

Policy 3208

ESP: Fringe Benefits and Leave of Absence

A. Sick Leave Days

1. Sick Leave shall be earned at the rate of one day per month of full-time employment; less than full time, but more than half time (30 hours per week) employee's sick leave will be prorated. Unused sick leave shall be accumulated without restriction.

B. Unused Sick Leave on Resignation

1. After 10 years of contracted employment, employees who voluntarily resign employment with the district who give notification of intent to resign at least two weeks (10 working days) prior to the intended resignation shall be compensated 10% of their accumulated unused sick leave at the employee's final daily rate times number of adjusted unused sick leave days. Unused sick leave compensation is not available to those who resign in lieu of termination.

C. Life Insurance

1. Life Insurance will be provided to all contracted ESP Employees based on the following amounts: (Double Indemnity)
 - a. Amount of Insurance Hours Worked Per Day
 - 1) \$50,000 Full Time - 12 month contracted
 - 2) \$30,000 All other contracted
 - 3) \$15,000 Spouse and dependent children
 - b. Reduction in Coverage Due to Age
 - 1) We will reduce the life insurance benefit for you and your spouse by the percentage indicated in the table below. This reduction will be effective on the Policy anniversary date following the date you attain the ages shown

below. The reduction will apply to the amount of life insurance in force immediately prior to the first reduction made.

2) Reductions also apply if:

- a) You or your spouse become covered under the Policy; or
- b) Your or your spouse's coverage increases; on or after the date you attain age 65.

Percentage by which original amount of coverage will be reduced	<u>Your Age</u>	<u>Your % Reduction</u>
	65	35%
	70	60%
	75	75%

- 3) The reduced amount of coverage will be rounded to the next higher multiple of \$500, if not already a multiple of \$500. An appropriate adjustment in premium will be made.
- 4) For complete details of the Life Insurance policy, please see the District Benefits Secretary.
- 5) Death Benefits are also provided in accordance with guidelines of the Utah State Retirement System.

D. Benefits Due Surviving Spouse of a Deceased District Employee

- 1. A contracted employee who dies would have the basic benefits listed below. The employee could also have additional benefits, depending on what voluntary payroll deductions were signed up for. The family would need to contact the District Benefits Secretary, Box Elder School District, 960 South Main, Brigham City, Utah. The family may call the Benefits Secretary at 734-4800 for help in determining what benefits the deceased employee carried.
- 2. Active working employees who work full-time on a 12-month contract would have the following benefits for their designated beneficiary:
 - a. Payment of \$50,000.00 life insurance

- b. Health insurance coverage through the last day of month employee became deceased and then dependents that are covered on insurance would be eligible to apply for COBRA coverage for up to thirty-six months.
 - c. Utah Retirement System has a death benefit. If you are an active member when you die, your beneficiary will receive an insurance payment representing 75% of your highest annual salary.
 - d. Social Security has a survivor benefit.
 - e. USBA – Life Insurance Policy
3. Active working employees who work less than a full-time 12-month contract would have the following benefits for their designated beneficiary:
- a. Payment of \$30,000 life insurance.
 - b. Health insurance coverage through the last day of month employee became deceased and then dependents that are covered on insurance would be eligible to apply for COBRA coverage for up to thirty-six months.
 - c. Utah Retirement System has a death benefit. If you are an active member when you die, your beneficiary will receive an insurance payment representing 75% of your highest annual salary.
 - d. Social Security has a survivor benefit.
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E. Vacation

1. 12-month employees shall be granted vacation according to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Days per Year
1 st year	12
2 nd year	12
3 rd year	12
4 th year	12
5 th year	12
6 th year	13

7 th year	14
8 th year	15
9 th year	16
10 th year	17
11 th year	18
12 th year	19
13 th year +	20

2. Employees may not carry forward more than 20 vacation days into the next fiscal year (July 1). Vacation will be taken at a time convenient to the District and mutually agreed to by the employee and supervisor.

F. Unused Vacation Upon Voluntary Termination

1. An employee who voluntarily terminates employment with the District will be paid for up to 10 days unused vacation provided said employee gives notification of intent to terminate at least two weeks (10 working days) prior to the intended termination. Payment for unused vacation will be limited to 10 days based on the employee's daily rate times the number of days unused. Unused vacation compensation is not available to those who resign in lieu of termination.

