

## PROFESSIONAL TEACHER STATUS

**Teachers and certain other professional employees who have served in the school district for three consecutive years shall be entitled to professional teacher status.** The Superintendent, upon recommendation of the Principal, may award such status to a teacher who has served in the Principal's school for not less than one year or a teacher who has obtained such status in any other public school district in the Commonwealth. The Superintendent will base his/her decisions on the results of evaluation procedures conducted according to committee policy.

Notification to a teacher not being re-appointed must be made by **June 15** or at an earlier date if required by a collective bargaining agreement.

A teacher who attains professional teacher status will have continuous employment in the service of the school system subject to satisfactory evaluations per The Massachusetts Educator Evaluation Framework. A teacher with professional teacher status whose position is abolished by the School Committee may be continued in the employ of the school system in another position for which he or she is legally qualified.

Nothing in these provisions will be considered as restricting the Superintendent from changing teaching assignments or altering or abolishing supervisory assignments except that, by law, no teacher may be assigned to a position for which he or she is not legally qualified.

Established by law and Committee policy

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