

Scheduling errors

One problem that comes with subbing is scheduling errors and cancellations with little to no notice. There was one day last year when I signed up to sub for a social worker only to find out when I arrived that the social worker is a position that doesn't get a sub. Okay, you might say to yourself, "how obvious," but in that same district earlier I had subbed for a speech/language pathologist. Obviously a sub can't really fill in for that position either, but as it turned out there was a student teacher so they needed a sub just to have a certified person in the room so I just figured this would be the case again. Well, at least they paid me for half a day's (non)work.

Anyway, today there was another error, only it wasn't an error. I was called in for a full day, but when I got there the plans were only for a half day. I checked with the office and it was indeed a full day they scheduled. Fortunately they had another teacher that would need me in the afternoon so they could keep me the full day. But wait, it wasn't over. The team partner of the one I subbed for then told me shortly after that *she* wouldn't be there in the afternoon and was wondering about *her* sub. I had to go to the office anyway about a small problem with the arrangement to work for the afternoon teacher, so I said I would ask about her sub while I was there. Well, it turned out there was no sub arranged for her. To make a long story short (yes, I know...) apparently the original teacher had requested a full day sub to cover for *the two of them* and her partner either wasn't told or forgot, so they changed the arrangement again and so I wound up actually subbing for three teachers throughout the day like a floater. As you can see, the classrooms themselves aren't the only source of drama.