G. Holidays

1. Twelve-month ESP Employees will be allowed 18 scheduled paid holidays per year. The calendar of these holidays will be determined jointly by the Administration and the ESP Association.
2. Employees required by their immediate supervisor or principal to work on scheduled holidays will be paid at a rate of 1-1/2 times the regular pay for hours worked.

H. Paid Non-Working Days

1. For ESP contracted employees working 220 days or more in a calendar year, the contract length will stay the same and the District will add two additional paid non-working days to the contract.
 - a. These two days must be taken during the following window of time. Employees will communicate with their direct supervisor which dates will be used.

- 1) Around July 4th (before or after)
- 2) Around July 24th (before or after)
- 3) The Wednesday before Thanksgiving
- 4) During Winter Break
- 5) During Spring Break

I. Yearly Calendar

1. The Administration will prepare a 260 working day calendar for all 12-month employees.

J. Health and Accident Insurance

1. The Board shall make available to employees and their dependents group insurance for hospital, surgical and extended medical benefits. The medical insurance premium will be pro-rated for all nine-month ESP employees according to the yearly negotiated premiums as stated in the [Benefit Guide](#). Health insurance will not be available to ESP employees working fewer than 25 hours per week hired after September 15, 2005.
2. Employees hired prior to September 15, 2005 will be grandfathered on the current pro-ratio eligibility schedule, but may voluntarily move.
3. ESP employees who fall below the threshold for benefits because of the furlough reductions (temporary reduction) will be held harmless from benefit eligibility issues which occur because of the reduction in hours or days by the furlough.
4. All ESP insurance eligible employees become eligible for insurance the date of hire.

K. Health and Accident Insurance - Dual Coverage

1. When the employee and spouse are both employed and insured by Box Elder School District, the employee whose birthday comes first in the calendar year should sign up for family or couple (if no children are insured) coverage and the spouse should waive insurance coverage. This will provide "coordination of benefits" for those insured.

L. District Activity Card

1. The Board of Education will make available to each contracted ESP employee a card which when presented at the appropriate ticket sales office will entitle the employee and a guest free admission to school sponsored athletic events in the district and/or admission to either natatorium in the District. This card WILL NOT provide free admission to state sponsored playoff games or special athletic tournaments or events sponsored by the athletic departments.

M. Natatorium Pass for Voucher Employees

1. A "Natatorium Only" pass will be issued by the District to any regularly scheduled voucher employee who requests one. The pass will allow free admittance for the employee and/or one guest.

N. Training of ESP Employees

1. The District will establish an annual training fund of \$2,000 to pay tuition and fees related to special training and workshops for ESP employees. A committee of ESP Professionals will be established to allocate these funds. Unused funds will be rolled from one year to the next with a maximum accrual of \$10,000. The ESP Association will provide the curriculum department with a list of suggested training topics and estimated number of attendees. Upon request, to the personnel office will provide a financial statement of the ESP training fund.

O. Travel Stipend

1. A \$50 stipend and per diem will be paid to employees sent to Park Valley or Grouse Creek on overnight assignment.

P. Employee Recognition Program

1. A committee will be formed to develop an ESP employee recognition program. The initial guidelines given to the committee include:
 - a. Two awards from each major ESP division.
 - b. The award will consist of a certificate or plaque of appreciation and some type of remuneration.

Q. ESP Website

1. Space will be provided by Box Elder School District on the District website. The ESP Association will provide their own Webmaster and the Webmaster will abide by the District website policies.

R. Family Medical Leave Act – See [Policy 3090 Family Medical Leave Act \(FMLA\)](#)

1. Sick Leave for Personal Illness

- a. In the event an employee is compelled to be absent from assignment because of personal illness, including pregnancy, mental illness injury, (except those caused by act of war or aggression) or quarantine where such isolates the individual, a sick leave benefit is allowed.

2. Sick Leave Bank

a. Purpose

- 1) The purpose of the sick leave bank is to provide employees with additional paid sick leave days beyond what they have accumulated in their personal accounts to cover catastrophic situations that are the result of serious illnesses or accidents that require the employee to be absent from work.

b. Participants in the Sick Leave Bank

- 1) Participation in the Sick Leave Bank is limited to members of the ESP staff who choose to donate into the bank during any given school year. To be eligible to participate, an employee must donate a minimum of one day into the bank on/or before October 1st of a said school year.
- 2) Active participation in the sick leave bank requires a donation each year that an employee desires to be eligible. If an employee elects not to participate in any given year, they must give written notification by September 10th of the school year. These employees are then not eligible to receive benefits that year regardless of previous participation.

