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CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

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DISCLAIMER

Nothing in this handbook shall be deemed to create or constitute a contract of employment. This handbook sets forth a summary of Spartanburg School District Two policies and procedures. It does not modify, add to, or create any contractual rights or remedies. Should an employee have any questions regarding the district's policies, the employee should refer to the actual Board Policies, which can be made available to the employee through the immediate supervisor.

Spartanburg School District Two does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, handicap or veteran status in the provision of educational opportunities and benefits in compliance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the employment provisions (Title I) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Age Discrimination and Employment Act, and all other applicable civil rights laws.

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Computer Technician
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Food Service Programs
Secretary (Technology)
Secretary (Personnel)
Elementary Technology Coach
School Psychologist
Computer Technician
MTSS Coach
Receptionist
Accounts Payable Specialist
Computer Technician
Coordinator of Special Services



Spartanburg School District Two School Directory

Boiling Springs Elementary

700 Double Bridge Road
Boiling Springs, SC 29316
Michelle Kimbrell, Principal
864-578-1231

Boiling Springs High School

2251 Old Furnace Road
Boiling Springs, SC 29316
Chuck Gordon, Principal
864-578-8465

Boiling Springs High – 9th Grade

3655 Boiling Springs Road
Boiling Springs, SC 29316
Kristi Woodall, Principal
864-578-2610

Boiling Springs Middle School

4801 Highway 9
Inman, SC 29349
Andy Rogers, Principal
864-578-5954

Boiling Springs Intermediate

2055 Hanging Rock Road
Boiling Springs, SC 29316
Amanda Ehlich, Principal
864-578-2884

Carlisle-Foster's Grove

625 Foster's Grove Road
Chesnee, SC 29323
Cathy Garner, Principal
864-578-2215

Chesnee Elementary School

985 Fairfield Rd.
Chesnee, SC 29323
Deana Watson, Principal
864-461-7322

Shoally Creek Elementary

3777 Parris Bridge Rd.
Boiling Springs, SC 29316
Laura Meyer, Principal
864-594-3200

Chesnee High School

795 South Alabama Avenue
Chesnee, SC 29323
Angela Ramsey, Principal
864-461-7318

Chesnee Middle School

807 South Alabama Avenue
Chesnee, SC 29323
Robert Hayes, Principal
864-461-3900

Cooley Springs-Fingerville

140 Cooley Springs Road
Chesnee, SC 29323
Stephanie Blanton, Principal
864-592-1221

Hendrix Elementary

1084 Springfield Road
Boiling Springs, SC 29316
Tina Humphries, Principal
864-278-1288

Mayo Elementary

PO Box 130
Mayo, SC 29368
Cassandra Davis, Principal
864-461-2622

Oakland Elementary

151 Mudcreek Road
Inman, SC 29368
Lora McKillop, Principal
864-814-3870

Rainbow Lake Middle School

1951 Riveroak Rd.
Chesnee, SC 29323
Trent Hardee, Principal
864-253-1379



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Welcome

We would like to welcome you to the Spartanburg School District Two. As a district, we look forward to working with each new employee. The office of personnel has prepared a handbook that is intended to give new certified employees an overview/summary of relevant policies, regulations, and procedures that might be of particular interest. If there are questions about any of the handbook contents or any item not covered, please ask your principal or supervisor for assistance. New employees may also contact the office of personnel with questions.

For the record, the complete and official text of all Spartanburg School District Two policies and regulations, as approved by the board of trustees, are contained in the Spartanburg School District Two Policy Manual. Policy manuals can be accessed by clicking the link below:

<https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=spartanburg2>.

General Information

Spartanburg District Two, one of seven school districts in Spartanburg County, serves the Boiling Springs and Chesnee areas. The district, located in the beautiful northeastern section of the county, has a growing student population of approximately 10,200 students. Growth in the district can be attributed to our proximity to interstate highways, expanding business and commerce in the area, the availability of housing at all price ranges, and the excellent reputation of the school district. Spartanburg School District Two is comprised of 134 square miles and has an approximate population of 40, 000 people.

At present, our district has eight elementary schools and six secondary schools, including two high schools: Boiling Springs High and Chesnee High.

Spartanburg School District Two Vision Statement

Our Shared Vision is to be the premier school district in which to live and learn, ensuring all students are prepared for life's opportunities by providing a safe and positive culture with excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts.

Spartanburg School District Two Mission Statement

Our Shared Mission is to serve students by empowering them to realize their maximum potential while engaging in rigorous, relevant, real-world learning opportunities within a caring, collaborative, and creative environment.



Supervisor/Employee Relationships

Certified employees at the school level work directly for and are supervised by the building principal. All problems, requests for assistance, and materials pertaining to the employee's work should be directed to the building principal. Additionally, a teacher must consult with the building principal before initiating any new procedures, plans, or programs.

