Staffing In-School Suspension Programs

1. In-School Suspension (ISS) monitors must be appropriately certified when engaged in teaching activities, defined by the School Code, during their assignment. Teaching activities include but are not limited to teaching: study skills, test taking skills, reviewing homework for compliance to the issuing teachers’ directions, diagnosing study habit problems.

2. An In-School Suspension monitor who is engaged in taking attendance, monitoring student behavior and facilitating the flow of paperwork from a student’s classroom teacher to the suspended student is not required to hold any certificate. This does not preclude a school district from employing certificated persons as In-School Suspension monitors. It should be noted that non-certificated in-school suspension monitors do not have protection under the School Code content relating to “En loco parentis”.

3. Time served as an ISS monitor that is engaged in teaching activities will be charged against the period of validity of an Instructional I certificate and is creditable toward Instructional II certification.

4. Time served as an ISS monitor that is not engaged in teaching activities will not be charged against the period of validity of an Instructional I certificate and is not creditable toward Instructional II certification.