c. Accessing the Benefit

- 1) Participating members qualify for application if due to an illness or injury to them, their spouse or a dependent child living within their immediate household.
 - 2) Members must submit a written request for use of the Bank days, accompanied by a detailed letter from their attending physician certifying that they are unable to fulfill their contractual obligations and explain the medical reasons, along with a projected recovery date and the number of sick leave days requested to the District's Personnel Secretary. The District's Personnel Secretary will call a meeting of the Sick Leave Bank Committee to determine the eligibility of the request.
 - 3) An ESP employee must use at least 25 leave days (paid and/or unpaid days) for the same illness prior to receiving Sick Leave Bank Benefits.
 - 4) An employee can draw a maximum of 75 days each school year from the bank.
 - 5) Members who use the Sick Leave Bank will not be required to replace such days except as a regular contributing member.
 - 6) The Sick Leave Bank is considered to be an employee's program permitted by the District. Decisions associated with the program are made by the Sick Leave Bank Committee. Decisions of the Committee will be by a 2/3 majority vote. The decisions of the Committee are considered to be final.
 - 7) The Sick Leave Bank will not allocate more days than is in the bank.
- d. Sick Leave Bank Committee
- 1) The Sick Leave Bank Committee shall consist of seven members. One member from each of the five groups of SEP employees (Cook, Bus Driver, Custodial/Maintenance, Secretary/Clerk, Aide) and the ESP Association President or designee, and the Executive Director of Personnel. The ESP Association President or designee and the Executive Director of Personnel plus three other members must be present to conduct business.

S. Family Illness

1. ESP employees shall, upon request, be granted sick leave for illness or accident involving members of the employee's family. Family is defined as parent, spouse, child, in-law (father, mother, brother, or sister) grandchild, or sibling either by blood relationship or by law. Family sick leave days taken will be deducted from the sick leave of the employee.

See [Family & Medical Leave Act](#) and [Policy 3090 Family Medical Leave Act \(FMLA\)](#).

T. Extended Illness

1. In cases where the accumulated sick leave days of an employee do not adequately care for the sick leave needs of that employee, the Board may, in extreme hardship cases, and upon written request of the employee, grant an extension of the sick leave benefits to said employee to carry over the period of dire need.
2. Accumulated sick leave will be granted for extended illness of an employee to the end of the school year in which the illness occurs. At that time, a determination will be made as to the severity of the illness and/or the ability of the employee to continue employment. If the employee is unable to begin the next school year and qualifies for disability retirement or can retire under the provisions of the [Utah State Retirement Act](#) and/or Social Security, the employee will be required to apply for these benefits. The District will pay the salary difference between these benefits and the daily salary amount an employee would receive under normal circumstances for the number of sick leave days accumulated.

U. Misuse of Sick Leave

1. The Administration may request evidence of need for sick leave in all instances. In the event an employee misuses the sick leave benefits under these policies, the employee shall forfeit benefits which are due or which may accrue. The Administration may request, at any time, a doctor's statement validating the need for use of sick leave.

V. Bereavement

1. Death and burial (Immediate Family Members)

- a. An employee may be absent from assignment without loss of pay for up to five consecutive days in any one instance of the death and burial of husband or wife and/or child of either spouse.
- b. An employee may be absent from assignment without loss of pay for up to three days for the death and burial of mother, father, legal guardians, mother-in-law or father-in-law, sibling, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, grandchildren, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, miscarriage or stillbirth.
- c. An employee may be absent from assignment without loss of pay for up to one day for the death and burial of his/her grandparents, grandparents-in-law, aunt, aunt-in-law, uncle, uncle-in-law, niece, and nephew.

W. Personal Leave

- 1. Employees have a contracted obligation to fulfill their assigned duty for a specified number of days each year.
- 2. Personal leave is a privilege employees are given to take care of personal and emergency situations which must be accomplished during the work day. Each ESP employee in the District who does not qualify for vacation will be granted three days personal leave per year accumulative to 10 days. Employees who are granted vacation days will be granted one day personal leave per year accumulative to 10. If on June 30, the three days or one day personal leave granted the employee causes accumulated personal leave to exceed the 10, the employee will be paid at one-half their current daily rate of pay for each day exceeding 10.
- 3. Whenever an employee asserts the option to take personal leave, the employee must notify the supervisor or principal.
- 4. Limitations may be imposed by the principal/supervisor on the number of employees who are allowed to take personal leave on any given day.
- 5. Upon retirement up to 10 days of accumulated personal leave for ESP employees who do not earn vacation may be transferred to sick leave prior to determining retirement benefits.
- 6. Converting sick leave to personal leave

- a. An ESP employee with a minimum of 25 accumulated sick days (or hourly equivalent) may make a request to convert up to five days per year to personal leave.
- b. An ESP employee with less than 25 accumulated sick days (or hourly equivalent) may make a request to convert up to 3 days per year to personal leave.
- c. To convert sick leave to personal leave an ESP employee must provide a written explanation explaining the need (email is fine) to the Executive Director of Personnel. These converted sick leave days cannot be returned to the educator's sick leave account.

