



Book Policy Manual
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It is the responsibility of the Board of Education to provide the staff necessary for the implementation of the educational program of the District and the operation of the schools and to do so efficiently and economically.

The Board reserves the right to abolish positions in the District and to reduce the staff whenever reasons of decreased enrollment of students, return to duty of regular professional staff members after leaves of absence, suspension of schools or territorial changes affecting the District, or other warranted circumstances warrant.

The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines for the reduction of staff based on the best interests of the District and consistent with the terms of any applicable interdistrict agreements, and applicable law.

Where appropriate, attrition may be used to achieve the necessary number of position reductions.

Selection of staff for reduction, once positions have been identified, will be based on the following considerations:

- A. qualifications of the employees being considered for reduction
- B. performance of employees, based on performance evaluations
- C. input from direct supervisors
- D. length of service to the District

The District Administrator shall determine the appropriate employees for reduction considering all factors that he or she deems important and in the best interests of the District.

Any employee reduced under this policy shall have the following benefits for a period of one (1) year:

- A. the District will contact the employee in the event a vacancy opens up in the same or similar position previously held;
- B. if employee applies and returns to employment, he or she shall retain all accrued benefits, including any applicable sick leave accumulation and length of service credit accrued at the time of reduction.

Staff Furloughs

A furlough is a temporary reduction in hours for individuals or groups of employees that is intended to be of a short and predetermined duration, either in terms of days, weeks, or until the resumption of school operations. Furloughs differ from lay-offs in that a lay-off is of an indefinite, potentially permanent nature.

- **In the event of a temporary disruption to school services due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a public health emergency, natural disaster, or some other disruption to school programming [Select one of the following options] () the Board may authorize the District Administrator to temporarily furlough employees by reducing employee hours, provided that a plan is presented to the Board for consideration.**

- **Furloughs may be targeted to a particular department, building, or program. Furloughs may be used to reduce all employees' hours consistent with the District's needs while minimizing the impact on individual staff members. Generally speaking, furloughs should be administered in a way to avoid any employee from serving a furlough period of a full week or more in a row, wherever possible. This may involve distributing furlough days or blocks of days shorter than a full week, spread out over a period of several weeks or months.**

- **Furloughs may be unpaid if based on budgetary concerns, or employees may be allowed to use available accrued paid time off. Furloughs shall be used only in a manner consistent with any individual contract requirements, or other employee rights or benefits, such as FMLA benefits.**

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