## **OSBA Sample Policy**

Code: GCBD/GDBD

Adopted:

## Sick Leave - Personal Illness and Injury Leave \*

Sick leave entitlement is allowed to accrue at the rate of 10 days each school year for each "school employee1" for personal illness or injury will accrue at the rate of 10 days each year or one day per month employed, whichever is greater, as provided by Oregon Revised Statutes law. Twelve-month employees will accrue 1 day per month or 12 days each year. [All other employees who work less than 12 months will receive 1 day per month.]

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

The district reserves the right [after five consecutive days of absence,] to require proof of personal illness or injury from all employees, including a medical examination by a physician chosen and paid for by the district. Sick leave in excess of five consecutive work days shall 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 result in the teacher being placed 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 illness 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 family medical leave law. The staff member will be informed of their rights to remain a part of the district benefit plan at personal expense.

Any worker who has sustained a compensable personal injury or illness and is disabled and unable to perform essential job functions, will be reemployed at such time as a physician issues a Fitness-for-Duty Certification. Such rights of reemployment are subject to seniority rights and other restrictions of the collective bargaining agreement between the employer and employee bargaining unit.

**END OF POLICY** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "School employee" includes all employees of the district.

## **Legal Reference(s):**

ORS 332.507 ORS 342.610 ORS 659A.046 ORS 659A.043 ORS 659A.043

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

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1161-1169 (2012) 2024).

Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1001-1461 (2012) 2024).

Americans with Disabilities Act. 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (2012); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (20162025); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (20162025).

Family and Medical Leave Act-of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §§ 2601-2654 (2012/2024); Family and Medical Leave Act-of 1993, 29 C.F.R. Part 825 (2016/2025).

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.