SCHOOL YEAR SETUP





SCHOOL YEAR SETUP PROCESS

Beginning with the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the new School Year Set Up Dashboard will help the employer navigate through the setup process for the new fiscal year.

Employers can continue uploading 2024-2025 reports without completing the 2025-2026 School Year Setup.

On June 1st, the School Year Setup link will be displayed on the Employer Reporting Dashboard.





DASHBOARD

The employer must review each individual page on the new School Year Setup Dashboard. This will allow for Gemini payperiod reports to be submitted for the next fiscal year.

Prior to uploading the first Gemini Defined Benefit (DB) pay-period report for the new fiscal year, all pages will need to be reviewed.

Prior to uploading the first SSP/Defined Contribution (DC) report for the new fiscal year, only the **General, Payroll Schedule** and **Banking** pages will need to be reviewed.

School Year Setup Dashboard

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026 School Year Setup Status: Not Started

You may navigate directly to specific pages to complete the School Year Setup process from this dashboard. When each page is marked "Review Complete", the word Reviewed will display in green indicating that page has been reviewed. Prior to submitting contribution reports for Defined Benefit for the new Fiscal Year, each page must be marked "Review Complete" for all the pages below. Prior to submitting contribution reports for Defined Contribution (SSP) for the new Fiscal Year, the General, Payroll Schedule and Banking pages must be marked "Review Complete".

General Edit Vendor Information and Job Categories	Payroll Schedule Setup Payroll Schedule
Proceed to General ->	Proceed to Payroll Schedule ->
Banking Setup Banking	Sick Leave Setup Sick Leave
Proceed to Banking ->	Proceed to Sick Leave ->
Board Paid TRS Setup Board Paid TRS	Flex Plan Setup Flex Plan
Proceed to Board Paid TRS —>	Proceed to Flex Plan →
Contacts Add/Edit/Inactivate Contacts	
Proceed to Contacts ->	



DASHBOARD

Proceed to each page on the Dashboard to complete the necessary information. On **each** individual page, a Review complete for fiscal year 2025-2026 checkbox is required to be checked.

When each page is marked "Review Complete for fiscal year 2025-2026", the word **Reviewed** will display in green on the School Year Setup Dashboard indicating that page has been reviewed.

School Year Setup Dashboard







THE GENERAL PAGE SHOULD BE COMPLETED FIRST.

New for 2025-2026: Employers are required to provide Vendor Information and select applicable Job Categories. Click "Edit" to enter the current payroll vendor and list all relevant Job Categories for employees reported in Gemini pay periods.





From the **Payroll Vendor** dropdown, choose the current payroll vendor used by the employer. If the vendor is not listed, choose Other and provide the payroll vendor name.

General Information			
TRS Code 010-3050	FEIN * 37-6002583		
Employer Legal Name * ST JOSEPH OGDEN COMMUNITY		Short Name * St Joseph Ogden CHS 305	
Status * Active		Status Date * 01/01/1900	
Classification * School District			
Region * Champaign/Ford ROE 9	/		
Payroll Vendor *			
Select One	nlv) *		
ADP	P-57		
Alio			
Common Goal			
Decision Systems			

From the **Job Categories** dropdown, select all job categories reported on Gemini payperiod reports by the employer.

Ge	neral information		
	TRS Code 010-3050	FEIN * 37-6002583	
	Employer Legal Name ST JOSEPH OGDEN COMMUNITY		Short Name * St Joseph Ogden CHS 305
	Status * Active		Status Date * 01/01/1900
	Classification * School District		
	Region * Champaign/Ford ROE 9		
	Payroll Vendor ★ Skyward ✓	/	
	Job Categories (select all that apply) *	~	
	Select One (or more)		
	Teacher		
	Administrator		
	Medical/Counseling		



Select the Review complete checkbox. Any errors will appear at the top of the screen and must be corrected. If no errors are found, a "Save Successful" message will display at the bottom. The screen does not automatically return to the dashboard—manual navigation back to the School Year Setup Dashboard is required.

