

Policy

Classroom Release Time (CRT)

This policy has been formulated in consultation with the principal and teaching staff of Southern Regional Health School. It is written in conjunction with clause 5.30 of the Primary/Teachers Collective Agreement (PTCA) 2004 - 2007.

Rationale

The intent of classroom release time is to address teacher workload while maximizing benefits for student learning.

The use of classroom release time will be professionally useful for the school's teaching and learning programmes, the teacher's professional growth and the learning needs of students.

Purposes

- a) SRHS is entitled, in any one school year, to classroom release time to be allocated to specific teachers who meet the PTCA criteria.
- b) This policy contains a list of the most common uses for classroom release time for SRHS. This list may be amended from time to time through consultation with teachers. The principal and individual teachers may also agree to other uses from time to time.
- c) Southern Regional Health School will use classroom release time for the following purposes:
 - Planning
 - Evaluation
 - Reporting
 - Personal Professional Development
 - School wide Professional Development

Guidelines

- a) The Principal, on behalf of the BOT, will publish the classroom release time entitlement for each eligible teacher prior to the beginning of each school year.

- b) Each eligible teacher will consult with their Deputy Principal to determine and agree the way they will use classroom release time.
- c) When classroom release time cannot be provided for genuine reasons to an eligible individual or group of teachers during a school term SRHS will:
- Record the reason for non-delivery
 - Endeavour to reallocate the classroom release time at a later date during the school year
 - If required, review the classroom release time policy in advance of the policy review schedule taking into account the reasons for non-delivery

Adopted: _____

Chairperson: _____

Review Date: _____

Has been out for consultation since 05 September 2008