401.4 Employee Absences Requiring Substitutes

Policy

The Superintendent, or designate is authorized to employ substitute teachers and support staff as required to temporarily replace employees absent from work.

Regulations

Teachers:
1. The Associate Superintendent, Human Resources shall maintain a current listing of substitute teachers authorized for temporary placement in District schools.
2. A substitute shall receive appropriate orientation to the District and the specific school, program or site prior to or upon arrival.
3. Teachers requiring a substitute for a period of up to 5 consecutive working days shall:
   3.1 inform the principal of the school; and
   3.2 arrange for a substitute teacher using the Lethbridge Automated Dispatch System (LADS).
4. If the absence is expected to be more than 5 consecutive working days, the principal shall consult with the Associate Superintendent, Human Resources prior to engaging a substitute teacher.
5. Teachers shall ensure, prior to engaging in approved professional learning, that a qualified substitute teacher is confirmed through LADS, if required.
6. The duties and responsibilities of a substitute teacher shall include all tasks associated with the instruction and supervision of students in the absence of the regular classroom teacher.
7. It is the responsibility of the teacher to provide specific plans and general directions for the substitute.
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Support Staff:
1. The Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, or designate shall maintain a current listing of substitute employees authorized for temporary placement in District schools.
2. A substitute shall receive appropriate orientation to the District and the specific school, program or site prior to or upon arrival.
3. Support Staff requiring a substitute for a period of up to 5 working days shall:
   3.1. inform the principal of the school and
   3.2. arrange for a substitute using the Lethbridge Automated Dispatch System (LADS) in accordance with District procedures.
4. If the absence is expected to be more than 5 consecutive working days, the principal shall consult the Manager, Human Resources prior to engaging a substitute.
5. The duties and responsibilities of a substitute support staff member shall include all regular duties of the employee unless otherwise specified by the supervisor.
6. It is the responsibility of the support staff member to provide specific plans and general directions for the substitute.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

References

Alberta School Act:    Sections 100, 117
District Policies:    401.1 Staff Hiring, 402.8.2 Medical Examinations
Description:    Caretaker Replacement Schedule.