General	
Review complete for fiscal y	year 2025-2026
Short Name:	
TRS Code:	
FEIN:	
Current Status:	Active 01/01/1900
Classification:	Special Ed District
Region:	
SSP Participation Agreement:	Approved
Vendor Information:	SDS
Job Categories:	Teacher, Administrator, Medical/Counseling

✓ Save Successful

×



PAYROLL SCHEDULE



PAYROLL SCHEDULE

New for 2025-2026: If both Teacher and Administrator are selected on the General page, separate Payroll Schedules must be added for each.

If both Teacher and Administrator are selected on the General page and a Payroll Schedule is missing for either, a fatal error will appear at the top of the screen. The Review complete checkbox is not allowed to be selected until both payroll schedules are completed.

 Payroll Schedule Current or subsequent fiscal year payroll schedules including payroll begin, end and pay dates. Review complete for fiscal year 2025-2026 Please correct the error(s) below. Error: You must have at least one Payroll Schedule saved for each Job Category indicated on the General Information screen for the upcoming fiscal year before this can be marked Review Complete. 							
Actions	Fiscal Year ~	Payroll Frequency	First Pay Date	Job Categories	Employment Types		
	2024-2025	Semi-Monthly	07/05/2024	Administrator	Extra-Duty, Full Time		
	2024-2025	Semi-Monthly	07/05/2024	Teacher	Part-Time Non-Contractual (Hourly), Full Time, Extra-Duty, Substitute		
•ာ Payro	ll Schedule History Pri	ior fiscal year(s) payroll schedules.					
Actions	Fiscal Year ~	Payroll Frequency	First Pay Date	Job Categories	Employment Types		
	2023-2024	Semi-Monthly	07/05/2023	Teacher	All		
	2023-2024	Semi-Monthly	07/05/2023	Administrator	Extra-Duty, Full Time		



PAYROLL SCHEDULE

New for 2025-2026: When Add Payroll Schedule is selected, choosing one Job Category will automatically disable the other.

Payroll Schedules will be covered in a separate training

Payroll Schedule Information 1 of 2	Tell us to which fiscal year this schedule will apply.	
Let's get started by gathering some initial information for this payroll schedule.	2025-2026	
Separate payroll schedules are required for Teachers	To which Job Category will this payroll schedule apply? (Select one)	*
	Teacher Administrator	r
	To which type(s) of employees will this schedule apply? (Select all that apply)	*
	Full Time Part-Time Cor	ıtractual
	Substitute Part-Time Nor	n-Contractual (Hourly)
	Extra-Duty not requiring	



BANKING



BANKING

Review the current banking information. Employers can establish separate bank accounts for each **Retirement Plan**—Defined Benefit (DB) and SSP/Defined Contribution (DC). If no updates are needed, click Review Complete checkbox.

命 Banki	ng Active bank informati	on designated for TRS payn	nents.				🛨 Add Account
Review co	mplete for fiscal year 2025	-2026					
Actions	Retirement Plan	Account Type	Bank Name	Routing Number	Account Number	Begin Date	End Date 🗸
	All	Checking		.88	35	08/12/2021	
命 Banki	ng History (0) Ina	ctive bank information.					
Actions	Retirement Plan	Account Type	Bank Name	Routing Number	Account Number	Begin Date	End Date 🗸
	No Banking History Available.						





If both Teacher and Administrator are selected on the General page, the employer must Add Sick Leave for each Job Category.

🛤 Sick L	eave Current or sub	sequent fiscal year sick leave	information.				+ Add Sick Leave
Review co	mplete for fiscal year 20	025-2026					
Actions	Fiscal Year 🗸	Job Category ~	Allotment(s)	Reinstate	Grant	Allotment Comments	
	2024-2025	Teacher	14.0			0-14 years, 14 sick day	Add Sick Leave
	2024-2025	Administrator	14.0			0-14 years, 14 sick day	Report the amount of the normal annual allotment(s) of sick leave days provided to the members under the collective bargaining agreement, contracts and/or board policies. Include personal days, business days, and any other nonvacation days that can be used as sick leave.
							Fiscal Year * 🗸 🗸
							Job Category *
							Normal Annual Allotment(s)* Enter ALL of the Normal Annual Allotments for the selected Job Category. Include personal, business or other nonvacation leave days that are available for use as sick leave when given.
							Use the field below to detail how members qualify for each of the above allotments. ()
							Allotment - Comment *
							Do you reinstate sick leave days upon an employee's return to employment? * 👔 0/3800
							Ves No Other
							Do you have a policy to grant sick leave days in addition to the normal annual allotment during this Fiscal Year? * 🕧
							Ves No
							Save Cancel



