

Supplemental information about the Public Employee Retirement System

1. PERS is a "qualifying retirement system,". Members will have a percentage of their salary's withheld tax deferred from their paycheck monthly. The District will also pay a contribution for the employee monthly.
2. Participation in PERS is mandatory for certain positions at the District. If you are being asked to sign this form, you are or will be in one of those positions. Please discuss with your supervisor if you have questions.
3. In general, to avoid being a PERS participant you must be in a position that does not require you to work more than 70 hours per month, more than 5 months per calendar year.
4. Contribution rates are calculated by the Office of the State Actuary and subject to approval by the Legislature. The District has no control over the contribution rate.
5. The rate can change during the year but typically changes in July.
6. Paperwork and more detailed information will be provided by the District at a meeting with the District payroll department. Please contact the payroll department to set up a meeting. *This form must be completed and signed before you can meet with payroll*
7. You can go to the Department of Retirement System's website for more information.
<http://www.drs.wa.gov/retirement-planning/newmember.htm>