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SICK LEAVE

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- (1) Personnel employed shall be entitled to earn one (1) day of sick leave per month of employment. The day earned shall be in proportion to the number of hours worked per day. Such leave shall be cumulative from year to year, and any leave charged against accrued sick leave shall be with full compensation. Sick leave shall be credited as follows:
 - (a) Administrative and educational support personnel. Employees shall be credited with four (4) days of sick leave at the end of the first month of employment of each contract year and shall thereafter be credited for one (1) day of sick leave for each month of employment.
 - (b) Instructional personnel. Employees shall be entitled to four (4) days of sick leave as of the first day of employment of each current year, and thereafter are credited for one (1) day of sick leave at the end of each month of employment.
 - (c) The total number of sick leave days earned shall be no more than one (1) day of sick leave times the number of months of employment during the year of employment or four (4) days, whichever is greater.
 - (d) Sick leave shall not be used prior to the time it is earned.
- (2) Accrued sick leave shall be taken only when the employee's service is interrupted by temporary disability which renders him or her incapable of performing his duties or because of the illness or death of his or her father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, child, other close relative, or member of his or her own household. The term "temporary disability" as used herein shall include personal illness or injury and any temporary disability of the employee arising out of pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage, abortion, or recovery therefrom which renders the employee physically incapable of performing assigned duties.
- (3) Any claim for sick leave shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee within five (5) working days upon return of the employee to duty.
 - (a) The claim shall be submitted in writing and shall set forth the days absent and show that such absence was allowable under the provisions of Florida Statutes. The claim shall be duly signed by

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the claimant certifying that the facts are true and correct and that the claim is valid and legal.

- (b) Where there is any doubt as to the validity of a sick leave claim, the Superintendent may require the claimant to file a written certification of illness from a licensed physician or other supporting evidence where personal illness is not involved. Consequences of false claims for sick leave are as follows:
 - (i) Administrative and instructional personnel. A false claim for sick leave shall be deemed cause for cancellation of the contract and for action seeking the revocation of the teaching contract.
 - (ii) Educational support personnel. A false claim for sick leave shall be deemed grounds for termination of the employee.
- (4) An employee who has used all accrued sick leave but who is otherwise entitled to sick leave shall be granted sick leave without pay. The claim for such sick leave shall clearly state that the leave is without compensation. An application for sick leave due to extended illness shall have attached to it a statement from a practicing physician certifying that such leave is essential and indicating the probable duration of the illness and the needed leave.
- (5) When an employee of the School District interrupts service and subsequently returns to duty in the District without having transferred his or her sick leave credit to another Florida school district, such accrued sick leave credit shall become valid on the first (1st) day of contractual service.
- (6) When an employee retires and receives terminal pay benefits based on unused sick leave, all unused sick leave credit shall become immediately invalid.
- (7) An instructional employee may transfer sick leave earned in a similar capacity with another Florida school district to the District. However, no transferred leave shall be credited to an employee's account at a rate or in an amount exceeding that earned while an employee of the District School Board. The employee is responsible for the request for transfer of sick leave.

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