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- (1) **Funeral Leave.** Classified personnel (not including hourly maintenance workers) shall be eligible for the same funeral leaves as described for certificated employees in another section of these rules and regulations, except that classified personnel shall be eligible for three additional days (instead of two) funeral leave at two-thirds salary when absent because of a death in the immediate family.
- (2) **Sick Leave.**
 - (a) Applicability.
 - (A) Regular classified personnel shall be eligible for sick leave.
 - (B) Day-to-day substitutes are not entitled to any sick leave.
 - (C) Hourly employees are eligible for sick leave only after their employment exceeds one month.
 - (b) Amount of Sick Leave. The number of hours worked each day multiplied by the number of months employed shall equal the number of hours of sick leave granted each year.
 - (c) Accreditation of Sick Leave.
 - (A) Regular Classified Personnel. If an employee leaves the employ of the District before the end of a fiscal year, any remuneration for sick leave taken in excess of that actually earned at the rate of one day for each month from July 1 to the time of departure shall be withheld from his/her last payroll check.
 - (B) Hourly and Daily Rate Classified Personnel. Personnel who are paid on an hourly or daily rate shall be accredited sick leave after the term of employment; i.e., after one month's work, they shall be accredited with one day of sick leave, etc.
 - (d) Accumulation of Sick Leave.
 - (A) Regular classified personnel may accumulate sick leave on an unlimited basis.
 - (B) Hourly and daily-classified personnel shall be permitted to accumulate sick leave up to 125 days.
 - (e) Notice and Commencement.
 - (A) As soon as an employee becomes aware of a physical or mental condition, including pregnancy, which will require absence from duty for more than five days, the employee shall

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submit a completed form stating the period of expected absence. The employee shall submit an amended form whenever such expectations change.

- (B) The commencement date and duration of sick leave shall be based on the ability of the employee, as determined by the immediate supervisor, to carry out his or her assignment in an effective manner. A physician's recommendation, if any, will be taken into consideration in reaching such determination. The supervisor may require such physician's recommendation. Particular types of conditions, such as pregnancy, may be subject to more specific procedural steps relevant to the particular illness or condition in order to effectuate the foregoing principle.
 - (C) Requests for charge against accumulated sick leave shall be made in writing to the Personnel Department and in the case of use of sick leave for more than five days shall be accompanied by a physician's statement verifying the period of personal disability.
 - (D) The recommendation of a physician referred to in this policy ordinarily will be by the employee's own physician; but the superintendent or his/her designee may, in the exercise of discretion, determine in a particular case that it must come from a physician appointed by the district.
- (f) When Sick Leave is Depleted.
- (A) When an employee (other than classified — hourly and daily) has exhausted his/her sick leave, he/she shall be entitled to additional credits of one day for each year of service at two-thirds his/her daily rate of pay.
 - (B) An employee who has accumulated sick leave during employment in another Oregon school district, and who was so employed during the preceding year, shall, upon proper verification, be allowed the number of sick leave days so accumulated, except that: (a) no more than 75 days shall be credited to the employee; and (b) the allowance is not effective until the employee has completed 30 working days employment with this district.
- (3) **Family Illness.** Employees, other than day-to-day substitutes, working four hours or more shall receive three days per school year for family illness.

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- (4) **Emergency Leave**. All regular classified employees who work four hours per day or more are eligible for emergency leave of three days per school year without loss of pay. Emergencies shall be considered unanticipated circumstances beyond the employee's control and for which prior planning cannot be made.
- (5) **Jury Duty**. Classified employees, other than day-to-day substitutes, are excused without loss of pay provided the jury fee is submitted to the Business Office. If jury duty occurs during a non-school day (such as holidays, spring vacation, etc.), the employee normally not working at this time need not return the jury money received for that day. On days when the employee is excused from jury duty, he/she will report to the school to work.
- (6) **Court Witness**. Classified employees are excused without loss of pay provided the witness fee is submitted to the district, along with a copy of the subpoena.
- (7) **Military Leave**. Classified employees shall be eligible for the same military leave as described for certificated personnel in another section of these rules. (See Military Leave, Administrative Regulation 5.50.062.)
- (8) **On-the-Job-Accident**. All employees of the district are eligible for state workers' compensation benefits. An employee injured on the job shall retain his/her tax-free compensation check, which he/she receives from the state for time lost. The district will make supplemental payment in an amount equal to the difference between compensation check and the employee's regular check during the period of payment under the Workers' Compensation Act, and no charge is made against the employee's sick leave, nor shall it exceed 180 days.
- (9) **Extended Unpaid Leave of Absence**. Employees who have been continuously employed for two or more years may apply for a special leave of absence without pay. The superintendent shall exercise his/her discretion in the granting of such leaves. Such leaves shall not exceed one year without special authorization of the Board. Employees on such leaves shall not be permitted to engage in remunerative service without the approval of the superintendent.
- (10) **Maternity Leave**.
- (a) Absence due to disabilities resulting from pregnancy or childbirth shall be deemed absence due to illness for purposes of applying the sick leave policies of the district. "Maternity leave" referred to in this policy means a leave related to the employee's pregnancy or childbirth beyond the period of actual disability. Maternity leaves as

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so defined shall be unpaid. Regarding the period of disability, see the policies on sick leave.

- (b) Maternity leave shall be granted to any classified employee. The maximum and minimum initial planned terms of the leave shall be based on staffing needs, as determined by the Board. The superintendent shall in each case recommend such term based on such criteria. The maximum planned term ordinarily shall not exceed six months, but the superintendent may, on written request, extend such leave for additional periods of time. For employees whose work year is less than twelve months, such leave ordinarily shall not extend beyond the remainder of the fiscal year for any pregnancy; but the superintendent may, on written request, extend such leave for additional periods of time.
- (c) In the case of a request for maternity leave, as soon as any classified employee becomes aware of her pregnancy, she shall submit a completed maternity leave form or resignation stating the expected period of absence.
- (d) Unless an earlier date is approved by the employee, her immediate supervisor, and the Board, the commencement date of the unpaid leave shall correspond to the end of the period of disability or the exhaustion of accumulated sick leave, whichever first occurs, as determined by her immediate supervisor. Such determination shall have the same effect as provided in the sick leave policies of the district.
- (e) A classified employee desiring to return to regular employment prior to the expiration date of a maternity leave may so request in writing to the Personnel Department. Thereupon, or (in the absence of such request) when the maternity leave expires, the superintendent will reassign the employee as soon as a position for which the employee is qualified becomes available. Rejection of such assignment will constitute a resignation.
- (f) Upon returning to duty, a classified employee shall be paid at the next salary step on the then current salary guide above the one, which she occupied during the last continuous period of at least six months' work immediately prior to the beginning of such leave.
- (g) The recommendation of a physician referred to in this policy ordinarily will be the employee's own physician, but the superintendent or his/her designee may in the exercise of his/her discretion determine in a particular case that it must come from a physician appointed by the district.

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- (h) Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from discharging a classified employee on other grounds permitted by law.
- (11) **Paternity Leave**. For continuous periods during which the newly-born child will not have the care of the mother, the father shall be entitled to paternity leave and rights upon return to work on the same terms and conditions as herein provided for maternity leave.

Legal References: ORS 332.507; ORS 342.545; ORS 659.010; ORS 659.121; ORS 659.470 - 659.494; OAR 839-009-0200 to -0320; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq. 29 CFR Part 1630; Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. Section 2601 et seq. 29 CFR Part 825

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