Normal Annual Allotment refers to the amount of sick leave allocated annually to members according to the collective bargaining agreement (CBA), employment policies, or contracts. This includes business, personal days, or other non-vacation leave that may be used as sick days.

Some employers provide a tiered or graduated sick leave allotment based on years of experience or accumulated sick leave balances. TRS recognizes the tier a member qualifies for under the terms of the CBA as that member's Normal Annual Allotment. Each allotment should be added.

Allotment – Comment

Use the section to provide additional details about the reported Normal Annual Sick Leave Allotments. If multiple allotment amounts are reported, explain how the employee qualifies for each allotment entered.

Add Sick Leave	×
Report the amount of the normal annual allotment(s) of sick leave days provided to the members under the collective bargaining agreement, contracts and/or board policies. Include personal days, business days, and any other nonvacation days that can be used as sick leave.	
Fiscal Year *	
Job Category *	
Normal Annual Allotment(s)* Enter ALL of the Normal Annual Allotments for the selected Job Category. Include personal, business or other nonvacation leave days that are available for use as sick leave when given.	
Use the field below to detail how members qualify for each of the above allotments. (
Allotment - Comment *	
Do you reinstate sick leave days upon an employee's return to employment? * (j) 0/3800	
Yes No Other	
Do you have a policy to grant sick leave days in addition to the normal annual allotment during this Fiscal Year? * () Yes No	
Save Cancel	



Additional Questions

Reinstate – An employer may have a policy allowing reinstatement of previously reported sick leave days if a member is rehired after termination of employment. If yes, **contact TRS** when a member returns and sick leave days are reinstated so TRS can adjust and remove the days that were reported previously.

Granting – TRS makes a distinction between the **Normal Annual Allotment** of sick leave days and additional days granted beyond that allotment. Employers may have policies that allow for extra sick leave days in addition to the Normal Annual Allotment.

The information gathered will determine whether sick leave days are reportable and if the employer may incur costs when a member retires.

Add Sick Leave × Report the amount of the normal annual allotment(s) of sick leave days provided to the members under the collective bargaining agreement, contracts and/or board policies. Include personal days, business days, and any other nonvacation days that can be used as sick leave. Fiscal Year * \sim Job Category * Normal Annual Allotment(s)* Enter ALL of the Normal Annual Allotments for the selected Job Category. Include personal, business or other nonvacation leave days that are available for use as sick leave when given. Use the field below to detail how members qualify for each of the above allotments. Allotment - Comment * Do you reinstate sick leave days upon an employee's return to employment? * (i) 0/3800 Yes No Other Do you have a policy to grant sick leave days in addition to the normal annual allotment during this Fiscal Year? * (i) 🔍 Yes 🔍 No Cancel



SICK LEAVE- Granting

Granting – Comment

In cases where additional days are granted in addition to the Normal Annual Allotment outlined in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA), employment policies, or contracts, a comment is required to explain why and how the days are granted.

Common Examples

- additional days awarded for good attendance or for not using sick or personal leave
- additional days awarded for reaching a minimum accumulation of sick leave
- unused vacation days converted to sick leave
- unused personal leave days that accumulate twofor-one as sick leave or personal leave

Iormal Annual Allotment(s)* Enter ALL of the Normal Annual Allotments for the selected Job Category. Include personal, business or other nonvacation leave days that are available for use as sick leave when given.	ł
Ise the field below to detail how members qualify for each of the above allotments. (i)	
Allotment - Comment *	
)o you reinstate sick leave days upon an employee's return to employment? * 😱	0/38
Yes No Other	
to you have a policy to grant sick leave days in addition to the normal annual allotment during this Fiscal Year? *	()
Yes No	
Granting - Comment *	



The "i" next to each question or required field provides an explanation for that section.





