## **Board Policy**

Code No. 407.2

## LICENSED EMPLOYEE CONTRACT RELEASE

Licensed employees who wish to be released from an executed contract must give at least twenty-one days notice to the Superintendent. Licensed employees may be released at the discretion of the Board. Only in unusual and extreme circumstances will the Board release a licensed employee from a contract. The Board shall have sole discretion to determine what constitutes unusual and extreme circumstances.

Release from a contract shall be contingent upon finding a suitable replacement. Licensed employees requesting release from a contract after it has been signed and before it expires may be required to pay the Board for expenses incurred to locate and hire a suitable replacement. Upon written mutual agreement between the employee and the Superintendent, the costs may be deducted from the employee's salary. Payment of these costs shall be a condition for release from the contract at the discretion of the Board. Failure of the licensed employee to pay these expenses may result in a cause of action being filed in small claims court.

The Superintendent is authorized to file a complaint with the Board of Educational Examiners against a licensed employee who leaves without proper release from the Board.

Iowa Code §§ 216; 272; 279.13, .19A, .46 (2009). Legal Reference:

1978 Op. Att'y Gen. 247. 1974 Op. Att'y Gen. 11, 322.

405.3 Cross Reference: Licensed Employee Individual Contract

> 405.4 Licensed Employee Continuing Contracts

407.3 Licensed Employee Retirement

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