



(LOCAL) Policy Comparison Packet

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- Policies being recommended for revision (annotated)
- New policies (not annotated)
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**Purchasing
Authority**

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to make budgeted purchases for goods or services. However, any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs ~~\$20,000~~ \$20,000 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.

Exception for
Emergency
Contracts

In the event of a catastrophe, emergency, or natural disaster affecting the District, the Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to contract for the replacement, construction, or repair of school equipment or facilities in accordance with law, if emergency replacement, construction, or repair is necessary for the health and safety of District students and staff. The Superintendent shall report to the Board at the next regular meeting any contract made under this authority. [See Disaster Exception, CH(LEGAL)]

The delegation regarding emergency contracts does not waive competitive purchasing requirements under Education Code Chapter 44. Only the Board is authorized to waive competitive purchasing requirements under limited circumstances in accordance with Education Code 44.031(h). [See Emergency Damage or Destruction, CH(LEGAL)]

Purchasing
Procedures

The Superintendent shall develop purchasing procedures to implement the requirements of state and federal law. [See also CB, CBB, CH(LEGAL), and COA]

Purchasing Method

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to determine the method of purchasing in accordance with CH(LEGAL) or CBB(LEGAL), as appropriate.

*Competitive
Bidding*

If competitive bidding is chosen as the purchasing method, the Superintendent shall prepare bid specifications. All bids shall be in accordance with administrative regulations, and the submission of any electronic bids shall also be in accordance with Board-adopted rules. All bidders shall be invited to attend the bid opening. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening. Bids received after the specified time shall not be considered.

The District may reject any and all bids in accordance with state or federal law, as applicable.

*Competitive
Sealed Proposals*

If competitive sealed proposals are chosen as the purchasing method, the Superintendent shall prepare the request for proposals and/or specifications for items to be purchased. All proposals shall be in accordance with administrative regulations, and the submission of any electronic proposals shall also be in accordance with Board-adopted rules. Proposals received after the specified time shall not be considered. Proposals shall be opened at the time

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specified, and all proposers shall be invited to attend the proposal opening. Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time of opening. Changes in the content of a proposal, and in prices, may be negotiated after proposals are opened.

The District may reject any and all proposals in accordance with state or federal law, as applicable.

Electronic Bids or Proposals

Bids or proposals that the District has chosen to accept through electronic transmission shall be administered in accordance with Board-adopted rules. Such rules shall safeguard the integrity of the competitive procurement process; ensure the identification, security, and confidentiality of electronic bids or proposals; and ensure that the electronic bids or proposals remain effectively unopened until the proper time.

Responsibility for Debts

The Board shall assume responsibility for debts incurred in the name of the District so long as those debts are for purchases made in accordance with the adopted budget, state law, Board policy, and the District's purchasing procedures. [See CE] The Board shall not be responsible for debts incurred by persons or organizations not directly under Board control. Persons making unauthorized purchases shall assume full responsibility for all such debts.

Purchase Commitments

All purchase commitments shall be made by the Superintendent in accordance with administrative procedures, including the District's purchasing procedures.

Personal Purchases

District employees shall not be permitted to make purchases for personal use through the District's business office.

Compliance with Law

The Superintendent shall establish procedures that ensure that all school facilities within the District comply with applicable laws and local building codes.

Construction Contracts

Prior to advertising, the Board shall determine the project delivery/contract award method to be used for each construction contract valued at or above \$50,000. To assist the Board, the Superintendent shall recommend the project delivery/contract award method that he or she determines provides the best value to the District. [See CV series generally and CBB(LEGAL) for requirements if federal funds are involved.]

For construction contracts valued at or above ~~\$10,000~~ \$10,000, the Superintendent shall also submit the resulting contract to the Board for approval. Lesser expenditures for construction and construction-related materials or services shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent and consistent with law and policy. [See also CH and CBB(LEGAL)]

Note: For provisions regarding delegation of authority for construction contracts in the event of a catastrophe, emergency, or natural disaster affecting the District, see CH(LOCAL).

Change Orders

Change orders permitted by law shall be approved prior to any changes being made in the approved plans or the actual construction of the facility.

Change orders valued at or above ~~\$10,000~~ \$10,000 shall require Board approval. The Superintendent shall be authorized to approve change orders of a lesser amount.

Project Administration

All construction projects shall be administered by the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent shall keep the Board informed concerning construction projects and also shall provide information to the general public.

Final Payment

The District shall not make final payments for construction or the supervision of construction until the work has been completed and the Board has accepted the work.