Refer to Chapter 6 in the Employer Guide for more granting information.

SICK LEAVE - Example

Add Sick Leave

Report the amount of the normal annual allotment(s) of sick leave days provided to the members under the collective bargaining agreement, contracts and/or board policies. Include personal days, business days, and any other nonvacation days that can be used as sick leave.

Fiscal Year * 2025-2026	\sim	
Job Category * Teacher		\sim

Normal Annual Allotment(s)* Enter **ALL** of the Normal Annual Allotments for the selected Job Category. Include personal, business or other nonvacation leave days that are available for use as sick leave when given.



Use the field below to detail how members qualify for each of the above allotments.)

Allotment - Comment *	
Teachers with 0-5 years = 10 + 2 personal leave, 6-12 years = 13 + 2 personal leave, 13+ years = 18	8 + 2 personal leave.
Do you reinstate sick leave days upon an employee's return to employment? * 🕧	120 / 380
🔵 Yes 🔵 No 📃 Other	
Yes No	
Teachers that do not use any personal leave days will receive an additional day added at the beg year.	ginning of the next
	120 / 380

Normal Annual Allotment

 The employer has a tiered sick leave based upon years at the employer. Each allotment should be entered and the Allotment – Comment should describe the different allotments.

Reinstate

 If a member terminates employment, the employer does not reinstate the sick leave days previously reported to TRS.

Granting

- The employer has a policy to grant sick leave days in addition to the normal annual allotment. A Granting
 - **Comment is required** with a description of the granting policy .
 - In this example, a member will receive an additional day at the beginning of the next year if no personal days were used in the prior year. Refer to the "i" for more common granting examples.



Once Sick Leave has been entered for the applicable Job Categories, the new fiscal year will display at the top, and the Review complete checkbox can be selected.

When a fiscal year ends, that year will be moved to **Sick Leave History**.

🛤 Sick Lo	Add Sick Leave Current or subsequent fiscal year sick leave information.								
Review co	Review complete for fiscal year 2025-2026								
Actions	Fiscal Year ~	Job Category ~	Allotment(s)	Reinstate	Grant	Allotment Comments			
	2025-2026	Teacher	14.0, 16.0, 18.0, 21.0	No	No	Tiered Based on Experience: 0-6 Years = 12 Sick Days / 2 Personal View More			
	2025-2026	Administrator	14.0, 16.0, 18.0, 21.0	No	No	Tiered Based on Experience: 0-6 Years = 12 Sick Days / 2 Personal View More			
	2024-2025	Teacher	14.0, 16.0, 18.0, 21.0			Tiered Based on Experience: 0-6 Years = 12 Sick Days / 2 Personal View More			
	2024-2025	Administrator	14.0, 16.0, 18.0, 21.0, 27.0			Tiered Based on Experience: 0-6 Years = 12 Sick Days / 2 Personal View More			
🛏 Sick Lo	eave History (2	22) Previous fiscal year	(s) sick leave information.						
Actions	Fiscal Year ~	Job Category ~	Allotment(s)	Reinstate	Grant	Allotment Comments			
۲	2023-2024	Teacher	14.0, 16.0, 18.0			Tiered Based on Experience: 0-6 Years = 12 Sick Days / 2 Personal View More			
۲	2023-2024	Administrator	14.0, 16.0, 18.0, 27.0			Principal & Assistant Principal: Tiered Based on Experience: 0-6 View More			



BOARD PAID TRS



BOARD PAID TRS

Select Yes or No to indicate whether the employer covers any portion of the **9% member TRS retirement contribution** as a benefit for Teachers and/or Administrators. When an employer pays any portion of a member's 9% retirement contribution in addition of salary, that amount is considered creditable earnings for the member.

