

The use, possession, or promotion of any tobacco product by staff members is prohibited at all times in any district facility; in school vehicles; at school-sponsored activities, programs, or events; and on school owned or operated property.

The following definitions apply to this policy.

“Tobacco product” means any product that is made from or derived from tobacco, or that contains nicotine, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery system (hereafter “ENDS”), cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus. Tobacco product also means any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, charging devices, cartridges, and any substance used in ENDS, whether or not they contain nicotine. This definition does not include FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies including transdermal nicotine patches, nicotine gum, and nicotine lozenges prescribed to the employee by a medical practitioner or obtained over the counter and used in accordance with label requirements.

“Electronic nicotine delivery system” or “(ENDS)” means any device that delivers a vaporized solution (including nicotine, THC, or any other substance) by means of cartridges or other chemical delivery systems. Such definition shall include, but may not be limited to, any electronic cigarette, vape pen, hookah pen, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or personal vaporizer. ENDS are not FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy devices.

“Promotion” includes, but is not limited to, product advertising via branded gear, bags, clothing, any personal articles, signs, structures, vehicles, flyers, or any other materials.

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GAOD Drug and Alcohol Testing

GAOD

All district employees performing job functions which require the employee to maintain a commercial driver's license shall be tested for alcohol and drugs as required by current federal law. Board approved rules and regulations necessary to implement the testing program shall be on file with the clerk.

Each new employee who is required to undergo alcohol and drug testing shall be given a copy of the appropriate regulations.

Each new employee shall be informed that compliance with the required elements of the testing program is a condition of employment as a driver in the district. All employees shall be informed of this policy on an annual basis.

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The district will participate in workers compensation as required by current statute. The combined workers compensation benefits and salary received under allowed paid leave shall not exceed one full day's pay.

All employees of the district shall be covered by workers compensation. Workers compensation coverage is provided for all employees regardless of assignment, length of assignment, and/or hours worked per day. Benefits are for personal injury from accident or industrial diseases arising out of and in the course of employment in the district.

An injured employee must notify the designated employer's workers compensation coordinator or, if the coordinator is unavailable, his or her supervisor within 20 days of the injury or within 20 days of repetitive trauma in order to be eligible for benefits.

The workers compensation plan will provide coverage for medical expenses and wages to the extent required by statute to those employees who qualify; however, the amount of workers compensation benefits and paid leave benefits shall not exceed a regular daily rate of pay. An employee using paid leave in combination with workers compensation will be charged for one full or partial day of paid leave, as provided for in the applicable leave policy or the negotiated agreement, for each day of absence until the employee's paid leave is exhausted.

Any employee who is off work and receiving workers compensation benefits shall be required to provide the designated workers compensation

coordinator with a written doctor's release before the employee is allowed to return to work. In addition, should the employee be released to return to work by a doctor and fail to do so, all benefits under paid leave shall terminate, and those benefits under workers compensation shall be restricted as provided by current statute.

Whenever an employee is absent from work and is receiving workers compensation benefits due to a work-related injury or is receiving district paid disability insurance, the employee may use available paid leave to supplement the workers compensation or district paid disability insurance payments. Workers compensation benefits and FMLA benefits provided in a board approved plan shall run concurrently if both are applicable.

In no event shall the employee be entitled to a combination of workers compensation benefits, district paid disability insurance, and salary in excess of his/her full salary. Available paid leave may be used for this purpose until 1) available paid leave benefits are exhausted; 2) the employee returns to work; 3) the employee is released by the medical provider and a position is offered by the employer, but the employee declines to return to work; or 4) employment is terminated. Paid leave shall be calculated on a prorata amount equal to the percentage of salary paid by the district.

Testing

The board, through its designated workers

compensation coordinator, may require employees who claim or are involved in an accident in the course of employment to submit to a post-injury chemical test. This includes instances where the district administration or workers compensation coordinator has actual knowledge of an accident whether the employee has or has not requested medical treatment. If an employee refuses to submit to an employer requested post-injury chemical test, the employee forfeits all related workers compensation benefits as provided in K.S.A. 44-501(b)(1)(E). Chemical test collection, labeling, and performance shall meet the requirements found in K.S.A. 44-501(b)(3).

GAOE Workers Compensation

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Choice of Physician

The board shall have the right to choose a designated health care provider to provide medical assistance to any employee who suffers an injury while performing their job. However, if the injured employee chooses to go to a medical provider other than the designated provider, the recovery for such expenses shall be limited to \$500.00.

Approved:
9/19

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GAOF Salary Deductions (Also see GAL)

GAOF

Salary deductions shall be made if permitted by board policy, the negotiated agreement, or as required or authorized by law. The district shall comply with the salary basis requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA.)

