

Walla Walla Public Schools

BOARD POLICY

Policy No. 5521

TEACHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Continued professional study and in-service training are prerequisites for professional growth and development. The teacher mentor program is established for the purpose of selecting a highly-skilled experienced teacher to provide continued and sustained support to a beginning teacher, or a teacher new to the district both in and outside the classroom. For purposes of this program, "beginning teacher" shall mean a teacher with fewer than ninety consecutive school days of certificated teaching experience in either a public or private school in any grade, preschool through twelve, and who is employed by the district for ninety consecutive school days or more. "Experienced teacher" means any teacher who exceeds the experience specifications cited above.

Legal References: WAC 392-196 Teacher Assistance Program

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