The building principal is available for guidance and assistance to teachers with problems pertaining to students. Employees must also adhere to board policy and procedures in carrying out their assigned duties.

Tort Liability

The board of trustees currently provides tort liability insurance for all district employees (both full and part-time) through the Division of General Services, State of South Carolina. The limit of the coverage is \$1,000,000.00 for each individual. A copy of the actual policy is on file in the district office.

Insurance/Benefits

All full-time (and part-time certified working a minimum of 30 hours) employees are eligible for insurance/benefits. Insurance options will be covered with the staff member at a meeting with the benefits coordinator. Brochures, pamphlets, and newsletters are distributed to all full-time employees. Questions/concerns about plans or coverage are to be directed to the benefits coordinator. Each new employee is given an Employee Benefits Brochure, which outlines all benefits that are offered.

Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)

An optional retirement plan is available to new employees to the district. This optional plan gives qualifying employees a choice between the regular retirement system and a choice of plans offered by the four state-approved companies. Specifics are available from the benefits office.

Workers Compensation

Workers Compensation is provided for all employees of the district. This insurance protects school district employees who suffer any accident while performing school-related duties. The district pays premiums for this insurance.

According to South Carolina law, accidents must be reported to the principal/supervisor within 24 hours. The principal/supervisor must complete the appropriate form (Form 12A) and submit a copy of the form to the office of personnel. In the event of injury, specific instructions for receiving care with our workman's compensation doctors will be given.



Professional Contracts

Because a signed contract is a binding document the moment it is endorsed, the personnel administrators in each of the seven Spartanburg County school districts, plus Union and Cherokee Counties, have agreed to the following:

- Before granting an interview to an individual under contract with another district, the personnel office in the holding district should be contacted for permission by the personnel office in the interested district. Districts should refrain from initiating contact with employees from another district. Before a contract is offered, a suitable replacement must be found by the district who must provide the release. Additionally, the interested district cannot offer a contract to an individual who has not been released.

NOTE: Contracts for the 2020 - 2021 school year will be issued in April, 2020.

NOTE: Breach of contract can lead to a recommendation for certification revocation for a period of one (1) year.

Teaching Certificate/License

Professional (five-year) Certificate

It is the responsibility of each certified employee to maintain a valid teaching certificate. A copy of the current certificate is to be kept on file in the office of personnel. We will provide reminders to staff members whose certificate expires at the end of the current school year (as of June 30th). For teachers with a **Professional Certificate**, the responsibility for maintaining certificate renewal documentation with regard to the teacher's staff development plan rests with the employee. Details are listed in the Spartanburg District Two Certificate Renewal Guidelines Notebook.

Evaluations

All continuing contract teachers are evaluated using the SC Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric. Induction and Annual teachers will also be evaluated using the SC Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric during their first two years. Media Specialist, Counselors and Speech, Language Pathologist will be evaluated under ADEPT.

Length of School /Work Day

Classroom teachers are expected to work a minimum of seven and one-half hours each workday for a total of 190 days. Ten of the 190 days will be scheduled for staff development and/or teacher workdays.



Salary Information

Teacher salaries are based on 190 days of employment. Certified staff members are paid according to the board approved salary schedule. The educational level and the years of experience are also factors. Teachers coming to us from out of state who have not been issued a South Carolina certificate will be paid at a bachelors with 0 years experience until their experience and educational level are verified with the Office of Teacher Certification in Columbia. If the verification is completed by the November 1st state deadline, the experience/educational level will be retroactive and the pay will be adjusted accordingly.

Pay Schedule/Location

All certified employees are paid on the 20th of each month. If the 20th occurs on Saturday, the pay date will be on the Friday before. If the 20th occurs on Sunday, the pay date will be the Monday after. All staff members are to receive notifications prior to the end of the workday on the scheduled pay date.

A payroll calendar is published by the Payroll Specialist and is made available to principals/supervisors. Employees cannot receive their payroll notifications prior to the scheduled pay date.

Direct Deposit

Direct deposit is required for employees paid monthly. Checks will be automatically deposited in area banking institutions on the scheduled pay dates. The necessary forms are available from the Office of Finance. Payroll information can be found on the Employee Self-Serve portion of the Employee Portal (see below).

Employee Self- Serve (ESS)

All employees with direct deposit will have access to view their information on the District's Employee Portal found in the upper right hand of the Districts main website or on the link: <https://ess.spartanburg2.k12.sc.us>. Log-in instructions are also available on the Employee Portal as well. For questions about ESS, contact Payroll in the Finance Department.

Personnel Information

All personnel must promptly report any change in name, address, telephone number, and certification information (certificate renewals, changes, and upgrades) to the office of personnel. Please note that our office can make address and name changes with the Office of Teacher Certification.

