

DRAFT UPDATE

Lincolnwood School District 74

5:330

Educational Support Personnel

Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves

Please refer to the current agreement: Between the Board of Education, School District #74, Lincolnwood, Illinois and the Lincolnwood Support Staff Union, Local 1274 IFT/AFT, AFL-CIO.”

For employees not covered by this agreement:

Sick and Days

Sick leave is defined in State law as personal illness, quarantine at home, illness or death in the immediate family or household, or birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. The Superintendent and/or designee shall monitor the use of sick leave.

Ten (10) month employees who work at least 600 hours per year receive 15 paid sick days of which 4 are personal days per year. If not used, 4 personal days become cumulative sick days. Part-time employees will receive sick leave day(s) equivalent to their work day. Unused sick leave shall accumulate without limit.

All full-time twelve (12) month employees will receive 17 paid sick days and 4 personal days. Unused sick leave shall accumulate without limit. For eligible employees, upon retirement, for every 20 days up to 220 days of unused uncompensated sick leave, the employee receives one month of credit in the IMRF Retirement Plan. This policy is the District’s written plan allowing eligible employees to convert eligible accumulated sick leave to service credit upon a District employee’s retirement under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

The Board may require a certificate from a physician, or advanced practice nurse, or if the treatment is by prayer or spiritual means, that of a spiritual advisor or practitioner of such person’s faith, as a basis for pay during leave after an absence of three (3) days for personal illness, 30 days for birth, or as it may deem necessary in other cases.

The use of paid sick leave for adoption or placement for adoption is limited to 30 days unless a longer leave is provided in an applicable collective bargaining agreement. The Superintendent may require that the employee provide evidence that the formal adoption process is underway.

Vacation

All full-time 12 month personnel shall be entitled to a paid vacation day allotment in accordance with the following schedule: Year One through Year Five, 15 Days; Year Six through Year Ten, 18 Days; Beyond Ten Years, 21 days.

Vacation time will be arranged by mutual agreement between classified office personnel and the Supervising Administrator. Said vacation days shall be used during the period July 1 of the current year to the end of July of the following year (13 months). On August 1 of each year, up to five (5) unused vacation days shall be rolled into the employee’s sick leave accumulation and any remaining unused days shall be forfeited unless an exception for an extension is granted by the employee’s supervisor.

Holidays

The District will observe all State and federal holidays as identified in the School Code, unless waived exemptions apply. At the discretion of the Superintendent, personnel may be granted additional days off with prior notice. A holiday will not cause a deduction from an employee’s time or compensation.

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Consult the board attorney about the Employee Sick Leave Act 820 ILCS 191/, added by P.A. 99-841, eff. 1-1-17. It prohibits employers from limiting the use of sick time to an employee’s own illnesses and allows employees to use employer-provided sick leave to care for an ill or injured *family member* or to attend a medical appointment with a family member. The law defines family members as a child (biological, adopted, stepchild, or legal ward), spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent, mother- or father-in-law, grandchild, grandparent, or stepparent (Id. at 191/10(b)). Leave may be taken under the same terms for which the employee would be permitted to take leave for his or her own illness or injury.

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Leaves for Service in the Military and General Assembly

Educational support personnel shall receive the same military and General Assembly leaves that are granted professional staff.

Bereavement Leave

Educational support personnel receive bereavement leave on the same terms and conditions granted professional staff.

School Visitation Leave

An eligible employee is entitled to a school visitation leave on the same terms and conditions granted professional staff.

Leaves for Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence

Educational support personnel receive a leave for victims of domestic or sexual violence on the same terms and conditions granted professional staff.

Leave to Serve as a Trustee of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Upon request, the Board will grant 20 days of paid leave of absence per year to a trustee of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/24-6.3.

Child Bereavement Leave

Educational support personnel receive child bereavement leave on the same terms and conditions granted professional staff.

Leave to Serve as an Election Judge

An eligible employee is entitled to leave to serve as an election judge on the same terms and conditions granted professional staff.

LEGAL REF.: 20 ILCS 1805/30.1 et seq.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.7b, 5/24-2, and 5/24-6.
820 ILCS 147 and 180/
820 ILCS 154/
School Dist 151 v. ISBE, 507 N.E.2d 134 (Ill.App.1, 1987); Elder v. School Dist. No.127 1/2, 208 N.E.2d 423 (Ill.App.1, 1965).

CROSS REF.: 5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity), 5:185 (Family and Medical Leave), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence)

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820 ILCS 154/, added by P.A. 99-703 requires employers to offer this unpaid leave to employees that are *eligible employees* under FMLA. (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.)

See the Child Bereavement Leave subhead in policy 5:250, *Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence*, for further information.

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