

Code No. 407.3

## LICENSED EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

Licensed employees who will complete their current contract with the board may apply for retirement. No licensed employee will be required to retire at a specific age.

Application for retirement will be considered when the licensed employee states in writing to the superintendent, no later than the date set by the board for the return of the employee's contract to the board, the intent of the employee to retire. The letter must state the employee's desire to retire and be witnessed by another party other than the principal or the superintendent. Applications made after the date set by the board for the return of the employee's contract to the board may be considered by the board if special circumstances exist. It is be within the discretion of the board to determine whether special circumstances exist.

Board action to approve a licensed employee's application for retirement is final and such action constitutes nonrenewal of the employee's contract for the next school year.

Licensed employees who retire under this policy may qualify for retirement benefits through the lowa Public Employees Retirement System.

Licensed employees and their spouse and dependents will be allowed to continue coverage in the school district's group health insurance program at their own expense by meeting the requirements of the insurer.

Legal Reference: lowa Code §§ 97B; 216; 279.46 (2005).

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1978 Op. Att'y Gen. 247. 1974 Op. Att'y Gen. 11, 322.

Cross Reference: 401.8 Recognition for Service of Employees

403.8 Licensed Employee Early Retirement

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