

TENURE

TEACHERS

A teacher who has acquired tenure before September 1, 2012 shall retain tenure, subject to the provisions of state law. Effective beginning on July 1, 2012, a teacher shall be rated *highly effective* for five (5) years within a six-year period pursuant to the performance evaluation program as provided in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:3881 through 3905, to be granted tenure. The Superintendent shall notify a teacher, in writing, when tenure has been awarded and the teacher shall be deemed to have acquired tenure on the date specified therein.

A tenured teacher who receives a final performance rating of *ineffective* pursuant to the teacher's annual evaluation shall lose his/her tenure and all rights related thereto immediately upon exhaustion of the grievance procedure set forth in the personnel evaluation plan adopted by the School Board, unless the ineffective performance rating is reversed. Such ineffective rating shall constitute sufficient grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:443. If a teacher is found *highly effective* based on the evidence of the growth portion of the evaluation but is found *ineffective* according to the observation portion, within thirty (30) days after such finding, the teacher shall be entitled to a second observation by members of a team of three (3) designees, chosen by the Superintendent, which shall not include the principal.

A teacher who loses tenure shall reacquire tenure if the teacher receives a performance rating of *highly effective* for five (5) years within a six-year period subsequent to receiving an *ineffective* rating.

Teachers Paid with Federal Funds

A teacher paid with federal funds shall not be eligible to acquire tenure, nor shall time spent in employment paid with federal funds be counted toward the time required for acquisition of tenure.

CONTRACT APPOINTEES

Employees shall not earn tenure as administrators.

Any teacher who has acquired tenure and is promoted to a higher salaried position shall not be eligible to gain tenure in the position to which promoted, but shall retain any tenure acquired as a teacher.

BUS OPERATORS

School bus operators hired on or after July 1, 2012 shall not be granted tenure.

OTHER EMPLOYEES

No tenure is granted by law or School Board policy to other school employees of the Jefferson Parish School Board.

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Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§13:3204, 17:82, 17:441, 17:442, 17:443, 17:444, 17:522, 17:525, 17:1213, 17:1217, 17:3883; Board minutes, 11-9-15.