

**HARLAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION**

Harlan County Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, marital or veteran status, place of national origin and other categories protected by law are not factors in employment, promotion, compensation or working conditions.

Please Print

Date:

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Do you have a valid driver's license?* _____ State/License#: _____

Have you ever applied to, or worked for Harlan County Schools before? _____ If yes, when? _____

Do you have any friends or relatives working for Harlan County Schools? _____

If yes, please state name and relationship: _____

How did you hear about the position you are applying for? _____

State briefly why you would like to work for Harlan County Schools:

Have you in the last 10 years been convicted of a felony (excluding any sealed or expunged convictions)?

NOTE: No applicant will be denied employment solely on the grounds of a conviction of a criminal offense. The nature of the offense, the date of the offense, the surrounding circumstances and the relevance of the offense to the position(s) applied for may, however, be considered.)

If yes, explain:

General Information about Employment Desired

Position you are applying for? _____ Full-time or part-time? _____

If part-time, hours per week desired: _____ Are you available for work on weekends? _____

Are you available to work holidays? _____ Days of the week you are available to work: _____

Hours you are available to work: _____ Are you available to be on-call? _____

Are you available to work nights?* _____ Are you available to work overtime? _____

If hired, on what date could you start? _____ Are you able to travel on company business?* _____

What is the percentage of time you are willing to travel? _____

Hourly rate of pay or monthly salary desired: _____

**if required for the position you are seeking*

Education and Training (include on-the-job training):

	School/Location/Sponsor	Course of Study	Dates Attended
High School			
Community College			
Trade School			
College/University			
Seminars/Other			

Special Skills

Do you speak, write or understand any foreign languages? _____

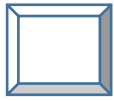
If yes, which language(s)? _____

Do you have experience, training, qualifications or skills which you feel make you especially suited for work in the Harlan County School System? _____ If so, explain in detail below:

Professional Society Memberships: _____

Licenses (list states): _____

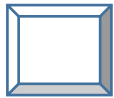
Please read and initial each paragraph below (if there is any part of this page you do not understand, please ask us about it before signing).



I hereby authorize Harlan County Schools to thoroughly investigate my references, work records, education and other matters related to my suitability for employment and, further, authorize my current and former employers to disclose to the company any and all letters, reports and other information pertaining to my employment with them, without giving me prior notice of such disclosure. In addition, I hereby release Harlan County Schools, my current and former employers, and all other persons, corporations, partnerships and associations from any and all claims, demands or liabilities arising out of or in any way related to such investigation or disclosure.



I understand that if offered employment, the offer may be contingent on my passing a pre-employment alcohol and drug screen and a pre-employment physical. By signing this application, I voluntarily agree to submit to a pre-employment alcohol/drug screen and pre-employment physical upon request. I understand that failure to pass the alcohol/drug screen and/or physical will result in withdrawal of the employment offer.



If hired, I also agree to submit to alcohol or drug testing as a condition of employment. I agree that Harlan County Schools may conduct alcohol or drug screening at its sole discretion with or without notice. I also understand that refusal to submit to an alcohol/drug screen will be considered a voluntary resignation of employment.



I understand that nothing contained in the application or conveyed to me during any interview which may be granted is intended to create an employment contract, implied or explicit, between me and Harlan County Schools.



I understand and agree that any future changes in my title, duties, compensation, working conditions, and/or Harlan County Schools benefits, policies and procedures will not alter our at-will and arbitration agreements.



I understand that if offered employment, I will, as a condition of employment, be required to submit proof of my identity and legal right to work in the United States on my first day of employment.



I hereby certify that I have not knowingly withheld any information that might adversely affect my chances for employment and that the answers given by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I, the undersigned applicant, have personally completed this application. I understand that any omission or misstatement on this application or on any documents used to secure employment shall be grounds for rejection of this application or for immediate discharge if I am employed, regardless of the time elapsed before discovery.

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand this complete page, and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this document.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Hiring

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All appointments, promotions, and transfers of certified personnel for positions authorized by the Board shall be made by the Superintendent who, at the first meeting following the actions, shall notify the Board of same. Such notification shall be recorded in the Board minutes.

When a vacancy occurs, the Superintendent shall notify the Commissioner of Education thirty (30) days before the position is to be filled.

When a vacancy needs to be filled in less than thirty (30) days to prevent disruption of necessary instructional or support services of the school District, the Superintendent may seek a waiver of the thirty (30) day advance notice requirement from the Commissioner of Education. If the waiver is approved, the appointment shall not be made until the person selected by the Superintendent has been approved by the Commissioner of Education.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Personnel actions shall not be effective until the employee receives written notice of such action from the Superintendent. Certified employees may be appointed by the Superintendent for any school year at any time after February 1 preceding the beginning of the school year.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Superintendent shall employ only individuals who are certified for the positions they will hold and who possess qualifications established by law, regulation and Board policy, except in the case where no individual applies who is properly certified and/or who meets established qualifications set by Board policy.