The superintendent shall develop forms to provide information needed to make approved salary deductions. All requests for salary deductions shall be submitted to the superintendent during enrollment periods established by the board.

Approved: July 11, 2005; 6/13

Seat Belt Use:

When operating a district vehicle equipped with seat belts, the driver and all occupants must wear seat belts. This expectation extends to private vehicles when used for school business.

Distracted Driving:

The National Transportation and Safety Board states that distracted driving is a factor in 25 to 30 percent of all traffic crashes. Since drivers make more than 200 decisions during every mile traveled, it's critical to stay focused on safe driving.

Safe driving requires one's full attention and, therefore, distractions must be kept to a minimum. According to the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety, the following activities are major distractions:

- 96% Talking to passengers
- 89% Adjusting vehicle climate/radio controls
- 74% Eating a meal/snack
- 51% Using a cell phone
- 41% Tending to children
- 34% Reading a map/publication

To reduce the possibility of distractions, all employees driving a district-owned vehicle or driving a personal vehicle while conducting school business shall:

1. Refrain from using electronic communication devices while the vehicle is moving. This includes hand-held and hands-free devices, however, official two-way private band radios are excluded from this policy.
2. Increase one's consciousness about the threat of distractions to driver and passenger safety.

Approved: December 11, 2006

GAQ Retirement (See GBN)

GAQ

Employees are requested to notify the board of an intent to retire.

Approved:

GAR Communicable Diseases

GAR

Whenever an employee has been diagnosed by a physician as having a communicable disease as defined in current regulation, the employee shall report the diagnosis and nature of the disease to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee so that a proper reporting may be made to the county or joint board of health as required by current law.

An employee afflicted with a communicable disease dangerous to the public health may be excluded from district owned or operated property for the duration of the contagiousness in order to give maximum health protection to other school employees and to students.

The employee shall be allowed to return to duty upon recovery from the illness, when the employee is no longer contagious as authorized by the employee's physician or local health officer, or after the expiration of any period of isolation or quarantine.

The board reserves the right to require a written statement from the employee's physician or local health officer indicating that the employee is free from all symptoms of the communicable disease.

If a school employee has been diagnosed as having a communicable disease and the superintendent has been notified by the employee, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall determine whether a release shall be obtained from the employee's physician or local health officer before the employee returns to duty.

Decisions regarding the type of employment setting for an employee with a communicable disease shall be made by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee based upon consideration of the physical condition of the employee and the following factors:

- the nature of the risk;
- the duration of the risk;
- the severity of the risk; and
- the probability that the disease will be transmitted or cause harm to the employee or to others who will share the same setting.

No information regarding employees with communicable diseases shall be released by school personnel without the employee's consent except as allowed by state or federal law.

Additional Certifications of Health

If at any time the board has reason to believe that an employee is suffering from an illness detrimental to the health of pupils, the board reserves the right to require such employee to provide the board with a new certificate of health in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the school's students.

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KASB Recommendation – 2/98; 6/01; 4/07; 10/12; 1/13; 12/20

GARA Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan

GARA

The board shall adopt an exposure control plan which conforms with current Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and regulations of the Kansas Department of Human Resources (KDHR).

The plan shall be accessible to all employees and shall be reviewed and updated at least annually. All staff shall receive the training and equipment necessary to implement the plan.

Approved:

Eligible district employees shall be provided family and medical leave as provided by a plan approved by the board. The plan for providing leave under this policy shall be filed with the clerk of the board and made available to all staff at the beginning of each school year.

Approved: October, 2008; June, 2013

GARI FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PLAN

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SAMPLE: FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PLAN

Family and medical leave as required by federal law shall be granted for a period of up to 12 weeks during a 12-month period. For purposes of this policy, a 12-month period shall be defined as a fiscal year beginning on July 1 and ending the following June 30. Spouses who are eligible for FMLA leave and are both employed by the district may be limited to a combined total of 12 weeks of leave during any 12-month period if the leave is taken for birth of the employee's son or daughter or to care for the child after birth, for placement of a son or daughter with the employee for adoption or foster care or to care for the child after placement, or to care for the employee's parent with a serious health condition.

Leave is available for the following:

- (1) the birth of a son or daughter of the employee and to care for the newborn child;
- (2) the placement of a son or daughter with the employee for adoption or foster care and to care for the newly placed child;
- (3) to allow the employee to care for the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent with a serious health condition;
- (4) a serious health condition of the employee that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his or her job;
- (5) any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a covered military member on active duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to achieve active duty) in support of a contingency operation; and
- (6) the need to care for a covered service member with a serious injury or illness if the employee is the spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of the service member. Eligible employees are, for reason (6) only, entitled to a combined total of 26 workweeks of leave during a 12-month period.

