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## **Use of Federal Funds to Cover Costs of Teacher Stipends**

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Stipends are intended to “buy time” beyond the existing teacher’s contract (normal contracted work and contracted day) and may be provided to teachers who attend after-school, weekend or summer trainings or meetings. Recently auditors have found that some teachers were receiving stipends for work done during their contracted hours. Under no circumstances shall Federal funds be used to compensate teachers during their normal contract day for stipend work.

*“Beyond contractual obligations”* means that the stipend covers the cost of after-school, weekend, or summer hours not covered under their current contract. In addition, not only must the work be done outside the contracted time but must also be work that is outside the duties listed in their contracts. LEAs should include terms within the stipend agreements that clearly state the duties must be performed outside of normal contracted work and work day.

When a stipend is paid, schools and LEAs should have documentation to reflect the above requirements. Contact the CFP Team if you have questions.