessment of student learning are utilized to guide instruction
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<b>Evaluator Summary Comments:</b>	
<b>Recommendations for Focus of Informal Observations:</b>	

Evaluator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ohio Teacher Evaluation System

Classroom Walkthroughs and Informal Observations

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**Informal Observation: Open-Ended Form**

Teacher Name:

Grade(s)/Subject Area(s):

Date:

Evaluator Name: \_\_\_\_

Time Walkthrough Begins:

Time Walkthrough Ends:

TIMES	OBSERVATIONS

<b>Evaluator Summary Comments:</b>

Evaluator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Photocopy to Teacher

**Ohio Teacher Evaluation System**

**Final Summative Rating**

**Final Summative Rating of Teacher Effectiveness**

<b>Proficiency on Standards 50%</b>	<b>INEFFECTIVE</b>	<b>DEVELOPING</b>	<b>SKILLED</b>	<b>ACCOMPLISHED</b>
<b>Cumulative Performance Rating (Holistic Rating using Performance Rubric)</b>				
<i>Areas of reinforcement/ refinement:</i>				
<b>Student Growth Data 50%</b>	<b>BELOW EXPECTED GROWTH</b>	<b>EXPECTED GROWTH</b>	<b>ABOVE EXPECTED GROWTH</b>	
<b>Student Growth Measure of Effectiveness</b>				
<i>Areas of reinforcement/ refinement:</i>				
<b>Final Summative (Overall) Rating</b>	<b>INEFFECTIVE</b>	<b>DEVELOPING</b>	<b>SKILLED</b>	<b>ACCOMPLISHED</b>

Check here if Improvement Plan has been recommended.

Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The signatures above indicate that the teacher and evaluator have discussed the Summative Rating.

Note: The teacher may provide additional information to the evaluator within 10 working days of the receipt of this form, and may request a second conference with the evaluator. Any additional information will become part of the summative record. Challenges may be made according to the local contract agreement.

**Barberton City School District: Teacher Classroom Observation Form**

**APPENDIX I**

**BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER SUMMATIVE EVALUATION FORM**

**TEACHER** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDING** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE/SUBJECT** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

This evaluation is a summary of observations conducted on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and other documented items.

I. Summary of observations in the area of Planning and Preparation

II. Summary of observations in the area of Classroom/Learning Environment

III. Summary of observations in the area of Instruction

IV. Summary of Professional Responsibilities

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of Teacher                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Appraiser                      Date

\*The teacher's signature does not necessarily indicate agreement. It indicates only that he/she has read and received a copy of this report.

\_\_\_\_\_Initial here if you intend to file a written response to the evaluation.



**BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE FORM**

**PART A -- COMPLAINT BY THE AGGRIEVED:**

Date of Informal Meeting

Date of Formal Presentation

Aggrieved Person

Home Address of Aggrieved Person

Phone Number of Aggrieved Person

School \_\_\_\_\_ Subject Area or Grade Signature of Association

Representative

**PART B -- STATEMENT OF GRIEVANCE:**

**PART C -- RELIEF REQUESTED:**

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Signature of Aggrieved

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Date

**PART D -- DECISION ON GRIEVANCE:**

(To be completed by Principal, Administrator, or Board of Education, at the appropriate step of the grievance procedure.)

Aggrieved  
Person \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Formal Grievance  
Presentation

School \_\_\_\_\_

Principal, Administrator,  
Board Member or PR&R Committee

**DECISION:**

Date of Decision: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Rendering Decision

**AGGRIEVED PERSON'S RESPONSE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I accept the above decision.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not accept the above decision, and hereby request that the grievance be carried to the next step in the procedure.

(Reason for non-acceptance)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Response

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Aggrieved

(Additional pages may be used as needed.)

**BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL LEAVE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Job Classification \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to apply for one-half ( $1/2$ ) day or one (1) day (circle one) Personal Business Leave on

\_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

It is the individual's responsibility to be aware of and conform with the Board of Education's policy as it applies to personal business leave. Submit a separate form for each personal day requested.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approving Authority

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For Central Office Use Only  
Substitute Required

**WAIVER AGREEMENT: JOB SHARING**

Between the Barberton City Schools and \_\_\_\_\_

It is agreed that the above teacher may share the assignment normally scheduled for a single teacher.

The following conditions are understood and agreed to between the teacher and the Barberton Education Association:

- A. Teachers who wish to share a full-time position shall submit a written plan for such arrangement to the Superintendent and Building Principal no later than March 1 of the school year preceding the proposed position share.
- B. The written plan shall include a proposed teaching schedule, including all building responsibilities. While it may not be possible to make the teaching schedules and responsibilities exactly equal, reasonable efforts shall be made to make the teaching schedules and responsibilities equitable.
- C. Members of a Job Sharing Team shall not be assigned duties or responsibilities in excess of one regular full -time position. Both members of the Job Sharing Team shall attend In-Service Day(s) and system-scheduled Parent Conferences. One (1) member of the Job Sharing Team will attend staff meetings, and that member shall inform the other member of the Job Sharing team of the meeting content.
- D. Teachers assigned to job sharing positions shall be scheduled to work one-half (1/2) day each day of the school year. Compensation shall be at one-half (1/2) the level which the teacher would receive under a full-time contract, and movement on the salary schedule shall be no movement for year one (1), and one (1) step after year two (2).
- E. Each member of the Job Sharing Team shall be responsible for payment of 50% of the Board's cost of the insurance premium, if he/she elects coverage.
- F. Each member of the Job Sharing Team shall accrue one (1) year of seniority for each year of job sharing.
- G. Job sharing may be in effect for one (1) school year, if approved by the Superintendent. Applications for renewal for subsequent school years must be submitted in writing by March 1 and are subject to approval by the Superintendent. In the first year of the job sharing experience, the Board shall treat the vacancy created by the job sharing as a leave of absence.

- H. If after the first year the members of the Job Sharing Team do not reapply, or the team is not approved for a subsequent year, then the team members shall be reinstated to full-time positions for the following school year. In subsequent years, if the members of the Job Sharing Team do not reapply, or the team is not approved for a subsequent year, then the team members shall be reinstated to a full-time position for the following school year if a position is available. If no position is available, the teacher of the Job Sharing Team with the least seniority shall be placed on the recall list until recalled for a vacancy. The Board shall reinstate all eligible Job Sharing teachers to full-time status before hiring personnel from outside the school district to fill a position for which the eligible Job Sharing teacher is certified/licensed.
  
- I. During any school year, there shall never be more than three (3) Job Sharing Teams district-wide.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
BEA President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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