

529 STAFF TESTIMONY IN LEGAL MATTERS

The school district recognizes that cooperation with law enforcement agencies supports the education of students and is necessary for maintaining a safe and orderly school environment. The district understands further the need for members of the legal system to have access to expert witnesses in order to enforce state and federal laws and adjudicate contested matters justly and fairly. Teachers and other district employees, who as a result of their employment by the district, shall provide expert testimony shall do so by giving truthful and factual statements about events that they have observed and have first hand knowledge.

A subpoena is required for a teacher or another district employee to be excused from his or her job responsibilities in order to testify in child custody cases. The subpoena shall include a witness fee of at least \$16, plus expenses and should go directly to the teacher or other district employee. The district shall “admit service” of the subpoena on behalf of the employee in such cases, thus allowing the subpoena to be mailed to the school. Disruption of a class by an officer serving a subpoena shall not be allowed.

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