

ARTICLE 7
TUITION AID

SECTION 1. All teachers who have completed one year of employment shall be eligible for tuition aid subject to the conditions and procedures set forth in this Article.

1.1 Applications for aid must be filed on or before the deadlines set forth in Section 3 and

- (a) The applicant must be enrolled and accepted in a graduate program relating to the profession of education (in a college) which has been approved by the Superintendent or;
- (b) if the applicant is not enrolled in a graduate program leading to a degree, each course must be approved by the Superintendent in advance.

1.2 To receive tuition aid for courses approved as aforesaid, a teacher must successfully complete the course for credit. In graded courses he or she must pass with a grade of B+/- (or its numerical equivalent) or better.

1.3 Must provide the Superintendent with proof of acceptance and participation in an approved course of study, certified information indicating date of completion, grade received and credits allowed, and proof of payment for the course taken.

SECTION 2. Tuition aid will be in an amount equal to 80% of the cost of courses approved as aforesaid, less financial aid available from any other sources, provided, however, that such aid shall be limited to a maximum of \$650 per course and a fiscal year maximum of \$2,600 per individual.

SECTION 3. Tuition aid shall not exceed \$33,000 in the aggregate for any year covered by this agreement. Applications for tuition aid for first semester courses must be received no later than **August 15**, for second semester courses by **December 15**, and for summer courses by **May 15**.

SECTION 4. First semester courses \$9,000 plus any unused portion from previous semester, Second semester courses \$9,000 plus any unused portion from previous semester, summer courses \$15,000 plus any unused portion from previous semester.

SECTION 5. Applications for reimbursement received as of each of the application deadlines specified in Section 3 shall be approved based on the following rotation:

*Priority	Rotation						
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh
1	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
2	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh
3	None	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
4	None	None	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth

*Priorities

1. Courses taken to fulfill State mandates for continued certification
2. Courses taken for advanced degrees in teaching field
3. Non-degree courses taken in teaching field
4. Other professional education courses for self-improvement.