If Yes is selected, an explanation must be entered in the Comment field.

dd Board Paid TF	S
Fiscal Year * 2025-2026	\checkmark
Does the employer p	ay any portion of the member 9% contributions for any Teachers?*
Does the employer p	ay any portion of the member 9% contributions for any Administrators?*
If Yes, what percentage is Pay the full 9 % for the Su	board paid for Administrators? (Examples: 1. Pay the full 9% for all administrators. 2. Pay the full 9% for the Superintendent only. 3. Iperintendent, 8% for Assistant Superintendents and 4.5% for all other administrators, etc.)
Comments - Administrato Pay the full 9 % for th	rs * ne Superintendent, 8% for Assistant Superintendents and 4.5% for all other administrators





The employer must indicate whether a Flexible Benefit Plan is offered. Select "Add Flex Plan " to provide a Yes or No. Additional information will be required if a flex plan is offered.

A TRS flexible benefit plan is a choice between insurance or taking a salary option that qualifies as creditable earnings (e.g. cash, a tax-sheltered annuity under the Internal Revenue Code [IRC], Section 403(b), or a qualified tax-deferred compensation plan under IRC, Section 457(b). **Contributions to or distributions from medical spending accounts (FSA or HSA) do not qualify as a Flexible Benefit Plan under TRS's definition.**

When an employer offers a flex plan, the salary option is reportable for all those who qualify, including those who choose the insurance option.

⊕ Flex P	+ Add Flex Plan						
Review co	mplete for fisc	al year 2025-2026					
Actions	Fiscal Year	Job Category	Flex Plan Type	Switching	Amount(s)	Emp Type(s)	Comments
				No Flex Plan Available.			
() Flex P	lan Histor	y Previous fiscal y	ear(s) flexible benefit	plan information.			
Actions	Fiscal Year	Job Category	Flex Plan Type	Switching	Amount(s)	Emp Type(s)	Comments
				No Flex Plan History Available.			



When selecting Add Flex Plan for the first time, the initial screen will ask if a salary option is available for each Job Category listed on the General page.

If the Job Category selected cannot opt out of insurance and receive a salary option, select 'No'.

If the Job Category selected can opt out of insurance and receive a salary option, select 'Yes'.

Click **Save** to return to the Flex Plan screen. Select **Add Flex Plan** <u>again</u> to enter additional information for each category.

Flex Plan for 2025-2026

A flexible benefit plan offers a choice between insurance and options that qualify as creditable earnings (e.g. cash, a tax-sheltered annuity under the Internal Revenue Code [IRC], Section 403(b), or a qualified tax-deferred compensation plan under IRC, Section 457(b)). Contributions to or distributions from medical spending accounts (FSA or HSA) do not qualify as a flexible benefit plan under TRS's definition. This question is not referring to TRS's Supplemental Savings Plan (SSP). If your members cannot opt out of insurance and receive a salary option, select 'No'. If your members can opt out of insurance and receive a salary option, select 'Yes', you must complete at least one flex plan for each job category marked 'Yes', before you can proceed with new reporting.

5?		
1 2025-2026?		
5-2026?		
r 2	n 2025-2026? 25-2026?	n 2025-2026? 25-2026?



The initial screen is only available one time. If the initial screen is answered incorrectly, the employer must contact TRS.

X

Fiscal Year, Job Category, Employment Types-Choose all that are offered a salary option when opting out of insurance.

Amount(s) – List all salary amounts offered to members opting out of insurance. Click "+" to add additional amounts.

FTE – Indicate whether a minimum Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) is required for a member to be eligible for the salary option.

Add-on or Grandfathered –Select if the option applies to all members or only those hired before a certain date.

Comment - Provide any details about the salary option.

Review each question and explanation carefully.





EXAMPLE

Job Category – Administrators are eligible for a salary option if they opt out of the insurance plan.

Amount – The employer offers two separate amounts to Administrators based on their position.

FTE -All administrators qualify regardless of the member's Full-time Equivalency (**FTE**).

Add-on - The plan is offered to all, not only those hired before a specific date

Comment – The comment should describe who receives the flex plan amounts at the employer.





