

ARTICLE XI

TRANSFERS

1.0 Transfer Defined: As used throughout this Agreement, the term "transfer" refers to a change of a contract employee's assigned school or time reporting location to another school or location, without changing the employee's classification of employment.

1.1 Types of Transfers: Generally, transfers are either teacher initiated (voluntary) or administrative (normally involuntary and District-initiated).

1.2 Limitations: Teacher-initiated transfers from any one school site in any school year may, at the discretion of the District, be limited to 10% of the employees, or three employees, whichever is greater.

1.3 Compliance with SB 1665 (Scott Bill): Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:

a. All voluntary transfers of teachers to a K-12 school ranked in deciles 1 to 3, inclusive, on the Academic Performance Index shall comply with section 35036 of the Education Code.

b. No priority will be given to a request for a voluntary transfer by a certificated person after April 15 of the school year prior to the school year in which the transfer would become effective if other qualified applicants have applied for positions requiring certification qualification at the receiving school.

2.0 Administrative Transfers: The District may, for any reason not prohibited in the balance of this Article (including the incorporated Appendices) transfer employees when such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the educational program of the District. Whenever possible, the employee shall be notified and counseled regarding the transfer, and written reason(s) for such transfer shall, upon the employee's request, be supplied to the employee.

2.1 Mediation Process:

2.1.1 Mutual Agreement Mediation

a. Within five (5) days after receiving notice of an administrative transfer, a unit member or the Union may request in writing a 30-day mediation period prior to the transfer taking effect. Mediation will occur only upon the mutual agreement of the parties, except as provided in section 2.1.2 below.

b. The District shall respond in writing within five (5) days of such a request as to whether it will mutually agree to the mediation. If the District agrees, the 30-day period shall commence on the date of the District's response. The District's decision not to agree to mediation shall be final and not subject to further review.

c. If the District does not agree to mediation, the unit member or the Union may proceed pursuant to Article V (Grievance Procedure), provided that a grievance must be filed at Step One within 15 days of the District's decision. (Article V, section 8.0.)

d. If mediation occurs but does not result in resolution of the issue(s), the unit member or the Union may proceed pursuant to Article V (Grievance Procedure), provided that a grievance must be filed directly at Step Two within 15 days of the conclusion of mediation. (Article V, section 9.0.)

2.1.2 Mandatory Mediation

a. Mediation shall occur if a written request by UTLA, filed within ten (10) days after a unit member receives notice of an administrative transfer, alleges that the proposed transfer occurred for reasons related to the exercise of protected Union activity. In this case, the 30-day period shall commence on the date of the request.

b. If mediation does not result in resolution of the issue(s), the Union may proceed pursuant to Article V (Grievance Procedure), provided that a grievance must be filed directly at Step Two within 15 days of the conclusion of mediation. (Article V, section 9.0.)

2.1.3 General Provisions

a. Confidentiality: In order to encourage a professional and harmonious mediation regarding the proposed transfer, it is agreed that from the time a mediation request is filed until the mediation is concluded, neither UTLA, the District nor the unit member shall make public the proposed transfer, the mediation, or information regarding the proposed transfer. This prohibition is not intended to restrict normal interviewing of individuals involved and other necessary preparation for mediation.

b. Mediator(s) shall be jointly agreed upon by UTLA and LAUSD or secured through the California State Mediation Service, on a case by case basis. Any costs of the mediator shall be shared equally by the parties.

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5.0 Voluntary Teacher-Initiated Transfer Program: All appropriately credentialed probationary or permanent teachers are eligible to apply to any school (including ~~year-round schools or magnets~~) in the district where the transfer, Rodriguez compliance, Bilingual Master Plan needs of the receiving or sending school or the instructional program needs of the sending school (except for transfers to Magnet Schools, where the sending school may delay such transfer until the end of the current semester/track or until a suitable replacement is assigned, whichever occurs first). Transfers under this section must meet the above criteria but will not be effected without the voluntary approval of both the employee and the site administrator of the receiving school (or site selection committee in those schools with staff selection rights). Such approval lies within the discretion of both parties and transfers under this section are not subject to the grievance procedure.