This leave shall normally be unpaid leave. However, if the employee has any paid vacation, personal, or sick leave that is available for use because of the reason for the leave, the paid leave shall be used concurrently with the annual family and medical leave. The superintendent will notify the employee of the beginning date of family and medical leave and the amount of the employee's accrued paid leave designated as family and medical leave.

The employee is eligible for family and medical leave if he or she has been employed by the district for at least 12 months and has worked at least 1,250 hours during the 12-month period immediately preceding the commencement of the FMLA leave.

During the period of any unpaid family and medical leave, the board shall continue to pay the employer's share of the cost of group health benefits in

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the same manner as paid immediately prior to the leave. Any employee portion of the cost shall be paid by the employee to the clerk of the board on the payroll date or other time as the employee and superintendent may agree prior to the commencement of the leave. The board may terminate group health coverage if the employee's portion of the payment is not received within 30 days of the due date, so long as written notice of the delinquency in payment and the notice of intent to terminate coverage are sent at least 15 days prior to the termination.

When leave is foreseeable, the employee shall give written notice 30 days in advance. If leave is not foreseeable, notice will be given as soon as is practicable.

Upon the employee providing notice of need for leave, the employer will notify the employee of the following within 5 business days, absent extenuating circumstances:

- a. whether or not the employee is eligible for FMLA leave, and the reasons that leave will or will not count as family and medical leave;
- b. any requirements for medical certification;
- c. employer requirement of substituting paid leave;
- d. requirements for premium payments for health benefits and employee responsibility for repayment if employer pays employee share;
- e. right to be restored to same or equivalent job; and
- f. any employer required fitness-for-duty certifications.

The superintendent may require an instructional employee to continue leave until the end of a semester if the leave begins more than five (5) weeks before the end of a semester, lasts more than three (3) weeks and the return would occur during the last three (3) weeks of the semester.

Leave for reason 1 or 2 must be taken within 12 months of the date of birth or placement of the child. Family leave for reasons 1 or 2 may not be used intermittently or on a part-time basis without the prior approval of the superintendent.

If the leave is for a reason other than the employee's serious health conditions or for a qualifying exigency as described in section (5) above, the superintendent may require an instructional employee to continue leave until the end of a semester, if:

1. the leave begins in the last five (5) weeks of a semester, will last more than two (2) weeks and the return to work would occur in the last two (2) weeks of a semester, or
2. the leave begins in the last three (3) weeks of a semester, and lasts more than five (5) days.

Military Leave

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Employees are entitled to military leave under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. The Act applies to military service that began on or after December 12, 1994, or military service that began before December 12, 1994, if the employee was a reservist or National Guard member who provided notice to the employer before leaving work.

Reemployment rights extend to persons who have been absent from work because of “service in the uniformed services.” The uniformed services consist of the following military branches:

- Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard.
- Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve
- Air Force Reserve or Coast Guard Reserve.
- Army National Guard or Air National Guard.
- Commissioned corps of the Public Health Service.
- Any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or emergency.

“Service” in the uniformed services means duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service, including:

- Active duty.
- Active duty for training.
- Initial active duty for training.
- Inactive duty training.
- Full-time National Guard duty.
- Absence from work for an examination to determine a person’s fitness for any of the above types of duty.

The employee may be absent for up to five (5) years for military duty and retain reemployment rights. There are, however, exceptions which can exceed the five (5) year limit. Reemployment protection does not depend on the timing, frequency, duration or nature of an individual’s service. The law enhances protections for disabled veterans including a requirement to provide reasonable accommodations and up to two (2) years to return to work if convalescing from injuries received during service or training.

The returning employee is entitled to be reemployed in the job that they would have attained had they not been absent for military service, with the same seniority, status and pay, as well as other rights and benefits determined by law. If necessary, the employer must provide training or retraining that enables the employee to refresh or upgrade their skills so they can qualify for reemployment. While the individual is performing military service, he or she is deemed to be on a furlough or leave of absence and is entitled to the non-seniority rights accorded other individuals on non-military leaves of absence. Individuals performing military duty of more than 30 days may elect to continue employer sponsored health care for

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up to 1824 months at a cost of up to 102 percent of the full premium. For military service of less than 31 days, health care coverage is provided as if the individual had never left. All pensions which are a reward for length of service are protected.

Individuals must provide advance written or verbal notice to their employers for all military duty. Notice may be provided by the employee or by the branch of the military in which the individual will be serving.

