PERSONNEL LEAVES

Upon the recommendation of the superintendent and in accordance with the law and district policy, staff may be granted leaves pursuant to the following conditions, unless the applicable collective bargaining agreement provides otherwise:

- A. <u>Leave at Full Pay Unless Stated Otherwise</u>. Leaves <u>shall will</u> be with pay unless otherwise stated. If leaves are to include expenses to be paid by the district, that also <u>shall will</u> be specifically stated.
- B. <u>Leaves in Units of Full or Half Days</u>. When a substitute employee is required, <u>Lleaves may be</u> granted in units of half or full days only.
- C. <u>Return from Leaves</u>. At the end of any leave shorter than 20 days in duration, sabbatical leave, or sick leave which does not exhaust the staff member's accumulated sick leave, the affected staff member is entitled to return to the position held when the leave commenced or to an appropriate comparable position.

Except as may otherwise be specifically provided by law or district policy, a staff member shall will be entitled to a position in the district subject to the availability of a position for which the staff member is qualified after leaves of longer duration.

- D. <u>Prior Notice of Application</u>. Reasonable advance notice is required for all leaves.
- E. <u>Flexibility in Granting Leaves</u>. The superintendent, with approval of the board, may grant leaves to individuals who might not otherwise be covered, or extend leave in excess of the number of days provided by district policy, in unusual or exceptional circumstances.
- F. <u>Leaves Prorated for Part-Time Staff.</u> Part-time staff shall will be entitled to leave benefits, unless otherwise stated in district policy, provided that the length of leaves shall will be prorated according to the ratio of days and/or hours worked to the number of days and/or hours worked by a full-time staff member in the same or a similar position.
- G. <u>Non-cumulative</u>. Leaves shall <u>will</u> be non-cumulative from year to year unless otherwise stated.
- H. <u>Unpaid Leaves Upon employee request, the superintendent or designee has the discretion to consider providing unpaid leave to employees in certain circumstances, including but not limited to, employees who refuse to provide proof of vaccination or refusal to obtain a medical or religious accommodation. The option to provide unpaid leave does not obligate the district to do so or in any way limit or prevent the district from pursuing other responses.</u>

<u>Cross References:</u> <u>5411 - Staff Vacations</u>

<u>5410 - Holidays</u>

5407 - Military Leave 5406 - Leave Sharing

5404 - Family, Medical, and Maternity Leave

5403 - Emergency and Discretionary Leaves

5401 - Sick Leave

Legal References:

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employees--Seniority and leave benefits,

retention upon transfers between schools.
Limitation on compensated leave for school

district Employees

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