**Leave
Administration**

The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations addressing employee leaves and absences to implement the provisions of this policy.

Definitions

The term “immediate family” is defined as:

Immediate Family

1. Spouse.
2. Son or daughter, including a biological, adopted, or foster child, a son- or daughter-in-law, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child for whom the employee stands *in loco parentis*.
3. Parent, stepparent, parent-in-law, or other individual who stands *in loco parentis* to the employee.
4. Sibling, stepsibling, and sibling-in-law.
5. Grandparent and grandchild.
6. Any person residing in the employee’s household at the time of illness or death.

Family Emergency

The term “family emergency” shall be limited to disasters and life-threatening situations involving the employee or a member of the employee’s immediate family.

Leave Day

A “leave day” for purposes of earning, ~~using~~**use**, or recording ~~of~~ leave shall mean the number of hours per day equivalent to the employee’s usual assignment, whether full-time or part-time.

School Year

A “school year” for purposes of earning, using, or recording leave shall mean the term of the employee’s annual employment as set by the District for the employee’s usual assignment, whether full-time or part-time.

**Catastrophic Illness
or Injury**

A catastrophic illness or injury is a severe condition or combination of conditions affecting the mental or physical health of the employee or a member of the employee’s immediate family that requires the services of a licensed practitioner for a prolonged period of time and that forces the employee to exhaust all leave time earned by that employee and to lose compensation from the District. Such conditions typically require prolonged hospitalization or recovery or are expected to result in disability or death. Conditions relating to pregnancy or childbirth shall be considered catastrophic if they meet the requirements of this paragraph.

Note: For District contribution to employee insurance during leave, see CRD(LOCAL).

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Availability

The District shall make state personal leave and local leave for the current year available for use at the beginning of the school year.

State Deductions

~~Leave Without Pay~~

~~The District shall not approve paid leave for more leave days than have been accumulated in prior years plus leave currently available. Any unapproved absences or absences beyond accumulated and available paid leave shall result in deductions from the employee's pay.~~

Leave Proration

~~Employed for
Less Than Full
Year~~

If an employee separates from employment with the District before his or her last duty day of the school year, or begins employment after the first duty day of the school year, state personal leave and local leave shall be prorated based on the actual time employed.

If an employee separates from employment before the last duty day of the school year, the employee's final paycheck shall be reduced for state personal leave and local leave the employee used beyond his or her pro rata entitlement for the school year.

Recording

~~Leave shall be recorded as follows:~~

- ~~1. Leave shall be recorded in half-day increments for all employees.~~
- ~~2. If the employee chooses to offset leave against workers' compensation benefits, leave shall be recorded in the amount used.~~

Order of Use

~~Unless an employee requests a different order, available paid state and local leave shall be used in the following order, as applicable:~~

- ~~1. Local leave.~~
- ~~2. State sick leave accumulated before the 1995-96 school year.~~
- ~~3. State personal leave.~~

Concurrent Use of Leave

~~The District shall require the employee to use paid leave, including compensatory time, concurrently with temporary disability leave.~~

~~An employee receiving workers' compensation income benefits may be eligible for paid or unpaid leave. An absence due to a work-related injury or illness shall be designated temporary disability leave and/or assault leave, as applicable.~~

Medical Certification

An employee shall submit medical certification of the need for leave if:

1. The employee is absent more than three consecutive work-days because of personal illness or illness in the immediate family; or

2. The District requires medical certification due to a questionable pattern of absences or when deemed necessary by the supervisor or Superintendent.

In each case, medical certification shall be made by a health-care provider as defined by the ~~FMLA, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)~~. [See DECA(LEGAL)]

~~Note: For District contribution to employee insurance during leave, see CRD(LOCAL).~~

State Personal Leave

The Board requires employees to differentiate the manner in which state personal leave is used. :

~~Nondiscretionary~~
~~Non-discretionary~~ Use

- 1.3. ~~Nondiscretionary~~~~Non-discretionary~~ use of leave shall be for the same reasons and in the same manner as state sick leave accumulated before May 30, 1995. [See DEC(LEGAL)]

~~Nondiscretionary~~~~Non-discretionary~~ use includes leave related to the birth or placement of a child and taken within the first year after the child's birth, adoption, or foster placement.

Discretionary Use

- 2.4. Discretionary use of leave is at the individual employee's discretion, subject to limitations set out below.

