

# **Plan Highlights**



# **Teachers' Retirement System Supplemental Savings Plan (SSP)**

Saving for the future is important, and the SSP can help you **Bring More** to your retirement savings strategy. This flyer is designed to help you understand the Plan provisions.

# Eligibility

Active TRS members who are full-time or part-time contractual employees are eligible for the SSP. However, eligible TRS members can participate in the SSP only after their employer formally agrees to participate in the SSP. All retired and inactive TRS members are not eligible for the SSP.

### Automatic Enrollment

Automatic enrollment is an easy and convenient way to begin contributing to the SSP. Active TRS members who are full-time or part-time contractual employees first employed in a TRScovered position on or after January 1, 2023, and employed by an SSP participating employer will be automatically enrolled in the SSP at 3% of their pre-tax compensation unless they choose to opt out prior to their automatic enrollment effective date. Members who are automatically enrolled in the SSP will have their contributions invested in the Target Date Retirement Fund closest to their expected retirement date at age 65. Members receive instructions by mail on their enrollment options in advance of their automatic enrollment effective date.

### Contributions

You can elect the amount you want to contribute per paycheck to your SSP account (in whole dollar increments or in whole percentage increments of your pre-tax compensation). You must contribute a minimum of \$30 per pay period on a pre-tax and/or Roth after-tax basis if you choose to contribute in whole dollar increments.

## SSP contributions applicable to all **Participating Employers**

Your pre-tax and/or Roth after-tax contribution elections will apply to all eligible compensation across all participating employers. This means that SSP participants working for multiple employers will have their contribution election deducted by each eligible employer. For example, a participant working for 2 employers that have adopted the SSP, who elects to contribute \$30 per pay period will see that amount deducted by both employers for a total of \$60 per pay period. Further, if you are automatically enrolled in the SSP and contributing the 3% automatic pre-tax contribution and are then hired as a TRS-covered full-time or part-time contractual employee by a second employer that has adopted the SSP, the 3% automatic contribution election will automatically be applied with respect to employment at the second employer. If you work for multiple employers, please consider carefully the amount you want to contribute in total across all employers.

# **Catch-up contributions**

• Age 50+ Catch-up – available starting the calendar year you turn 50 years of age.

• Special Catch-up – available in the three years prior to the year you reach Normal Retirement Age.

Both catch-up provisions cannot be used during the same calendar year. You must use the catch-up provision that yields the higher contribution limit. For current IRS limits on catch-up contributions, go to www.voya.com/IRSlimits.

### **Rollovers**

The Plan does accept pre-tax and Roth after-tax rollover balances from eligible retirement savings plans. You may want to seek the help of a financial or tax advisor prior to requesting a rollover.

### **Beneficiary designation**

Designate and change your beneficiary information online anytime at trsilssp.voya.com.

### Vesting

Vesting means ownership of the money in your account. You're always 100% vested in your own contributions, employer matching\* and non-elective contributions, any rollover contributions, and any investment earnings on those contributions.

\*Members who elect to withdraw their automatic contributions through a permissible withdrawal will forfeit any associated employer matching contributions.

### **Plan fees**

To cover plan-related expenses such as record keeping, member education, and administrative professional services, an annual, flat-dollar fee of \$100, referred to as the Plan Administrative Fee, will be assessed to each SSP account, in addition to investment option fees and expenses. The Plan Administrative Fee will be assessed on a quarterly basis (\$25/quarter) and will be visible to you through the SSP participant website as part of your transaction history as well as on your account statements.

### Withdrawal options

The following types of withdrawals are available through the SSP:

- Rollover Source • Age 591/2
- Termination/Installment
- Unforseeable Emergency
- Partial Termination
- Military Leave
- Required Minimum Distribution
  Permissible Withdrawal\*\*
- \*\* Only available to automatic enrollment participants within 90 days of their first contribution.

Withdrawals may be subject to ordinary income tax.



## Local TRS SSP representatives<sup>1</sup>

Eligible members have access to Local TRS SSP representatives to assist with a variety of services to help you meet your retirement needs.

Northern Illinois Tonya Coleman (312) 342-5408 Tonya.Coleman@voya.com Western/Metro East Illinois Stacey Russell (217) 502-9711 Stacey.Russell@voya.com

Eastern/Southern Illinois Terri Bailey (217) 306-2455 Terri.Bailey@voya.com

To schedule a virtual appointment, go to: https://trsssp457b.timetap.com and follow the prompts.