6.0 Displacement - Over-teachered Schools: An over-teachered condition exists when there are more qualified teachers than positions at a school or within a program or subject field at a school, or when a program or subject field is reduced, eliminated or moved from a school. When an over-teachered condition exists, the following procedures apply.

a. The local school administrator shall reasonably determine whether and in what program/subject field the over-teachered condition exists and shall inform the faculty of the number of positions being eliminated. (Note Article XVIII, Sections 1.1 to 1.3)

b. An employee may agree to be displaced when an over-teachered condition exists. Such displacement requires the concurrence of the employee and the current principal, may be effected without a current transfer request on file, and shall not affect the employee's right to request a subsequent transfer. Such displacement carries no right to return to the home school. Such a teacher must accept all conditions for displacement and assignment which would have applied to other teachers being displaced.

c. In elementary schools and programs such as Early Education Centers, Development Centers and ungraded programs, all teachers in the program at the site shall be deemed a single group for displacement purposes. In secondary schools, and in Special Education wherever located, displacement shall be by program/subject field and the program or subject field in which a teacher is considered for displacement purposes shall be the one in which the teacher has taught for the major portion of teaching time during the employee's most recent six semesters of regular classroom teacher experience. Within the above categories of employment, when there is an over-teachered condition, the teacher with the least District seniority (see Section 6.2 below) will be displaced unless it is reasonably determined at the discretion of the immediate administrator that such teacher possesses special instructional skills or qualifications needed by the pupils and the educational program at the school and not possessed by another teacher available to fill the need. Additional provisions for Special Education teachers are set forth in paragraph j. below. In a secondary school or program, if the least senior

teacher in the over-taught subject field has at least ten years of District seniority, the teacher shall be permitted, upon request, to change subject fields and thereby cause the displacement of another teacher in the other subject field who has at least five years less District seniority than the initially displaced teacher, but only if the following criteria are met by the more senior teacher:

- (1) Must have taught in the second subject field the equivalent of at least six periods during the most recent six semesters without having received a Notice of Unsatisfactory Service or a below standard performance evaluation;
- (2) Either possesses the requisite specified subject credential or a general secondary credential with a college major or minor or an advanced Degree in the second subject field; and
- (3) Passes the District's examination in the second subject field, if requested by the administrator.

d. District identified disabled teachers assigned to facilities designed for the purpose of accommodating a District identified disability will not be displaced except where the teacher may be displaced to another facility which may reasonably accommodate the identified disability.

e. [Hold]

f. Bilingual teachers teaching in Bilingual Master Plan programs (See Article XI-B) are exempted from displacement, provided they possess Bilingual Certificate of Competence, or "A" Level (high level of proficiency in conversation, reading and writing), or the "B" Level (high level in conversation, satisfactory in reading and writing).

g. Where displacement is required by this Section but each of the teachers within the applicable subject field or elementary school group is exempt from displacement by virtue of some other provision of this Article XI – Transfers Section, the teacher with the least District seniority will be reassigned to another school in the same geographic area.

h. Part-time contract employees described in Article XIII, Section 1.2 (as distinguished from teachers on Half-time Leave and Reduced Workload Leave) shall have no transfer rights. In regard to displacement, such teachers shall have no seniority rights and they shall be retained at a school where a full-time teacher is displaced only when the part-time teacher possesses special instructional skills or qualifications needed by the pupils and the educational program in the school not possessed by a teacher who would be available to fill the need.

i. In Special Education, the least senior teacher in the over-taught subject field shall be permitted, upon request, to change subject fields at the site within Special Education and thereby cause the displacement of another teacher in the other subject field who has less District seniority than the initially displaced teacher, but only if the following criteria are met by the more senior teacher:

- (1) Possesses the requisite specified subject credential in the second subject field;
- (2) Must have taught, or practiced, in the second subject field or program without having received a Notice of Unsatisfactory Service or a Below Standard Performance Evaluation; and
- (3) Must, in the reasonable judgment of the site administrator, be qualified to teach in the second subject field or program.

In addition, a displaced Special Education teacher may be reassigned to an opening outside of Special Education at the same site, but only if the displaced teacher is properly credentialed and previously served in the regular non-Special Education program at that same site immediately prior to taking the Special Education assignment.

j. After one calendar year, the displaced Special Education teacher who was so reassigned shall have return rights to a Special Education opening at the site for which the teacher is qualified.

6.1 Displacement – Non school-based Support Service Personnel and Driver Safety Instructors: In any situation where a unit of geographic area or office-based support service personnel or Driver Safety Instructors is deemed over-staffed, displacement and transfer to another geographic area or office shall be by District seniority unless the responsible administrator determines that a special need exists analogous to 6.0c.

