

Personnel

SUBJECT: LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- a) In general, leaves of absence:
1. Shall be administered by the Superintendent.
 2. The Board reserves the right to grant leaves of absence for purposes or under conditions not contemplated or considered in the policy statement.
 3. Under laws and rules governing such action, the Board may undertake appropriate disciplinary action where a leave of absence is falsely requested or improperly used.
 4. Except by permission of the Superintendent, as expressed in writing, the purpose or conditions of a leave of absence may not be altered.
- b) Leaves of absence, contractual, et al:
1. Employees who are members of a negotiating unit:
 - (a) Authorization is granted to approve requests for leaves of absence submitted pursuant to provisions of contracts in effect between the District and each bargaining unit.
 2. Employees who are not members of a negotiating unit:
 - (a) Authorization is granted to approve requests for leaves of absence submitted by such employees where such requests are consistent with provisions of contracts in effect between the District and the bargaining unit most compatible with the employment status of the employee.
 3. Employees who are under contract to the District:
 - (a) Authorization is granted to implement provisions for leaves of absence contained in each such contract.
- c) Leaves of absence, unpaid, not covered in b) 1. above:
1. Subject to limitations enumerated in this policy statement, authorization is granted for the following unpaid leaves of absence.
 - (a) For a period of time not to exceed one school year for approved graduate study, such leave to include any required internship experience.

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- (b) At the expiration of a paid sick leave of absence, to extend such a leave of absence for a period of time not to exceed the end of the school year next succeeding the school year in which the paid leave of absence commenced.
- 2. Unpaid leaves of absence shall not be used to extend vacation periods, to take vacations, to engage in other occupations, or to provide additional personal leaves, except that the Superintendent shall have discretion, where circumstances warrant, to approve leaves of absence for such purposes.
- 3. Unpaid leaves of absence shall not be granted unless the services of a substitute employee, satisfactory in the discretion of the Superintendent, can be secured.
- 4. Except where it interferes with an employee's legal or contractual rights, the timing of unpaid leaves of absence will be granted at the convenience of the District.

Education Law Sections 1709(16),
3005, 3005-a, and 3005-b
Civil Service Law Sections 71-73

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