



# TRF AT A GLANCE

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

## Defined Benefit (Pension)

## Annuity Savings Account (ASA)

### Vesting

10 years of TRF and/or PERF-covered service

Immediate

### Contributions

#### Employer pays 100 percent

- No member contributions
- Employer contribution rate determined annually by INPRS board for 1996 account

#### Mandatory 3 percent of gross wages paid by:

- Employer, or
- Employee, or
- Shared by employee and employer

#### Voluntary Contributions\*

- Employee can elect to contribute additional monies
- Employee's voluntary contributions may be pre- or post-tax if their employer has submitted a resolution to participate and the employee elects to do so within the election window

### Eligibility for Pension Benefit Payment

- Age 65 with 10 years of service
- Age 60 with 15 years of service
- At age 55 if age and creditable service total at least 85 ("Rule of 85")
- Early retirement with reduced benefits between ages 50-59 with 15 years of service
- Age 70 with 20 years of service\*\*

Automatic eligibility for withdrawal once you separate from service\*\*\*

*Members separated from service may retire with TRF and continue to work in a non-INPRS covered position, as long as they meet age and service requirements.*

### Eligibility for Disability Benefit Payment

- Qualified for Social Security disability benefits and furnished proof of qualification
- Received a salary from a TRF-covered position within 30 days of termination date
- Minimum of five years of service
- TRF classroom disability may be available for those who do not qualify for Social Security disability guidelines

Automatic eligibility for withdrawal if receiving a disability benefit

### Investment Options

Members do not direct the investment of the Defined Benefit (pension).

#### Choice of eight funds:

- Stable Value Fund
- Money Market Fund
- Fixed Income Fund
- Large Cap Equity Index Fund
- Small/Mid Cap Equity Fund
- International Equity Fund
- Inflation-Linked Fixed Income Fund
- Target Date Funds

\* Go to <http://www.in.gov/inprs/trfmbhrhandbookasa.htm#voluntary> for more on voluntary contributions.

\*\* Actively employed members who have completed at least 20 years of service may apply for retirement benefits at age 70, remain actively employed and receive monthly benefits.

\*\*\* Certain restrictions may apply if you are vested in a pension benefit.



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#### Account Statements

An estimate of benefits is available within one year of retirement eligibility. A benefits calculator is available on the website at [www.inprs.in.gov](http://www.inprs.in.gov).

Quarterly statements are provided online and/or mailed by TRF.

#### Withdrawals Before Retirement

**None** – members are not eligible for the Defined Benefit (pension) until they reach age and service requirements and separate from employment.

#### Effective July 1, 2011

If a member is not eligible for an unreduced pension benefit, and has separated from employment in a covered position for at least 30 days, the member may withdraw his or her ASA without forfeiting his or her pension benefit or be forced to take a reduced retirement.

#### Available only when disabled or separated from service

- May leave account invested in TRF, or receive a total distribution
- No partial withdrawals
- Rollover to qualified plan or other eligible retirement account

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#### Income and Options at Retirement

#### Monthly benefit for life

- Monthly amount determined by:
  1. Age
  2. Years of service
  3. Average of highest five years of annual compensation
  4. Multiplier of 1.1 percent (.011)
- Taxable as ordinary income
- Survivor designated options are available

The monthly benefit amount is affected by the payment option election you make at retirement.

- Any Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) must first be approved by the Indiana General Assembly.
- Greater years of service and/or higher compensation can result in a larger benefit.

#### Choices determine payments

- May choose monthly payment for lifetime benefit
- May defer payment until age 70 1/2
- May choose direct payment or rollover distribution
- Amount of distribution determined by account balance, taxes withheld, and distribution option chosen.

#### Beneficiaries

#### Monthly payment

- Following death of retired member under applicable payment options
- Following death of active member in limited circumstances

#### Balance payment

- Receives total accumulated amount after death of active members or retired members who elected to defer payment
- Receives remainder of accumulated amount per retirement payment options chosen by member

## FOR YOUR BENEFIT

This handout is an overview of TRF's plan provisions. Complete details of the fund's provisions are available in the current member handbook. You may read it or print your own copy from the INPRS website at [www.inprs.in.gov](http://www.inprs.in.gov). You may also request a copy in writing, by calling us at (888) 286-3544 or via e-mail at [questions@inprs.in.gov](mailto:questions@inprs.in.gov).

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