6.2 District Seniority Number: The seniority number for each employee includes a six digit number representing the year, month and day (660912 = September 12, 1966) on which the employee began probationary employment. The date of probationary employment shall be the actual beginning date of the probationary assignment and not any date of a substitute or temporary assignment which was later deemed to be probationary service for purposes of acquiring permanent status. Each number is followed by a five digit random number. Such random number consists of the last four digits of the employee's Social Security number reversed followed by the sum of the two preceding numbers. When such sum is two digits, the second digit is used. The combination of the date number and random number provides the seniority number. When comparing two employees with the same employment date, the employee with the smaller employment number is deemed to be the senior. Seniority numbers are a matter of public record. The following employees with no seniority number shall be ranked by seniority based upon first date of contract

service within their employment status and then employment status shall be ranked as follows: Provisional are to be deemed least senior, then Temporary Contracts, then University/Individualized Interns. Ties will be broken within status by establishing a tiebreaker number for each employee, using the same method as is used for District Seniority Number.

7.0 District-wide Transfer List: The District-wide Transfer List is a pool of employees who are to be deemed available, due to various reasons indicated in this Article, for transfer to any District school or geographic area, to meet District needs in accordance with faculty balance guidelines established in the Teacher Integration Program. The following employees shall be placed on the District-wide Transfer List:

- a. All teachers returning from leaves of absence which do not include the right to return to a specific location;
- b. All teachers displaced from a school due to an over-teachered situation;
- c. [HOLD]
- d. Any teachers placed on the list pursuant to any other provisions of this agreement.

7.5 Contract Waivers: All teachers who are awarded probationary contracts which include a waiver statement are subject to an initial assignment to meet District needs and are thereafter subject, by reason of the statement, to one transfer to meet District needs.

~~8.0 Medical or Hardship Exemptions - General: Employees transferred administratively or involuntarily, including those assigned from the District-wide List, may file an application for exemption from mandatory transfer based upon hardship or medical grounds. Compliance with approved criteria must be established, and the application form must be filed within the timeline specified by the Personnel Division. Application for exemption may not be filed until the formal assignment letter has been received. Pending disposition of the Application for Exemption, employees are required to report to the location to which assigned. Where medical or hardship exemptions are approved, the employee will be subject to transfer to a location consistent with the reason for which the exemption was granted. If at any time it is determined that an exemption has been sought or granted based upon material misrepresentation or falsification, the employee is subject to disciplinary action by the District, cancellation of the exemption and/or immediate administrative transfer. All exemptions granted are subject to periodic review by the District to determine whether the original need persists.~~

~~8.1 Hardship Appeals: The hardship appeal procedure is for the purpose of resolving written hardship claims filed by employees. The District and UTLA shall jointly select and retain a professional hearing officer who shall be a member of the American Arbitration Association's Labor Panel and who shall be compensated by the District and UTLA equally. UTLA and the District shall each~~

designate a representative to assist in the hardship appeal process. The hearing officer and the respective appointed representatives will serve as members of the Hardship Appeal Panel which shall be chaired by the hearing officer.

~~8.2 The panel shall have responsibility for evaluating the claim of each teacher who files a written declaration of hardship. Based upon this evaluation, the panel will have the authority to approve or deny a request for exemption from a particular mandatory transfer or to convene a hearing. At the conclusion of any review or hearing, the panel shall file its decision as soon as possible. The hearing officer shall subsequently prepare a written report of findings, conclusions, and the decision. The decision shall be final and not subject to further appeal or to the grievance procedures of Article V. The Personnel Division shall make assignments based upon the decision of the Panel and shall notify employees regarding such assignments. Employees are required to report to the location to which assigned or reassigned pending final disposition of the hardship claim by the Hardship Panel and the Personnel Division.~~

~~8.3 Administrative procedures and criteria for implementation of this hardship appeal process have been established. Appeals will be processed as expeditiously as possible. Procedures and criteria for hardship exemptions will be reviewed periodically. Hardship exemptions which are approved shall be reviewed at regular intervals to be determined by the Personnel Division. Reports of the disposition of all claims shall be provided to the Board of Education.~~