#### **Account access**

- Access your account and retirement planning information online at **trsilssp.voya.com**.
- Access and manage your account on-the-go. Search "Voya Retire" in your favorite app store.
- Call the TRS SSP Service Center at **844-877-4572** (844-TRS-457B) (TDD: 800.579.5708). Associates are available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT, excluding stock market holidays.

#### **Investment options**

You should consider the investment objectives, risks, performance, charges and expenses of the investment options offered through the SSP carefully before investing. The fund prospectuses and information booklet containing this and other information can be found online, by contacting your local TRS SSP representatives, or through the TRS SSP Service Center at **844-877-4572 (844-TRS-457B)**. Please read the information carefully before investing.

### **Stability of Principal**

- MissionSquare Plus Fund R10
- Vanguard Federal Money Market

(You could lose money by investing in the Fund. Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The Fund's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the Fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the Fund at any time.)

#### Bonds

- PIMCO Income Fund, Instl
- BlackRock U.S. Debt Index Fund, F
- PGIM High Yield Fund, R6
- Garcia Hamilton ESG Core Bond Fund

#### Large Blend

BlackRock Equity Index Fund, F

#### Small/Mid/Specialty

- BlackRock Mid Capitalization Equity Index Fund, F
- BlackRock Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index Fund, F
- Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund, Admiral

#### **Global/International**

- BlackRock MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index Fund, F
- BlackRock MSCI ACWI ESG Focus Index Fund, F

#### **Target Date Funds**

- BlackRock LifePath<sup>®</sup> Index Retirement
- BlackRock LifePath<sup>®</sup> Index 2025
- BlackRock LifePath<sup>®</sup> Index 2030
- BlackRock LifePath<sup>®</sup> Index 2035
- BlackRock LifePath<sup>®</sup> Index 2040
- BlackRock LifePath<sup>®</sup> Index 2045
- BlackRock LifePath<sup>®</sup> Index 2050
- BlackRock LifePath<sup>®</sup> Index 2055
- BlackRock LifePath<sup>®</sup> Index 2060
- BlackRock LifePath<sup>®</sup> Index 2065

There is no guarantee that any investment option will achieve its stated objective. Principal value fluctuates and there is no guarantee of value at any time, including the target date. The "target date" is the approximate date when you plan to start withdrawing your money. When your target date is reached, you may have more or less than the original amount invested. For each target date Portfolio, until the day prior to its Target Date, the Portfolio will seek to provide total returns consistent with an asset allocation targeted for an investor who is retiring in approximately each Portfolio's designation Target Year. Prior to choosing a Target Date Portfolio, investors are strongly encouraged to review and understand the Portfolio's objectives and its composition of stocks and bonds, and how the asset allocation will change over time as the target date nears. No two investors are alike and one should not assume that just because they intend to retire in the year corresponding to the Target Date that that specific Portfolio is appropriate and suitable to their risk tolerance. It is recommended that an investor consider carefully the possibility of capital loss in each of the target date Portfolios, the likelihood and magnitude of which will be dependent upon the Portfolio's asset allocation. On the Target Date, the portfolio will seek to provide a combination of total return and stability of principal.

Stocks are more volatile than bonds, and portfolios with a higher concentration of stocks are more likely to experience greater fluctuations in value than portfolios with a higher concentration in bonds. Foreign stocks and small and midcap stocks may be more volatile than large cap stocks. Investing in bonds also entails credit risk and interest rate risk.

# Learn more

For more details on all of the Plan's benefits, investment education resources, and features including videos, articles, newsletters and savings calculators, visit the participant website at **trsilssp.voya.com**.

This guide is provided for informational purposes only and is not a recommendation or legal, tax or investment advice. It provides only a summary of certain SSP provisions. For a complete description of the SSP, please refer to the SSP Plan document. You are responsible for any losses that result from your SSP investment choices. TRS and your employer are not responsible for any such losses. It is your responsibility to monitor the performance of the investment options you select. TRS and your employer are not authorized to give you investment advice, and neither is Voya. You should seek advice from your own financial advisor with respect to your SSP investments. If you are automatically enrolled in the SSP, you will be deemed to have given a direction to invest your SSP account in the Target Date Fund closest to your expected retirement date at age 65 based on your date of birth.

<sup>1</sup>Information from registered Plan Service Representatives is for educational purposes only and is not legal, tax or investment advice. Local Plan Service Representatives are registered representatives of Voya Financial Advisors, Inc., member SIPC.

