SECTION V - TRANSFER POLICY

It shall be the intent of the Board of Education to provide qualified members of the bargaining unit an opportunity to be considered for transfer. The welfare of students and, secondly, that of teachers will be the preeminent factor in all transfers.

A voluntary transfer is defined as an employee-initiated change of work location which has been approved by the District.

Voluntary Transfer Process During The Current School Year

 On or before May 1, the District will post all new or vacant positions for the succeeding year at each school site. Any specific skills or teaching requirements for specific positions and the deadline for applying for the position will be included on the posting. Copies shall be sent to the Federation and to the Federation's representative at each school site.

2. On or before ten (10) days before the end of school, the District will make a final posting of all new or vacant positions for the succeeding year. Any specific skills or teaching requirements for specific positions and the deadline for applying for the position will be included on the posting. Copies shall be sent to the Federation and to the Federation's representative at each school site.

3. Teachers may request a transfer to any of the posted openings within ten (10) days of the posting by contacting Personnel Support Services and filing a Request for Transfer form.

4. Any teacher requesting a transfer to a posted opening will be given the opportunity to interview for that opening. Outside applicants will be selected for positions only after all District employees requesting transfers have had an opportunity to interview for the position.

Voluntary Transfer Process During the Summer Break

After the last day of the school year and up to ten (10) calendar days before the first
work day of the succeeding year, teachers may request a transfer to any school in
the district by filing a Request for Transfer form. Teachers must specify their choice
of schools on the form and may amend their choices of schools over the summer by
notifying Personnel Support Services.

 After the last day of the school year, the District shall develop a list of all teachers requesting a transfer and the schools for which they wish to be considered. The District shall update that list on an on-going basis. Copies will be made available to the Federation upon request.

3. Teachers will be responsible for including a summer address and phone number where they can be reached during the break.

- 4. Should any new or vacant position at a school for the succeeding school year occur after the last day of the current school year, the principal shall request from the District all teachers on the transfer list that requested a transfer to that school. Any teacher requesting a transfer to that school will be given the opportunity to interview for that opening by being contacted by mail or phone. Outside applicants will be selected for positions only after all District employees requesting transfers have had an opportunity to interview for the position.
- 5. There will be no transfers after the first work day of the new school year.

Transfer Process For the Second Semester

- 1. The District will post any new or vacant positions for second semester during the first week following the winter break. Any specific skills or teaching requirements for specific positions and the deadline for applying for the position will be included on the posting. Copies shall be sent to the Federation and to the Federation's representative at each school site.
- 2. Teachers may request a transfer to any of the posted openings within five (5) days of the posting by contacting Personnel Support Services and filing a Request for Transfer form.
- 3. Any teacher requesting a transfer to a posted opening will be given the opportunity to interview for that opening. Outside applicants will be selected for positions only after all District employees requesting transfers have had an opportunity to interview for the position.

General Procedures for Voluntary Transfer

- 1. If a teacher is not accepted for a transfer, the teacher may, in writing, request the reason for the decision. The teacher shall indicate whether or not he/she wants the reasons stated in writing, in a personal conference or in a personal conference with a representative present. The District's representative shall have the option to respond in writing rather than a personal conference. The response will identify the criteria upon which the selection was denied.
- 2. The filing of a request for transfer is without prejudice to the unit member and shall not jeopardize the current assignment. Requests for a transfer need not carry the recommendation of the current principal. Request Form P-89 shall be submitted directly to the Personnel Office, following written notification to the current principal.
- 3. Selection for transfer shall include, but be not limited to, the following criteria:
 - (a) A California teaching credential authorizing service in the assignment requested for transfer.
 - (b) Teaching experience

3 4		(d) Current performance evaluations.	
5		(e) Special job-related skills or talents.	
6 7		(f) No Child Left Behind compliance as "highly qualified."	
8 9 10 11		(g) District-wide Seniority: Districtwide seniority is defined as the total number of years in paid status in the District. Districtwide seniority shall be applied to resolve transfer decisions when two or more teachers are rated equally.	
12 13	INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER		
14 15 16 17		voluntary Transfer is defined as a District initiated request for reduction of staff at any ork location generally caused by a decrease in student enrollment.	
18	1.	Qualified volunteers will be given the opportunity to be considered for transfer first.	
19 20	2.	Notifications of involuntary transfer shall take place as far in advance as possible.	
21 22	3.	Involuntary transfer shall be consistent with District needs.	
23 24	REASSIGNMENT		
25 26	Re	eassignment is defined as District directed change of employee work location.	
27 28 29	1.	In all reassignment cases, the teacher involved will be afforded the opportunity to discuss the matter with the District prior to the finalization of the decision.	
30 31	2.	Notification shall take place as far in advance as possible.	
32 33 34	3.	Decisions regarding reassignment shall not be punitive, arbitrary or capricious.	
35	4.	Reassignment shall be consistent with District needs.	
36 37 38	5.	The final responsibility for reassignment is that of the Superintendent.	

(c) Related course work, including major or minor.

REASSIGNED AND INVOLUNTARILY TRANSFERRED TEACHERS

- 1. In order to assist teachers who have been reassigned or involuntarily transferred in the process of packing and moving classroom materials and preparing a new classroom, the parties agree to the following:
 - (a) The teacher may have two paid workdays to move, paid at the non-contract day rate.
 - (b) Teachers must submit a time sheet to receive the stipend.

- (c) The District and school site administration will coordinate with the teacher to facilitate the process of moving.
- 2. This agreement is not intended for teachers in positions classified as "itinerant."