~~8.4 **Medical Appeals:** This medical appeal procedure is for the purpose of resolving claims based upon medical grounds filed by individual teachers for exemption from assignment or reassignment. The procedure includes a District medical decision by the Employee Health Panel based on medical criteria, and a hearing of an appeal from such decision by the Medical Appeal Panel if requested by the employee. For purposes of conducting hearings of appeals from District medical decisions, the District and UTLA shall jointly select and retain a professional hearing officer who shall be a member of the American Arbitration Association's Labor Panel and who shall be compensated by the District and UTLA jointly. The District and UTLA shall each designate a representative to assist in the medical exemption appeal process. The hearing officer and the respective appointed representatives will serve as a Medical Appeal Panel chaired by the hearing officer. The Medical Appeal Panel shall have responsibility for hearing the appeal of each employee who files a written request for appeal from the Employee Health Panel decision. Based upon this hearing the Medical Appeal Panel will have the authority to sustain or reverse the Employee Health Panel's decision concerning the employee. At the conclusion of the hearing the Medical Appeal Panel shall make known its decision as soon as possible and the hearing officer shall prepare a written report of findings and conclusions. The decision shall be final and not subject to further appeal or to the grievance procedures of Article V.~~

~~8.5 Applications for medical exemption shall be processed as expeditiously as possible. Procedures for processing applications shall include, but not be limited to:~~

~~a. A written request for medical exemption shall be forwarded to the Employee Health Coordinator by the applicant who shall then be furnished with an application form.~~

~~b. The application shall be submitted to the Employee Health Coordinator by the applicant. The applicant shall be responsible for the submission of a written report concerning the applicant's medical condition from the applicant's physician(s) to the Employee Health Coordinator.~~

~~c. A review of all medical data shall be conducted by the Employee Health Panel including, where necessary data provided through additional medical examination, consultation, and evaluation of the applicant. The medical criteria to be applied are whether the employee has demonstrated (1) a chronic condition which has required some life adjustment accompanied by prolonged and continuing treatment, (2) the transfer would be seriously detrimental to the employee's health, and (3) the condition would prevent the teacher from reporting to and/or performing regularly assigned duties at the other location.~~

~~d. The Employee Health Panel shall render a decision regarding the applicant's request for medical exemption. Notification shall be sent to the applicant and to the Personnel Division by the Employee Health Coordinator regarding disposition of the exemption request. This notification shall set forth express grounds for denial of a request which has been disapproved.~~

~~e. The Personnel Division shall make assignments based upon the decision of the Panel and shall notify employees regarding such assignment. Employees are required to report to the location to which assigned or reassigned pending final disposition by the Medical Appeal Panel and the Personnel Division.~~

~~f. A written request for appeal from the Employee Health Panel's decision may be filed by the applicant. Such requests must be received by the Employee Health Coordinator within thirty days from the date of the Employee Health Panel's decision.~~

~~g. If an appeal is filed, there shall be a hearing conducted pursuant to Section 8.4 above.~~

~~h. If directed by the Medical Appeal Panel, there will be an adjustment of the applicant's assignment. Adjustment means assignment to a location consistent with the reason for which the exemption was granted.~~

~~8.6 All information listed above shall be available to the Medical Appeal Panel at the hearing, provided the claimant authorized release of medical information. Both the District and the applicant shall have the opportunity to present medical evidence and/or testimony. The application, attachments, and all medical information subsequently requested shall be considered to be~~

~~confidential medical information and will be retained by the Employee Health Coordinator. The applicant shall certify that all information contained in the application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.~~

9.0 Employee Initiated Transfers - Employees Time-reported from central or regional locations: Any permanent Health and Human Services employee assigned from the central office, ~~Local District~~ Region office, service center or nursing services area, who has served in paid status for at least 130 days each year for three consecutive years at the same central or regional location from which transfer is sought may apply for a transfer.

9.1 A limit of two locations may be requested. Applications shall be submitted on a District form which shall be available at each location. Applications shall be signed by the employee's immediate administrator and filed with the appropriate office. All applications shall be filed prior to a closing date to be announced each year. All applications shall be valid for one year only unless withdrawn, changed, or renewed by the applicant. Changes to the application may only be made once each year.

9.2 The administrator of the office to which the application is made shall acknowledge in writing to the employee receipt of the application. The appropriate administrator shall prepare a master list of anticipated vacancies for the locations served. This list shall be posted at all locations and copies made available to personnel upon request at least one week prior to the last date to file an application for transfer. Prior to April 1 of each year, the appropriate offices shall provide each location they serve with an updated list of employees who have on file a current transfer application.