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# TRS Benefits

Welcome to the Teachers' Retirement System

As a TRS-covered employee, your salary isn't the only thing to consider — start thinking about these important benefits you receive as a member.

# Who We Are

The Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS) provides a **retirement pension, disability** and **death benefits** through a defined benefit plan for certified teachers and administrators in public common and charter school districts located outside of Chicago. As a new TRS member, you're automatically enrolled in the TRS defined benefit plan.

# **Bring More with the SSP**

The TRS Supplemental Savings Plan (SSP) is an **optional** 457(b) retirement savings plan offered by TRS and Voya Financial. The SSP is designed to supplement your existing TRS pension – it does not replace it. It's easy to start saving because your contribution is directly taken out of your paycheck and invested via your TRS SSP account. As a full-time or part-time contractual TRS-covered employee of a participating employer, you can start contributing to the SSP or you may be eligible for automatic enrollment in the SSP (see other side).

# **Enrollment in the SSP**

You will receive PIN information and a separate packet in the mail from Voya Financial after you receive your first paycheck. Detailed information about your specific SSP enrollment options will be in that packet. Questions? Visit **trsilssp.voya.com** or contact TRS SSP Service Center at **844-877-4572 (844-TRS-457B)**.



Learn more about the **SSP.** 

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# **Start Preparing for Retirement**

After you're provided your TRS member ID (generally after your first paycheck):

Activate your TRS online member account.

Designate your beneficiaries.

Upload your proof of birth documentation.

] Learn about the Supplemental Savings Plan.



Learn how.

**Remember:** the longer you save and invest, the richer your retirement savings may be when you're ready to retire.



# TRS Supplemental Savings Plan Automatic Enrollment Overview

# Are you eligible for automatic enrollment in the SSP?

**Full-time or part-time contractual employees first employed in a TRS-covered position on or after Jan. 1, 2023,** are eligible to be automatically enrolled in the SSP. If you first became a TRS member prior to Jan. 1, 2023, you are not eligible to be automatically enrolled in the SSP and you will need to enroll yourself if you wish to participate in the SSP.

# Automatic enrollment — what to expect

After you receive your first paycheck from your employer, you will receive PIN information and a separate packet in the mail from Voya detailing your automatic enrollment effective date and your SSP automatic enrollment options detailed below. You don't need to take any action to participate in this benefit. However, **after you receive your packet in the mail from Voya**, we encourage you to visit **trsilssp.voya.com** to personalize your account and review the features the SSP has to offer. The SSP enrollment options you have prior to your automatic enrollment effective date are outlined below.

# **Automatic enrollment options**

# Take no action

If you take no action, your employer will defer 3% of your pre-tax compensation to your SSP retirement account. Your contributions will be invested in the Target Date Retirement Fund that assumes you'll retire at age 65.

# **Actively enroll**

You can change your contribution amount or select other investment options throughout your participation in the SSP. To make changes, log in at **trsilssp.voya.com** or speak to a TRS SSP Service Associate at **844-877-4572 (844-TRS-457B)**.

# Opt out of the program

You can choose not to be automatically enrolled in the SSP. Opt out of the program by logging in to **trsilssp.voya.com** or by calling **844-877-4572 (844-TRS-457B)**. If you opt out by your automatic enrollment effective date, no contributions will be deducted from your paycheck. After your automatic enrollment effective date, you will be automatically enrolled in the SSP. You'll still have the option to stop and withdraw contributions within the 90 days following your first contribution.

# Join SSP at a later date

If you opt out of automatic enrollment, you can still join the SSP at any time, as long as you remain in an eligible position with an employer who participates in the program. Set your contributions to an amount that works for you — as low as 1% or \$30 per pay period.

Saving early and consistently can help increase your retirement security. For enrollment assistance, give us a call at **844-877-4572 (844-TRS-457B)**. We're available weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT, excluding stock market holidays.

# Find out more about the SSP at **trsilssp.voya.com**

Questions? Contact our specialists at 844-877-4572 (844-TRS-457B).



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# Investment options

Everyone has a different approach to investing. That's why the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan (SSP) has a range of options to fit your level of investment experience, knowledge and interest. Each of the options can help you achieve your retirement goals.

# SSP core investments<sup>1</sup>

Create your own diversified mix of asset classes from a variety of core funds that you think will best fit your time horizon and risk tolerance, and then manage your portfolio of funds over time.