X. Leave of Absence – Without Pay

1. Any ESP employee may apply for a leave of absence without salary and insurance. The granting of such leave of absence does not bind the Board to re-employ the person nor return the employee to the previous position except when stated otherwise by mutual arrangement or law, as specified in policies mutually agreed upon between the Board of Education and the ESP Association. However, such employee is assured consideration in filling vacancies that may occur after the employee desires to return to service. Those re-employed within two years of the date of the leave shall receive the same status as when leaves were granted, namely: steps on the pay scale, accrued sick leave benefits insurance and other benefits.

Y. Military Leave

1. ESP personnel employed by the Board of Education who leave for service in the Armed Forces shall be granted a military leave of absence as per federal laws governing such absence. Such absences will be granted without pay.

Z. Maternity Leave

- ~~1. Illness due to pregnancy of an employee shall be regarded as is any other illness and shall be covered in the Sick Leave section above. See Policy 3091 Postpartum and Parental Leave.~~

AA. Parental Leave

1. Parental leave will be treated under the provisions of the [Family & Medical Leave Act](#).

BB. Association Leave

1. The Box Elder ESP Employees Association may request leave, not to exceed 10 days per year, for employees to be absent from their assignment to conduct Association Business when it is deemed such leave would directly benefit education within the District, and is approved by the Superintendent.
 - a. Request for Association Leave shall be submitted in writing clearly stating the purpose of the leave to the Superintendent. The final approval regarding requests for leave shall be made by the Superintendent or designee. Association Representative(s) will be notified of the decision. Requests should be submitted in adequate time to facilitate the approval process. All requests and notifications of approval will be documented and maintained in the Superintendent's office.
 - b. The Superintendent or designee shall supervise employees on paid Association Leave.
 - c. All paid Association Leave shall be reported to and accounted for through the District's leave accounting system. This accounting shall include the costs and expenses of paid Association Leave.
 - 1) The first 10 days annually of Association Leave directly benefiting education within the District shall be paid out of District funds.
 - 2) Paid leave in excess of 10 days annually shall be reimbursed at the substitute wage rate to the District by the Association.
 - 3) Association Leave for activities that do not provide direct benefit to education in the District shall be unpaid leave.
 - d. Employees using Association Leave may not engage in political activity including:
 - 1) Actively campaigning for candidates for public office in partisan and non-partisan elections; and
 - 2) Fundraising for political organizations, political parties, or candidates.

e. Any willful violation of this Policy may be used for disciplinary action.

2. The Box Elder Educational Support Professionals Employees Association (BEESPA) President shall have six days per trimester of released time for the purpose of conducting Association business. The substitute will be paid for by the Box Elder ESP Employees Association. All reporting, accounting, and other restrictions in AA.1. above apply to this section also.

CC. Leave Without Pay

1. Employees that qualify for leave benefits are expected to act in a professional manner by consulting with their supervisor when they have used all their appropriate leave. In order to take Leave Without Pay, approval from the direct supervisor/administrator is required with ample notice to adequately meet the needs of the students and school/department due to the absence.
2. For employees that don't qualify for leave benefits, it is expected that absences not exceed 10% (1 to 2 days) each month. Approval from the direct supervisor/administrator is required with ample notice to adequately meet the needs of the students due to the absence.
 - a. If attendance exceeds the 1 to 2 days each month amount, corrective action may result for neglect of duty.
3. If the Leave Without Pay is not approved, the employee may appeal to the Superintendent or designee.
4. Direct Supervisors/Administrators will communicate with the person who is responsible for putting leave into the District's leave accounting system when a Leave Without Pay is approved.

DD. Reporting Absences

1. Employees reporting absences for sickness will make a call/contact to their immediate supervisor or designee. For vacation or personal leave if the absence has been preapproved, no call is needed. When using leave where prior approval was not possible, a call/contact to their immediate supervisor is required.