Criminal Record Report

Employment is conditional upon receipt of a satisfactory SLED (South Carolina Law Enforcement Division) criminal record report and National Sex Offender Registry check.



Proviso Courses (Critical Needs Courses)

Our district routinely offers a wide variety of courses (many in conjunction with local institutions). Courses and descriptions are made available to schools. Additionally, information regarding such courses can be found on the district website. Individuals will be asked to sign-up by a specified deadline. As a rule, our district will receive a specified number of slots for a particular course. Questions about courses should be directed to the Office of Instruction. Our district also offers mini-courses in computer technology. Dates and forms for sign-up are available.

Certified Resignations

All certified staff members are required to submit a letter of resignation or district resignation form if leaving employment with the district. The letter or form should include the effective date of the employee resignation. The principal/supervisor and the superintendent should be informed at the earliest possible date so that arrangements can be made to find a suitable replacement. Please note that any resignation requiring a release from a signed contract will require the approval of the school board. **Also, staff members considering a resignation during the school year whose resignation would result in a breach of contract may be putting the district in a difficult situation. Depending on the circumstances, the district administration may ask the board of trustees to recommend that certificate revocation be pursued with the office of teacher certification.**

South Carolina Retirement System

Most employees of Spartanburg County School District Two are required by law to join the South Carolina Retirement System. Members contribute 8.0% of their gross salary to the system. The deduction is made from each check and is placed in a retirement account. The district makes an additional contribution for all employees. After a period of eight years of earned service, employees are vested in the retirement system. As indicated earlier in the handbook, an optional retirement plan (ORP) is available to new employees to the district.

Courier Service

A district-wide courier service is provided for the delivery and pick-up of inter-district communication, materials, and mail. On each scheduled date, the district courier makes a stop at all district locations (beginning and ending with the district administrative offices).

Professional Organizations

Through a building representative, teachers will have the opportunity to join professional associations. Teachers should contact the building representative for further information concerning professional organizations.



Board Policy Manuals

The Spartanburg School District Two Board of Trustees and administration continually revise and add policies to govern the operation of the school district.

Copies of the current board policy manual are available from each building principal and school media center.

In our handbook for new personnel, we have included a listing of selected policies that we hope will be beneficial to new staff members.

In all policy manuals, policies and regulations are divided into sections. The sections are arranged with a system that was developed by the National School Boards Association. Descriptor codes (letter designations) are assigned to policies by topics, with “-E” referring to an accompanying exhibit and “-R” to an accompanying regulation. A listing of sections and letter designations is as follows:

SECTIONS	FULL TITLES
A	<u>School District Organization</u>
B	<u>School Board Operation</u>
C	<u>General School Administration</u>
D	<u>Fiscal Management</u>
E	<u>Business Management/Support Services</u>
F	<u>Facility Expansion Program</u>
G	<u>Personnel</u>
I	<u>Instructional Program</u>
J	<u>Students</u>
K	<u>General Public Relations</u>
L	<u>Education Agency Relations</u>



APPENDIX

NAME	POLICY/REGULATION	NO.
Equal Opportunity Employer	<u>GBA</u>	1
Employee Sexual Discrimination		
and Harassment	<u>GBAA</u>	2
-Regulation	<u>GBAA-R</u>	3
-Form	<u>GBAA-E</u>	4
Staff Concerns/Complaints/Grievances	<u>GBK</u>	5
-Regulation	<u>GBK-R</u>	6
-Grievance Form	<u>GBK-E</u>	7
Staff Welfare/Protection	<u>GBG</u>	8
Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest	<u>GBEA</u>	9
Staff Participation in Political Activities	<u>GBI</u>	10
Drug and Alcohol Free Schools	<u>GBEC</u>	11
-Notice to Employees	<u>GBEC-E</u>	12
Tobacco-Free Schools	<u>GBED</u>	13
Professional Staff Assignments/Transfers	<u>GCK</u>	14
-Regulation	<u>GCK-R</u>	15
Staff Health	<u>GBGA</u>	16
-Regulation	<u>GBGA-R</u>	17
Retirement of Professional Staff	<u>GCQE</u>	18
Instructional Staff Extra Duty	<u>GCMD</u>	19
Staff Personal Leaves and Absences	<u>GCC/GDC</u>	20
-Regulation	<u>GCC-R/GDC-R</u>	21
-Your Rights Under The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993	<u>GCC-E/GDC-E</u>	22
Professional and Support Staff Emergency/ Legal Leave	<u>GCCAB/GDCAB</u>	23
Professional and Support Staff Military Leave	<u>GCCAD/GDCAD</u>	24
Staff Conduct	<u>GBEB</u>	25
Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff	<u>GCQF</u>	26