9.3 When a vacancy occurs, the immediate administrator shall invite each applicant to make an appointment within ten (10) working days to meet and discuss the possible transfer. At least half of the positions at each location as they become available will be filled as follows:

a. Top priority shall be applicants who have not been granted a requested transfer for two (2) consecutive years.

b. Then, if there is more than one applicant for a position, the employee with the most consecutive years at the same location shall be given priority consideration.

c. If a tie occurs, priority should be given first to time served in the same class and then to District seniority.

9.4 The administrator shall notify the appropriate offices as soon as an employee has been selected from the transfer list and the employee has either accepted or refused the assignment in writing. The administrator shall notify each applicant of the selection decision after all applicants have been interviewed and shall keep a record of all interviews. A teacher not selected will be provided, upon request within ten days, with the reasons for the selection made.

9.5 Every effort should be made to accomplish all available transfers not later than September 1 each year to become effective not later than the first day of the Fall semester. When a vacancy occurs between the first day of the fall semester and the last day of the spring semester, it shall be filled with the understanding that the employee who accepts the assignment is subject to transfer at the end of the school year if there is a current transfer application request on file by an employee with a higher priority according to the above rules.

9.6 An employee who is successful in obtaining a transfer may not submit another transfer application request for three (3) school years.

10.0 Employee Initiated Transfers - Early Education Centers: A permanent 4-hour and permanent or probationary 8-hour (including split assignments) Early Education Center employees shall be eligible to apply for transfer to an 8-hour position at another site. (See Article XXIII, Section 5.0 for provisions relating to 4-hour work opportunities.) Applications will be submitted on forms available at each Center, and must be filed at the Early Education Center Assignment Office.

10.1 A master up-to-date list of anticipated 8-hour openings will be compiled by the Early Education Center Assignment Office and posted at each work site for five working days prior to the position being filled. Postings shall include: the name and address of the work site, the proposed hours, any special skills and/or qualifications required, and a deadline for applications. An employee returning from leaves or a displaced employee may be placed in an opening without posting, or the District may permit such employees to apply and be considered for posted openings.

10.2 When an opening occurs and has been posted, the immediate administrator shall, consistent with the Teacher Integration Program (Appendix B and Section 6.0 of this Article), interview the five most senior qualified employees who have on file applications to that Center. Each interviewee shall be notified, in writing, of the selection decision. Posted openings may be filled on a temporary basis or with a substitute teacher pending completion of the selection process.

10.3 An employee who is successful in obtaining a transfer may not submit another transfer request for three calendar years. An employee who refuses an offer to a Center requested shall be removed from the transfer list to that Center and shall not be permitted to reapply to that Center for the next three succeeding calendar years.

11.0 Vacant Positions

11.1 The District shall establish daily, organized by ~~Local Districts~~ Regions, a list of schools with known "vacant positions." A vacant position shall be defined as:

- a. A position from which a teacher will retire or resign.

- b. A position held by a teacher on leave of absence except for leaves of one year or less for illness, sabbatical, pregnancy, or industrial injury.
- c. A position which is unfilled.
- d. A position occupied by a teacher whose transfer has been approved and whose assignment has been confirmed.
- e. A position currently occupied by a substitute teacher except for positions held at the location for teachers on sabbatical, pregnancy, industrial or illness leave of one year or less. This list will be posted at the Certificated Placement and Assignments Office.

12.0 Return Rights

- a. Displaced teachers who fit into the following categories shall have return rights as set forth below:

- (1) A teacher displaced from a school between the end of one semester and the fourth week of the next semester shall be returned to the school from which displaced if by the end of the fourth week, a vacancy occurs (based on the classification report) for which the displaced teacher is the most senior displaced "match" by reason of same subject field or grade (K-6). If such displaced teacher is not a "match", the teacher may nonetheless be returned to a vacancy in a different subject under the above circumstances if:
 - (i) the teacher's credential permits
 - (ii) the teacher has some teaching experience in the subject during the preceding six semesters, and
 - (iii) the site administrator reasonably concludes that such a return is in the best interest of the educational program.
- (2) A teacher displaced as a result of a school closure decision, reconfiguration, boundary change, or other action pursuant to Section 17.0 of this Article shall upon application be returned to the school from which displaced if before the end of the fourth week of the following fall semester a vacancy occurs for which the displaced teacher is the most senior displaced "match" by reason of the same subject field or grade level (K-6); if not a "match", the teacher must meet the criteria in (1) (a), (b) and (c) above.

