

ARTICLE XXXI

WORKING CONDITIONS

1.0 Counseling Services: All employees who perform educational services as defined in Education Code Section 49600 must hold a valid Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credential. Unless mutually agreed to by the parties, the District shall not allow non-PPS credentialed employees (e.g. "advisors") to perform counseling duties. However, employees performing educational counseling services as of January 1, 1987 shall be permitted to continue with such services if so assigned, but shall be limited to one or two periods of counseling duties, if they have not yet obtained a PPS credential. Also, Education Code Section 49600 permits employees who do not possess the above credential to perform certain advisory services, but only if supervised by a credentialed educational counselor in an organized Board-approved advisory program. Any advisory program to be implemented by the District must be agreed upon by both UTLA and the District.

2.0 Workspace: Each itinerant bargaining unit member including itinerants shall be assigned an appropriate workspace at school sites to meet the requirements of the assignment, including but not limited to room and restroom keys, a workstation, access to copiers, updated computers or a laptop along with internet access, secure storage space and necessary assessment materials.

- a. For Counselors, PSAs, PSWs, Community School Coordinators, School Nurses, Speech and Language Pathologists and School Psychologists, this workspace shall be private and confidential when necessitated by the nature of the work. The site administrator shall identify and assign a workspace for the semester for each itinerant employee and publish that location in a manner accessible to all employees. If a workspace becomes unavailable during the semester, the itinerant employee shall be notified no less than 24 hours in advance except in unforeseen circumstances, and be provided an alternative workspace. If a concern arises over itinerant assigned space, the Chapter Chair, impacted itinerant bargaining unit member, and Principal shall meet to determine a solution. If there is no agreement a recommendation may be brought to the LSLC for discussion. If a resolution cannot be determined at the school site, the District shall also provide an appeal process at the local district level to resolve any on-going disputes.
- b. School Health Office: Every effort shall be made to ensure the school health office is used solely as intended to support with nursing services. As outlined in 2.0a above, when necessitated by the work, the health office shall have private space to maintain student confidentiality. The health office

shall have running water, sufficient lighting to perform health assessments, a dedicated refrigerator with a lock, a locked medication storage, a secure space for medical record storage, and a private area to serve students with protocols. In addition, school sites will prioritize space for a restroom to be used primarily for those visiting the health office.

3.0 Access to School Facilities: Employees shall have equal access to all telephones, restrooms, lounges and lunch areas with the understanding that such access rights must be exercised in a reasonable manner. Employees shall also have equal access to on-site parking spaces, except that parking spaces are to be reserved as follows:

a. For ~~identified handicapped~~ staff members and—~~for handicapped-visitors~~ with a disabled person parking placard as provided by law.

b. For the school nurse, near the school entrance.

c. No more than two spaces in elementary, three spaces in secondary, and three spaces in adult schools shall be reserved for staff having official school business requiring individuals to leave the school premises and return during school hours on a specific day.

3.1 Cleaning and Daily Disinfecting of School Facilities - The District will make all reasonable efforts to provide a safe and clean work environment. Certificated bargaining unit members shall not be expected to do the regular cleaning work typically done by custodial staff.

4.0 If an Early Education Center teacher is assigned during the students' rest period, such period shall be treated the same as the elementary preparation period. The District shall make a reasonable effort to schedule aides to supervise the children in order to allow an uninterrupted preparation period.

5.0 Carlson Home and Hospital Educators: In support of the work setting, procedures for Carlson staff will include but are not limited to the following:

a. A safety plan for educators when they are working in a student's home or at a hospital.

b. A plan for educators to have access to school sites and/or District facilities near the homes and/or hospitals where they provide service.

c. Procedures for reporting when members do not receive the minimum student assignment at any point in the school year.

Should any proposed procedural changes and/or updates occur, UTLA will be notified to allow for the parties to meet and discuss prior to implementation.