~~Limitations~~

Request for
Leave

~~In deciding whether to approve or deny a~~~~The employee shall submit a written~~ request for discretionary use of state personal leave, ~~to the immediate supervisor or designee in advance in accordance with administrative regulations. In deciding whether to approve or deny state personal leave, the supervisor or designee shall not seek or consider the reasons for which an employee requests to use leave. The supervisor or designee shall, however, consider the duration of the requested absence in conjunction with the effect of the employee's absence on the educational program and/or~~ District operations, as well as the availability of substitutes.

Local Leave

~~Each employee~~~~All employees~~ shall earn two paid local leave days per school year in accordance with administrative regulations.

Local leave shall be noncumulative.

Local leave shall be used according to the terms and conditions of state personal leave. [See State Personal Leave, above]

Bereavement Leave

An employee shall be granted, ~~upon request, up to~~ three ~~days of~~ ~~bereavement~~ leave ~~upon days in~~ the ~~event of the~~ death of a member of the employee's immediate family. ~~Such~~~~This~~ leave shall be taken with no loss of pay or other paid leave.

Sick Leave Pool

An employee who has exhausted all paid leave **as well as any applicable compensatory time** and who suffers from a catastrophic illness or injury or is absent due to the catastrophic illness or injury of a member of the employee's immediate family may request the establishment of a sick leave pool, to which District employees may donate local leave or state personal leave for use by the eligible employee.

~~If the employee is unable to submit the request, a member of the employee's family or the employee's supervisor may submit the request to establish a sick leave pool.~~

The pool shall cease to exist when the employee no longer needs leave for the purpose requested, uses the maximum number of days allowed under a pool, or exhausts all leave days donated to the sick leave pool.

The Superintendent ~~or designee~~ shall develop regulations for the implementation of the sick leave pool that address the following:

1. Procedures to request the establishment of a sick leave pool;
2. The maximum number of days an employee may donate to a sick leave pool;
3. The maximum number of days per school year an eligible employee may receive from a sick leave pool; and
4. The return of unused days to donors.

Appeal

An employee may appeal a decision ~~All decisions~~ regarding the establishment or implementation of the District's sick leave pool ~~may be appealed~~ in accordance with DGBA(LOCAL), beginning with the Superintendent or **appropriate administrator** ~~designee~~.

Temporary Disability Leave

Any full-time employee whose position requires educator certification by the State Board for Educator Certification or by the District shall be eligible for temporary disability leave. The maximum length of temporary disability leave shall be 180 calendar days. [See DBB(LOCAL) for temporary disability leave placement and DEC(LEGAL) for return to active duty.]

An employee's notification of need for extended absence due to the employee's own medical condition shall be forwarded to the Superintendent ~~or designee~~ as a request for temporary disability leave.

The District shall require the employee to use temporary disability leave and paid leave, including any compensatory time, concurrently.

**Workers'
Compensation**

Note: Workers' compensation is not a form of leave. The workers' compensation law does not require the continuation of the District's contribution to health insurance. ~~[See CRD(LOCAL) regarding payment of insurance contribution during employee absences.]~~

An absence due to a work-related injury or illness shall be designated as temporary disability leave and/or assault leave, as applicable.

Paid Leave Offset

The District shall permit the option ~~An employee eligible for paid leave offset in conjunction with workers' compensation income benefits, and not on assault leave, may elect in writing to use available partial-day increments of paid leave to make up the difference between the employee's income benefits and the pre-injury wage.~~ [See CRE]

Court Appearances

Absences due to compliance with a valid subpoena or for jury duty shall be fully compensated by the District and shall not be deducted from the employee's pay or leave balance.

**Payment Reimbursement for
Accumulated Leave
Upon Retirement**

The following leave provisions shall apply to state and local leave ~~accumulated~~ **earned** beginning on the original effective date of this program.:-

An employee who retires from the District shall be eligible for ~~payment~~ **reimbursement** for ~~accumulated~~ state and local leave under the following conditions::

1. The employee's retirement is voluntary, i.e., the employee is not being discharged or nonrenewed.
2. The employee provides advance written notice of intent to retire. Contract employees must provide written notice at least 90 days before the last day of employment. ~~Noncontract~~ **Non-contract** employees must provide written notice at least two weeks before the last day of employment.
3. The employee has at least ten years of service with the District.

The employee shall ~~receive payment~~ **be reimbursed** for each day of ~~accumulated~~ state and local leave, to a maximum of 100 days, at a rate established by the Board. If the employee is reemployed with the District, days for which the employee received payment shall not be available to that employee.

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The rate established by the Board shall be in effect until the Board adopts a new rate. Any changes to the rate shall apply beginning with the school year following the adoption of the rate change.