b. An employee in a non-teaching assignment at a location where previously assigned as a teacher shall, upon completion of the non-teaching assignment, remain at the site as a member of the teaching staff. If the completed non-teaching assignment was at a school site or office other than the prior teaching assignment, the employee shall be returned to the previous school if there is an opening or to a school in the same geographic area. As an exception, counselors and instructional coaches returning to a classroom assignment from a school site other than the prior teaching assignment, shall be given the opportunity to remain at the site provided there is an opening in his/her credentialed field.

13.0 Voluntary Continuous Service Transfers, K-12 Program:

13.1 Teachers with permanent or continuing status may apply for transfer under this section if either:

a. The teacher has, for at least eight consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed date of transfer, served at one or more locations currently designated as a Title I or Urban Impact I School, or

b. The teacher has, for at least four consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed date of transfer, served at a location not currently designated as Title I or Urban Impact I but is willing to transfer to a Title I or Urban Impact I school.

For the purposes of this section, a year is defined as 134 days of service. Time spent on formal leaves shall not count as time served, but shall not constitute a break in service.

13.2 Application forms will be available on February 1 and must be filed by April 1 at an office designated by the District. Applications are valid for transfer for the following school year only (July 1 through June 30).

13.3 Transfer applicants must make themselves available for transfer to at least two geographic areas by ranked preference, but may make themselves available for transfer to more than two areas.

13.4 A Continuous Service Ranked Eligible List will be established by May 1 each year for each of the two categories identified in 14.1 above. Eligibility rank will be based solely on years of continuous service at qualifying locations as defined in 13.1 of this Section, with District seniority used to break ties. Applicants will be considered for transfer in rank order from each of the two lists. However, eligibility rank is subject to revision to comply with Section 1.2 of this Article.

13.5 Seventy-five applicants shall be transferred from category

- (a) in 13.1 and 75 shall be transferred from category
- (b) provided there are sufficient eligible applicants.

13.6 By May 1, the District shall establish and post in a conspicuous place in the Certificated Placement and Assignments Office a list of schools with "known vacant positions" as defined in Section 12.1 above.

13.7 Through May 15, interviews for positions are optional and may be initiated by applicants (who are placed on a Continuous Service Ranked Eligible List), by principals, or by the Personnel Division.

13.8 Between May 15 and June 1, applicants on the Continuous Service Ranked Eligible Lists who have not been placed by May 15 shall be offered assignment by the District ("must place") to a school in one of the geographic areas specified in the application. Where necessary, displacements shall be made to accommodate applicants on the two Continuous Service Ranked Eligible Lists, except at UCTP locations. All placements and displacements shall conform to the following:

a. The District shall analyze both the applicants and the known vacancies in terms of credential, subject field, grade level (K-6), and skills in an effort to find "matches" of vacancies and applicants, and place eligible teachers in such known vacancies prior to the use of displacement.

b. If there is no vacancy remaining for an eligible teacher in anyone of the requested geographic areas, the District shall displace a teacher whom it has determined to be a "match" pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.0 of this Article.

13.9 The following procedures govern offers of transfer:

a. A teacher has up to 5 (five) calendar days from the date of the offer in which to irrevocably accept or reject transfer.

b. If an applicant refuses an offer of assignment (except a temporary assignment under 13.10 below) or fails to respond within the ten calendar days, the application will be voided for that school year.

c. If a teacher accepts an assignment, then later declines or cancels for any reason, the teacher is subject to transfer to that assignment. The waiting period to apply again under the Continuous Service Transfer program shall be as stated in Section 13.1.

d. The District shall continue to make offers of transfers up to and including June 25 in order to transfer 75 teachers from each category. Immediately after June 25, the District shall supply UTLA with lists of employees transferred pursuant to this section.

13.10 Assignments made to locations identified under 11.1b or 11.1e above may be temporary. In such cases the employee will be advised at the time of offer that the assignment is temporary in nature.

13.11 An eligible teacher transferred pursuant to this section shall not be subject to involuntary displacement from the new assignment for three school years, except those teachers in temporary assignments made under 14.10 above. However, those on temporary assignments shall be guaranteed retention in the geographic area for a minimum of three years. Time spent on leaves shall be counted toward this exemption, except time spent on formal leaves of absence as the result of an unprovoked act of violence (Special Physical Injury Leave) or a bonafide Industrial Injury or Illness Leave that does not exceed 60 working days.

