

**All Personnel**

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**LEAVES**

The Governing Board shall provide for paid and unpaid leaves of absence for employees in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, collective bargaining agreements, and merit system rules, as applicable.

*(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)*  
*(cf. 4161.9/4261.9/4361.9 - Catastrophic Leave Program)*

The Board recognizes the following justifiable reasons for employee absence:

1. Personal illness or injury

*(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)*  
*(cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)*

2. Industrial accident or illness

*(cf. 4161.11/4261.11/4361.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)*

3. Family care and medical leave

*(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)*

4. Military service

*(cf. 4161.5/4261.5/4361.5 - Military Leave)*

5. Personal necessity and personal emergencies

*(cf. 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves)*

6. Disability leave for certificated employees in accordance with Education Code 44986

7. Vacations for classified staff and certificated management staff, as applicable

8. Sabbaticals for purposes of study or training related to the employee's job duties

*(cf. 4161.3 - Professional Leaves)*  
*(cf. 4261.3 - Professional Leaves)*

9. Attendance at work-related meetings and staff development opportunities

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

## **LEAVES (continued)**

### 10. Compulsory leave

*(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

### **Long-Term Leaves**

With Board approval, an employee may receive a leave of absence, without pay and without accruing seniority or service credit, for a period of up to one school year. Applications for long-term leave shall be made in writing and shall state the purpose for which leave is requested. All long-term leave agreements shall be in writing and shall state the terms and conditions of the leave, including the conditions governing the employee's return.

At the end of a long-term leave, the employee shall be reinstated to a similar position as that held at the time leave was granted, unless otherwise agreed upon.

The Board shall consider any written request by an employee to return to work prior to the expiration date of the leave.

### **Administrative and Supervisory Personnel**

Certificated administrative and supervisory employees who are not subject to the district's bargaining agreement for certificated employees shall generally be entitled to those leave provisions provided in the bargaining agreement for other certificated employees unless otherwise specified in individual contract, memorandums of understanding, Board policy, administrative regulation, or law.

Classified administrative and supervisory employees who are not subject to the district's bargaining agreement for classified employees shall generally be entitled to those leave provisions provided in the bargaining agreement for other classified employees unless otherwise specified in individual contract, memoranda of understanding, Board policy, administrative regulation, or law.

*(cf. 2121 - Superintendent's Contract)*

*(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)*

*(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## LEAVES (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

- 22850-22856 Pension benefits, STRS members on military leave
- 44018 Compensation for employees on active military duty
- 44036-44037 Leaves of absence for judicial and official appearances
- 44043.5 Catastrophic leave
- 44800 Effect of active military service on status of employees
- 44842 Failure to provide notice or to report to work
- 44940 Sex offenses and narcotic offenses; compulsory leave of absence
- 44962-44988 Leaves of absence (certificated)
- 45059 Employee ordered to active military/naval duty, computation of salary
- 45190-45210 Leaves of absence (classified)

FAMILY CODE

- 297-297.5 Registered domestic partner rights, protections and benefits

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 3543.1 Release time for representatives of employee organizations
- 3543.2 Scope of representation
- 12945.1-12945.2 California Family Rights Act
- 20990-21013 Pension benefits, PERS members on military leave

LABOR CODE

- 230-230.2 Leaves for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or specified felonies
- 230.3 Leave for emergency personnel
- 230.4 Leave for volunteer firefighters
- 230.8 Leave to visit child's school
- 233 Illness of child, parent, spouse or domestic partner

MILITARY AND VETERANS CODE

- 395-395.9 Military leave
- 395.10 Leave when spouse on leave from military deployment

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

- 2601-2654 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 38

- 4301-4334 Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994

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**Failure to Return to Service After Leave**

In the case of a certificated employee who was on leave of absence for 20 or more consecutive working days after April 30 of the previous school year, the district may terminate the employment of such an employee if all of the following circumstances exist: (Education Code 44842)

1. The employee fails to report for duty, without good cause, at the beginning of the school year after having notified the Governing Board of his/her intention to remain in service with the district in accordance with Education Code 44842.
2. The district had specifically notified the employee, at least five days in advance, of the time and place at which the employee was to report to work.
3. The employee did not request or was not granted a leave of absence authorized by the Board.

*(cf. 4112.1 - Contracts)*

In any such case, the district may terminate the employee's employment on the day following 20 consecutive days of absence. (Education Code 44842)

*(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

**Use of Leaves by Classified Employees**

A classified employee may interrupt or terminate vacation leave in order to begin another type of paid leave without a return to active service, as long as the employee provides adequate notice and relevant supporting information regarding the basis for such interruption or termination. (Education Code 45200)

Regulation  
approved:

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