

Sick Leave - Personal Illness and Injury Leave

Sick leave is allowed to accrue at the rate of 10 days each school year for each "school employee"¹ for personal illness or injury or one day per month employed, whichever is greater, as provided by Oregon law. Twelve-month employees will accrue 1 day per month or 12 days each year.

In accordance with state law, this leave will accumulate without limit.

Sick leave in excess of three consecutive work days may require a certificate from the employee's attending physician, naturopathic physician or practitioner that the employee's illness or injury prevents the employee from working. Any employee refusing to submit to such an examination or to provide other evidence as required by the district, shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Other paid and unpaid leaves will be determined by the district's collective bargaining agreements.

All medical information will be kept confidential, in a separate file from personnel records, and released only in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act or other applicable law.

Sickness or other unavoidable circumstances that prevent a teacher from teaching 20 school days immediately following exhaustion of sick leave accumulated under Oregon law, the Board will place the teacher on unpaid leave for the remainder of the regular school year or until the teacher's disability is removed and they are able to return to work. If the teacher is still unable to return to work the following August 1, the Board may terminate the teacher's employment, subject to state and federal laws regarding family and medical leave.

All district-paid employee benefits, such as health and dental insurance, will cease on the last day of the month in which employment is terminated, or the staff member is placed on unpaid leave, unless the unpaid leave is in conjunction with state or federal law. The staff member will be informed of their rights to remain a part of the district benefit plan at personal expense.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.507](#)
[ORS 342.545](#)

[ORS 342.610](#)
[ORS 659A.043](#)

[ORS 659A.046](#)
[OAR 581-022-2405](#)

Knapp v. North Bend, 304 Or. 34 (1987).

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1161-1169 (2024).

Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1001-1461 (2024).

¹ "School employee" includes all employees of the district.