Hiring of certified personnel who have previously retired under TRS shall be in compliance with applicable legal requirements.²

All teachers shall meet applicable certification or licensure requirements as defined by state and federal regulation.³

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND TESTING

Applicants, employees, and student teachers assigned within the District shall undergo records checks and testing as required by applicable statutes and regulations.¹

Each application or renewal form provided applicants for a certified position shall conspicuously state the following: "FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT".¹

Beginning July 1, 2018, individual applicants shall provide a letter from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services stating that there are no findings of substantiated child abuse or neglect on record. In addition, each application or renewal form provided to applicants for a certified position shall conspicuously state the following:

"FOR THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, STATE LAW REQUIRES A NATIONAL AND STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND HAVE A LETTER, PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, FROM THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES STATING THE EMPLOYEE IS CLEAR TO HIRE BASED ON NO FINDINGS OF SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FOUND THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT."

As permitted by [KRS 160.380](#), employment shall be contingent on receipt of records documenting that the individual does not have a conviction for a felony sex crime or as a violent offender as defined in [KRS 17.165](#) or other conviction determined by the Superintendent to bear a reasonable relationship to the ability of the individual

to perform the job. Probationary employment shall terminate on receipt of a criminal history background check documenting a conviction for a felony sex crime or as a violent offender.

Additionally, beginning July 1, 2018, employment shall also be contingent on receipt of a letter from the Cabinet provided by the individual documenting that the individual does not have a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect in records maintained by the Cabinet.

Criminal records checks on persons employed in Head Start programs shall be conducted in conformity with 45 C.F.R. § 1302.90.

JOB REGISTER

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall maintain in the Central Office a job register listing all current job openings in the District. The register shall describe the duties and qualifications for each opening, and District employment policies shall be attached to the register. The job register shall be open to public inspection during Central Office business hours.

VACANCIES POSTED

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, a listing of all District job openings shall be posted in the Central Office, in each school building and online on a timely basis and shall refer interested persons to the Central Office job register for additional information. Postings of vacancies may be made with other agencies, as appropriate.

When a vacancy for a teaching position occurs in the District, the Superintendent shall conduct a search to locate minority candidates to be considered for the position.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, each application shall be reviewed and each applicant so notified upon initial application. Applications for candidates not employed shall be retained for three (3) years.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Superintendent shall not employ a relative of a member of the Board unless the relative was initially employed by the District prior to the tenure of the Board member and the member was seated on the Board prior to July 13, 1990.

A relative may be employed as a substitute for a certified or classified employee if the relative is not:

1. A regular full-time or part-time employee of the District;
2. Accruing continuing contract status or any other right to continuous employment;
3. Receiving fringe benefits other than those provided other substitutes; or
4. Receiving preference in employment or assignment over other substitutes.¹

A relative of the Superintendent shall not be employed except as provided by [KRS 160.380](#).

CONTRACT

Except for noncontracted substitute teachers, all certified personnel shall enter into annual written contracts with the District.

JOB DESCRIPTION

All employees shall receive a copy of their job description and responsibilities.

INTENT

Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, employees may be requested to indicate their availability for employment for the next school year.

REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

Each year all full-time and part-time certified employees shall be notified in writing by the last day of school if they have reasonable assurance of continued employment for the following school year.

Certified employees assigned extra duties such as coaching shall be notified in writing by the last day of that assigned duty if they have reasonable assurance of continued employment in that or a similar capacity for the following school year.

EMPLOYEES SEEKING A JOB CHANGE

Other than the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files, District employees are prohibited from assisting a school employee, contractor, or agent in obtaining a new job if the individual knows, or has probable cause to believe, that such school employee, contractor, or agent engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law and such school employee, contractor, or agent does not meet the exceptions outlined in 20 U.S.C. 7926.

REFERENCES:

¹[KRS 160.380](#)

²[KRS 161.605](#); [702 KAR 001:150](#)

³P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)

20 U.S.C. 7926; 42 U.S.C. § 9843a(g)

34 C.F.R. 200.55-200.56; 45 C.F.R. § 1302.90

[KRS 17.160](#); [KRS 17.165](#)

[KRS 156.106](#); [KRS 160.345](#); [KRS 160.390](#)

[KRS 161.042](#); [KRS 161.611](#); [KRS 161.750](#)

[KRS 335B.020](#); [KRS 405.435](#)

[016 KAR 009:080](#); [702 KAR 003:320](#); [704 KAR 007:130](#)

[OAG 73-333](#); [OAG 91-10](#); [OAG 91-149](#); [OAG 91-206](#)

[OAG 92-1](#); [OAG 92-59](#); [OAG 92-78](#); [OAG 92-131](#); [OAG 97-6](#)

Records Retention Schedule, Public School District

RELATED POLICIES:

01.11; 02.4244; 03.132

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