Once the Flex Plan has been entered for the Job Categories listed on the General page, the new fiscal year will display at the top, and the Review complete checkbox can be selected.

When a fiscal year ends, that year will be moved to Flex Plan History.





CONTACTS



CONTACTS

Review all employer contacts listed on the Contacts page. Use this page to add new contacts, edit existing information, or inactivate contacts. Be sure to inactivate anyone who no longer needs access to Gemini or is no longer employed

	Contacts Active employer contacts.									
Revie	Review complete for fiscal year 2025-2026									
Action	s Name		Title	Contact Type	Security Roles	Phone	Email	Active Date		
	Mr.		Payroll Coordinator	Reporting PRIMARY, Accounting		(708)		04/20/2021		
	View		Township Sch Trea	Other		(708)		04/20/2021		
	Edit	-	Quality Assurance	Technology	Multiple	(217)		10/03/2020		
÷	Invite	ster	Quality Assurance	Technology	Multiple	(217)		10/03/2020		
Œ	Inactivate		Quality Assurance	Technology	Multiple	(217)		10/03/2020		
2	Security Roles						Rows per page 10 🔻 F	irst < 1 > Last		
Θ	Remove User									



CONTACTS

Conta	Contacts Active employer contacts.									
Review co	omplete for fis correct the err You must have	cal year 2025-20 ror(s) below. a Primary Report	26 ting and Primary Superintende	nt/Director contac	t type saved before	this can be marked Re	eview Complete.			
Actions	Name	Title	Contact Type	Security Roles	Phone	Email	Active Date			

When adding or deleting contacts, additional information may be required. Any errors will be displayed at the top of the Contacts page and must be resolved before the Review complete checkbox can be selected.

New for 2025-26 You must have a superintendent listed.

dit Contact									
Name & Location Enter the name of the contact, v	/hat their job title is and where t	hey work.							
Prefix * First Nam Ms. V	•	Last Name *	Suffix 🗸						
Title * Proviso Township Sch Trea	1								
Location *			\sim						
E Contact Type * You mu	st select one or more topics in th	is section.							
Topics:	Primary contact?	Topics:	Primary contact?						
		Superintendent/Director							
		SSD Contact							
Health Insurance		Human Resources							



DASHBOARD

Ensure all pages are marked **Reviewed** to upload pay-period reports for the 2025-26 fiscal year. In some cases, if corrections were made to one page that affected the information on another, the **Reviewed** will no longer appear and the page will need to be reviewed again.





DASHBOARD

Once all pages are marked **Reviewed**, the **School Year Setup** link will no longer appear on Employer Reporting Dashboard. It can be accessed through the Employer Information dropdown or accessing each page individually.

ILLINOIS	Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois	🚔 Reporting	X Services	Employer Information			হ
E	TRS Code:			Demographics		Participation	
1			-	General		School Year Setup	
Sec.				Contacts		Flex Plan	
4			Riteration	Locations		Sick Leave	
Service of						Board Paid TRS	
This lar referen	ding page of the TRS Employer Porta	nployer l al allows you to na nts.	Reportion avigate to various	ng Dashboard	an create a new Payroll Report, com	aplete an in-progress Payroll Report or	4
Quick Links:	Employer Access We	TRS Employer bsite	O Ge Inform	mini D TF nation Repo	RS SSP Employer rts Information	SSP Deferrals Report	
🖹, A	Annual Certification						
Click	chere if ready to start/continue the	Annual Certifica	tion process.				





Employer Portal Procedures: Contacts

Employer Guide Chapter 6: Service Credit

Chapter 3: Creditable Earnings, Board-paid TRS, Flex plans



Contact Information

Employer Services

Employer Reporting (888) 678-3675 Option 1 <u>employers@trsil.org</u>

Accounting Department

Remittances or the Employer Bill (888) 678-3675 Option 2 accounting@trsil.org

TRS Supplemental Savings Plan (SSP)

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

SYSTEM

(888) 678-3675 Option 3 <u>SSP@trsil.org</u>