13.12 No transfer shall be made under this section which causes a school on the receiving end of a transfer adverse affects Rodriguez compliance.

14.0 Temporary Assignments:

14.1 Any personnel, including but not limited to District-Wide Transfer List teachers and contract pool teachers, who are assigned to a given location in order to fill in (directly or indirectly) for a teacher who is on leave with a right to return (sabbatical, illness less than one year, industrial injury) shall not, by virtue of such temporary assignment, gain status as a regular member of that school's staff for purposes of future assignment, bumping rights, or the like.

14.2 Teachers on the District-Wide Transfer List (See Section 7.0) may be assigned on a temporary basis to vacancies at schools with staff selection rights until the end of the semester, or equivalent period of time in multi-track schools. At that time, these teachers will be reassigned in accordance with Article XI, Sections 7.0b and 16.0e.

15.0 Transfer Assignment Priority: Except where otherwise provided in the Agreement, teachers shall be transferred to schools with known vacant positions (Article XI, Section 12.0) for which they are qualified by credential, subject field(s), grade level (K-6) and skills, in the following group order of priority:

a. Teachers covered by ~~medical or hardship exemption (Article XI, Section 8.0)~~ and guaranteed Continuous Service Transferees (Article XI, Section 12.0).

b. Certain teachers with return rights limited to:

- (1) Those teachers displaced between the end of one semester and the beginning of the next semester, [Article XI, Section 12.0 (1)],
- (2) Those teachers displaced as a result of a school closure decision, reconfiguration or boundary change [Article XI, Section 12.0a (2)], and
- (3) Teachers returning to classrooms from non-classroom assignments (Article XI, Section 12.0 b.)

c. Teachers assigned to a school that is being converted to a Los Angeles Learning Center or a Charter School who do not wish to remain at such school may opt out by indicating so no later than May 15. Such teachers may take advantage of any transfer rights they may have under the Agreement or will be transferred to a vacancy at a school within the geographic region in which the present school is located, or if no such vacancy exists, shall be transferred to another geographic area.

d. Teachers transferred either as a result of having opted out of the ~~Year Round School Program (Article XI, Section 17.0)~~ or Magnet School, or out of the EIS program (Article XI, 7.0 b) and unassigned teachers displaced from closed schools (Article XI, Section 16.0),

e. District-Wide Transfer List. Displaced teachers (Article XI, Section 6.0, 7.0) and teachers returning from leaves with no right to return to a specific location (Article XI, Section 7.0a.)

f. Probationary contract waiver teachers, Section 7.5 of this Article.

g. Teachers transferred under the Voluntary Teacher Initiated Transfer Program, Section 5.0.

h. Teachers returning from Charter School Leave.

i. Teachers newly hired.

15.1 Nothing in this Transfer Assignment Priority Section (15.0 et seq.) is intended to supersede or amend other transfer provisions of the Agreement, except where there is a conflict, in which case this section shall prevail.

15.2 Generally, annual assignment and placement of teachers in accordance with the above priorities will be conducted simultaneously in all geographic areas. Assignments may be made directly by the Personnel Division without site interviews. In some cases teachers from different priority groups may be interviewed and assigned concurrently. However, the District shall make a good faith effort to assure that by the fourth school week teachers are assigned and placed consistent with the above priorities excepting variations caused by special educational needs (see Section 6.0c of this Article), lack of an appropriate "match" between school needs and applicants, and staff integration requirements.

15.3 An effort will be made to accomplish all assignments by the first day of the Fall semester. However, when a vacancy occurs between the first week of the semester and the end of the school year, and that vacancy is filled without regard to the above priorities, the employee assigned to the vacant position shall be considered an interim assignment and subject to transfer.

16.0 School Closures, Reconfigurations, Boundary Changes and Other Actions Which Result in Movement of Groups of Students: The intention of

this Section is to provide principles and rules to deal with the teacher assignment and reassignment effects of District decisions to move students as a group from one school site to another as a result of school reconfiguration (closures, boundary changes, etc.).

