

# GUIDE FOR COMPLETING FORM 425-9A

## FORM REQUIREMENTS

- All schools **must** submit MCPS form 425-9A whether or not involuntary transfers are designated.
- This form must be completed to communicate to OHRD Paraeducator hour's changes and status of employees. If no hour changes occur, this form must be completed and submitted indicating "no hour's changes" in the rationale section.
- Paraeducator's maximum FTE (including additional combinations of positions e.g.: lunch hour aide) may not exceed .875 FTE or 7 hours.
- Please note that after the first submission any concurrent submissions which will change employee's hours or status, must be noted by placing an "X" in the box to the far right column. This will assist OHRD in processing your request in a more efficient manner.

## RESOURCES NEEDED

- Paraeducator Involuntary Transfer/Hours Request Form 425-9A (electronic version available via MCPS website)
- MA272 monthly report for supporting services staff (provided by Department of Budget Management and Planning)
- Allocations for critical staffing Itinerant Special Education Paraeducators sent by the Department of Special Education Services
- Current Paraeducator Seniority, Race and Gender information available on Data Warehouse.
- Paraeducator Highly Qualified (HQ) Status and Education information available on Data Warehouse
- Detailed Staffing Grid and Special Education Staffing Grid—Current Years
- Detailed Staffing Grid and Special Education Staffing Grid—Next Years
- Full Time Equivalent (FTE)/Hours Conversion Chart link available on MCPS website: [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ersc/docs/fte\\_conversion\\_chart.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ersc/docs/fte_conversion_chart.pdf)

## PROCESS

1. Compare current and next years staffing grids and convert FTEs to hours to identify change. **Fill in hours on "Allocation in hours" not (FTEs) section of both forms first.** Forms must be filled out in hours not FTEs or the forms will be returned for resubmission.
2. Allocation Increases:
  - Group increases into a minimum of four hours to create a new position
  - Post new positions only to "Current MCPS Employees" in the "Careers Sections" of the MCPS Careers/Applicant Tracking System ([www.mcps-careers.org](http://www.mcps-careers.org))
3. Allocation Decreases:
  - Determine if you want to decrease allocations of current paraeducators to retain current staff, or identify paraeducator(s) to involuntarily transfer

**NOTE:** *New contract language please review*

**Please Note:** If all factors are equal in determining involuntary transfers, then seniority should be used as a tie breaker. If you have questions about allocations, contact Ms. Mary Bessio, position management, at 301-517-5993. If you need any assistance completing this form, please contact either Ms. Carolina Garcia-Ablanque for secondary level paraeducator staffing or Mr. Duane Merson for elementary level paraeducator staffing at (301) 279-3940. If you have questions about critical staffing allocations, contact Ms. Lisa Heck, ESY and critical staffing coordinator, at 301-279-3022.

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HAVE THE EMPLOYEES INITIAL NEXT TO THEIR NAMES**

4. Involuntarily transfer of paraeducators:
  - When the combination of employee's hours are reduced below 4 hours, as positions less than 4 hours are not eligible for health benefits.
  - **Employees selected to be involuntarily transferred should be noted with an asterisk (\*) by their name.**
  - If "seniority" is the determining factor, please note in rationale section of the form.
  - If "program needs," is the determining factor, provide detailed rationale explanation on form (example: bilingual Spanish, 50% Hispanic student population; 20 year employee only has one year experience in ED program, 6 year employee retained has 6 years in ED program).
5. When completing the form, refer to the information available in Data Warehouse:
  - Enter employee ID number
  - Tab and enter last name, first name
  - Tab and enter race:
    - W (white)
    - AA (African American)
    - H (Hispanic)
    - A (Asian)
  - Tab to gender either:
    - M (male)
    - F (female)
  - Tab to hire date format
    - month, date, and year, i.e., 01/23/00 for January 23, 2000
6. When submitting form:
  - Click "submit" when both current and proposed forms are complete with all employees hours and status
  - Window will open and will automatically designate "desktop e-mail application"
  - Click "ok."
  - Outgoing message notification, click "ok."