The chart below details the SSP's available core investment options, including each investment option's expense ratio.

Core Funds	Ticker/CUSIP Symbol	Investment Category	Expense Ratio
MissionSquare Plus Fund R10	92208J709	Stability of Principal	0.52%
Vanguard Federal Money Market	VMFXX	Stability of Principal	0.11%
PIMCO Income Fund*, Instl	PIMIX	Bonds	0.51%
BlackRock U.S. Debt Index Fund, F	06739V544	Bonds	0.03%
PGIM High Yield Fund, R6	PHYQX	Bonds	0.38%
Garcia Hamilton ESG Core Bond Fund	364845107	Bonds	0.35%
BlackRock Equity Index Fund, F	06739T663	Large Blend	0.01%
BlackRock Mid Capitalization Equity Index Fund, F	06739Q412	Small/Mid/Specialty	0.01%
BlackRock Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Index Fund, F	06739Q271	Small/Mid/Specialty	0.02%
Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund, Admiral	VGSLX	Small/Mid/Specialty	0.12%
BlackRock MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index Fund, F	06739T788	Global/International	0.06%
BlackRock MSCI ACWI ESG Focus Index Fund, F	09259D712	Global/International	0.07%

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\* This is the adjusted expense ratio which represents the portion of fees investors pay directly to the fund manager for investment management services. This fee excludes other investment expenses (i.e., interest expense from borrowing) incurred through investment transactions.

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### SSP target date funds<sup>2</sup>

These funds are a pre-diversified mix of investments managed by a professional fund manager who automatically adjusts the risk and return exposure of the fund as investors get closer to their target retirement date. You choose the fund with the date closest to when you will be age 65 or plan to retire.

The chart below details the SSP's target date fund options, including each option's expense ratio.

Birth Year	Target Date Retirement Fund	Investment category	Expense Ratio
Before 1958	BlackRock LifePath <sup>®</sup> Index Retirement	Target Date	0.09%
1/1/1958 – 12/31/1962	BlackRock LifePath® Index 2025	Target Date	0.09%
1/1/1963 - 12/31/1967	BlackRock LifePath <sup>®</sup> Index 2030	Target Date	0.09%
1/1/1968 - 12/31/1972	BlackRock LifePath® Index 2035	Target Date	0.09%
1/1/1973 - 12/31/1977	BlackRock LifePath® Index 2040	Target Date	0.09%
1/1/1978 - 12/31/1982	BlackRock LifePath <sup>®</sup> Index 2045	Target Date	0.09%
1/1/1983 - 12/31/1987	BlackRock LifePath® Index 2050	Target Date	0.09%
1/1/1988 - 12/31/1992	BlackRock LifePath® Index 2055	Target Date	0.09%
1/1/1993 - 12/31/1997	BlackRock LifePath® Index 2060	Target Date	0.09%
After 12/31/1997	BlackRock LifePath <sup>®</sup> Index 2065	Target Date	0.09%

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You are responsible for any losses that result from your investment choices. TRS and your employer are not responsible for any such losses. It is your responsibility to monitor the performance of the investment options you select. TRS and your employer are not authorized to give you investment advice, and neither is Voya. You should seek advice from your own financial advisor with respect to your investment elections.





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<sup>1</sup>Carefully review the allocations, objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the funds. Also consider other factors, such as your age, risk tolerance, other investments and planned withdrawals. Remember, investment values and returns will fluctuate over time.

Diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss in declining markets. All investing involves risks, such as fixed income (interest rate), default, small cap, international and sector—including the possible loss of principal.

<sup>2</sup>There is no guarantee that any investment option will achieve its stated objective. Principal value fluctuates and there is no guarantee of value at any time, including the target date. Investments in Target Retirement Funds are subject to the risks of their underlying funds. The year in the Fund name refers to the approximate year (the target date) when an investor in the Fund would retire and leave the work force. The Fund will gradually shift its emphasis from more aggressive investments to more conservative ones based on its target date. An investment in the Target Retirement Fund is not guaranteed at any time, including on or after the target date.

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<sup>3</sup> IMPORTANT: The projections or other information generated by Morningstar<sup>®</sup> Retirement Manager<sup>™</sup> regarding the likelihood of various retirement income and/or investment outcomes are hypothetical in nature, do not reflect actual results (including investment results) and are not guarantees of future results. Results may vary with each use and over time.

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