With respect to the existing teachers at receiving schools in reconfiguration programs, it has been agreed that this faculty will not be affected in any way by the number of students and teachers who are reassigned, and who do or do not arrive at receiving schools, as a result of the reconfiguration process. In other words, incoming teachers or students will not be used to either cause displacement of existing teachers from receiving schools, or to "hold" existing teachers at receiving schools who would otherwise have been displaced.

The principle articulated in the preceding paragraph is to be applied to faculty adjustments caused by school closures, boundary changes and other actions which result in the movement of students unless otherwise indicated in this agreement.

a. The District shall, in its sole discretion or pursuant to court order, determine from time to time the capacity of each school, determine school attendance boundaries and grade level alignments/reconfigurations, determine which students and grades are to be assigned and reassigned to which schools and determine which schools are to be closed. Teachers are to be transferred, as provided hereinafter, so as to correspond to the movement of students and the special needs of students.

b. The administrators of the related sending and receiving schools shall, in consultation with one another and with appropriate District offices, proceed to develop their respective enrollment projections and Master Programs for reconfigured grades for the upcoming school year, taking into account the movement of students contemplated by this Section, and the required and elective subjects for the reconfigured grades, and determine the number and type of teachers needed at each location. It is understood that a given ~~junior-high~~ or middle school may at the same time be deemed both a sending and receiving school with the possibility of some teachers being transferred to accompany outgoing students at the same time that other teachers are being transferred in along with incoming students or to fill openings. Any necessary transfers of teachers will be effectuated between the senior high schools and the related ~~junior-high~~/middle schools, and then between the ~~junior-high~~/middle schools and the related elementary schools.

c. A proportionate number of teachers (based upon staffing norms) from each sending school are to accompany the students to the receiving school(s). Also, where LEP students are transferred a proportional number of bilingual teachers shall be transferred with the LEP students to the receiving school, so as to maintain the existing level of bilingual services. Proportional number means the approximate ratio of bilingual teachers (as defined in Article XI-A, Section 3.0) to affected LEP students as existed at the sending school prior to transfer of the LEP

students. However, bilingual volunteers will be sought first from the sending schools, before requiring such a transfer.

d. The selection of teachers to accompany groups of students shall be as follows:

- (1) The District shall make reasonable efforts to inform the faculty at the sending school of the number and type of openings available at the related receiving school(s). Teachers may then volunteer to transfer, using the District-provided form.
- (2) Where there are fewer volunteers at sending schools than are needed, such volunteers shall be reassigned provided the receiving school has need for the volunteer's services grade level(s) or subject(s).
- (3) Where there are more volunteers at a sending school than are needed, priority shall be given to those volunteers who during the majority of his or her teaching time during the previous three years taught the specific grade level and/or courses which are needed to be taught at the receiving school. If more volunteer(s) meet this criterion than are needed, the District shall select those with the most District seniority.
- (4) All assignments shall be made in accordance with the credential authorization laws of California.

e. Where the number of reconfigured students arriving at a receiving school is not sufficient to support the number of teachers previously assigned from sending schools, volunteers from among such teachers will be sought to return to the sending school(s). If there are not enough volunteers in the appropriate subject field(s)/grade levels, then teachers will be selected for return based upon the inverse of the order established in Section 17.0d(3). Any subsequent over-teachered condition at sending schools will be adjusted consistent with Section 6.0 of this article.

fe. After norm date (fourth week), teachers assigned to receiving schools shall be considered part of the regular faculty of receiving school, and subject to all terms and conditions which apply to the faculty at the receiving school. Any subsequent over-teachered condition at the receiving school will be adjusted consistent with Section 6.0 of this article. It is understood that sixth grade "Core Courses" at ~~junior high~~ middle schools are to be considered as a separate "program" under Section 6.0.

17.0 If a school applies to be converted from a traditional program to a Magnet School, procedures delineated by District policy shall be followed prior

to submission of the application. Alleged violations of the policy or this Section are not grievable under Article V.

17.1 Upon Board of Education approval, all teachers at the school to be converted will be notified no less than one calendar year prior to the Opening of the new Magnet School. Teachers at the school to be converted may seek specialized training in the theme or focus area(s) of the magnet in order to make them priority candidates for selection and/or seek a voluntary transfer.

18.0 Secondary Counselor Displacement: Displacement of Secondary Counselors from school sites shall be in the order of District seniority and shall follow the process outlined in Section 6.0 of the Article. Possession of a teaching credential shall not be a factor for consideration in this scenario.