



AP-G-201.5 Specialist Teachers Administrative Procedures

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BACKGROUND

FFCA is committed to offering exceptional programs in Physical Education, Spanish, Art, Music and Drama and to facilitate collaboration and professional development for specialist teachers. FFCA believes that program development and delivery is optimized under the leadership of a specialist teacher and that program continuity is enhanced when the number of teachers assigned teaching responsibilities for specialist courses is minimized.

DEFINITIONS

- Spanish is a required program which is considered to be a specialist area in elementary (Grade 4 only) and middle school.
- Physical Education is a required program which is considered to be a specialist area in elementary, middle and high school.
- Art and Music are required programs which are considered to be specialist areas in Kindergarten to grade 6.
- Art, Music and Drama are elective programs which are considered to be specialist areas in grades 7 and 8.
- Art, Music, Drama, and Spanish are elective programs which are considered to be specialist areas in high school.

PROCEDURES

- The deployment of specialist teachers will be considered early in the staffing and timetabling process.
- When deploying teachers to teach Physical Education, Spanish, Art, Music and Drama, priority will be given to assigning teachers with specialized knowledge, skills, and experience in these areas.
- Professional learning for specialist teachers will be a shared responsibility between FFCA and the teacher.
- Campuses will ensure that specialist teachers are available to attend system-wide professional development opportunities.