



**Official Policy
of
Ogden Preparatory Academy**

6. Human Resources

6.03.POL Tuition Reimbursement Policy

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PURPOSE

Ogden Preparatory Academy (the School) believes that the School and its students benefit when employees develop and improve their knowledge and skills. Obtaining additional education can increase teaching abilities and professional competence. The School therefore desires to identify the conditions upon which the School is willing to reimburse School employees for tuition paid in order to obtain education that will improve their ability to serve the School and its students.

POLICY

The School may reimburse tuition for School employees if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The School has employed the employee for at least one (1) year.
2. The tuition is for courses that are either:
 - a. Job related, meaning the course will:
 - i. Result in increased knowledge and skill, is aimed primarily at improving the employee's performance in his/her present job or
 - ii. Will enable the employee to remain current with changes or developments in their field, or
 - b. An elective that is part of a degree program that is job related.
3. The courses are taken at
 - a. Fully accredited Utah colleges or universities
 - b. A school providing training or instruction that is approved by the State Board of Education.
4. Courses may be for credit or not.
5. Except in unusual circumstances and as approved by the Principal, courses must be taken outside of regularly scheduled work hours.
6. Tuition reimbursement will only be provided when the employee obtains approval from the Principal and enters into a written agreement prior to enrolling in the course.
7. The employee must agree to work at the School for a minimum of three (3) years following reimbursement of tuition. In the event of the employee's employment with the School is terminated, voluntarily or involuntarily, for any reason, before the completion of three (3) years, the prorated portion of the reimbursed tuition must be repaid to the School based on the number of years worked for the School since the most recent reimbursement. In the event any amount is referred to a third party debt collection agency, the employee shall be responsible for a collection fee of up to 33.33% of the

principal amount owed as allowed by Utah Code. The employee shall be responsible for any additional amounts allowed by law (such as interest, court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, etc.) incurred by the School in relation to the collection.

8. Tuition reimbursement may be paid when the employee:
 - a. Provides evidence of completion of the course with a passing mark of B or better.
 - b. Provides an itemized receipt of the payment of tuition.
9. The School shall reimburse employees who pass any applicable Praxis exam. Praxis exam reimbursements to do not require Tuition Reimbursement Agreements.

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Clarification between tuition and praxis requirements. Clarification to approval requirements. Collection language was added.

Legal References