Notice is not required if military necessity prevents the giving of notice; or, if the giving of notice is otherwise impossible or unreasonable.

Accrued vacation or annual leave may be used, (but is not required,) while performing military duty. The individual's timeframe for returning to work is based upon the time spent on military duty.

TIME SPENT ON MILITARY DUTY	RETURN TO WORK OR APPLICATION FOR REEMPLOYMENT
Less than 31 days:	Must return at the beginning of the next regularly scheduled work period on the first full day after release from service, taking into account safe travel home plus an eight (8) hour rest period.
More than 30 but less than 181 days:	Must submit an application for reemployment within 14 days of release from service.
More than 180 days:	Must submit an application for reemployment within 90 days of release from service.

The individual's separation from service must be under honorable conditions in order for the person to be entitled to reemployment rights. Documentation showing eligibility for reemployment can be required. The employer has the right to request that an individual who is absent for a period of service of 31 days or more provide documentation showing:

- The application for reemployment is timely;
- the five-year service limitation has not been exceeded; and
- separation from service was under honorable conditions.

If documentation is not readily available or does not exist, the individual must be reemployed. However, if after reemploying the individual, documentation becomes available that shows one or more reemployment requirements were not met, the employer may terminate the individual, effective immediately. The termination does not operate retroactively. Questions regarding military leave should be directed to Veterans' Employment and Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor. Kansas law also

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requires reemployment if an individual is called to active duty by the state.

Approved: KASB Recommendation 9/97; 4/07; 6/08; 6/09; 6/10; 6/23

GBA Compensation Guides and Contracts

GBA

The board shall develop compensation guides for the district.

Approved:

GBA-R Compensation Guides and Contracts

GBA-R

(Provisions of district's schedules and contracts for regular compensation and for supplemental compensation may be inserted here. Only those provisions that are not negotiated should be included.)

Approved:

GBBA Qualifications and Duties

GBBA

A job description for each category of certified employee will be developed by the superintendent. A copy of each job description shall be filed with the clerk and may be published in the appropriate handbook.

Approved:

GBC Recruitment

GBC

Subject to board approval, the superintendent is directed to recruit qualified personnel to staff the schools. The superintendent may request building principals or other staff members to assist in this effort.

Approved:

GBD Hiring

GBD

Certified Selection

The board shall approve the employment of all employees. While this legal responsibility cannot be waived, the board delegates to the superintendent the authority to recruit staff members. In carrying out this responsibility, the superintendent may involve administrators and teachers.

Approved:

GBD-R Hiring (See GAAA)

GBD-R

All employment contracts recommended by the superintendent are subject to ratification by the board.

The employment of any staff member is not official until the contract is signed by the candidate and approved by the board.

The hiring sequence shall be as follows:

The verbal offer of employment to the candidate;

Verbal acceptance by the candidate;

Contract sent to the candidate and candidate's acceptance signified by a signed contract returned to the superintendent; and

Approval of the contract by the board.

Approved:

GBE Assignment and Transfer

GBE

The board retains the right to assign, reassign and transfer all personnel.

Approved:

GBG Probation

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The authority to recommend to the board that certified staff members be placed on probation is delegated to the superintendent. The board, after hearing the superintendent's recommendation for probation and after evaluating the evidence gathered by the administrative staff, may place a certified staff member on probation. The term of probation will be established by the board, but in no event shall said probation extend beyond one calendar year. A second year of probation may be instituted when sufficient progress has not been made by the staff member.

Approved:

GBG-R Probation

GBG-R

All conditions of probation shall be in writing. One copy shall be given to the employee, and one copy shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

Failure by an employee to remedy the causes of probation may result in nonrenewal or termination of the employment contract.

Approved:

GBH Supervision

GBH

The superintendent and other administrators designated by the superintendent have the right to supervise licensed staff. The responsibility for the immediate supervision of licensed staff rests with each building principal.

Approved:9/19

KASB Recommendation – 2/98; 4/07; 6/19

GBI Evaluation

GBI

The board shall adopt an approved evaluation instrument. The instrument shall govern evaluation of teachers, shall be filed with the clerk and may be published in teacher handbooks.

Availability of Evaluation Documents

Completed evaluation documents shall be available to the employee, the superintendent, assistant superintendent, other administrators under whose supervision the teacher works, and others authorized by law. (See GAK)

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation criteria shall be established by the board.

Approved: August 11, 2003

The superintendent shall have the authority to suspend licensed employees with pay pending further board action.

The superintendent may suspend licensed employees with pay for any reason, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following: alleged violation of board policy, rule or regulation; refusal or failure to follow a reasonable directive of an administrator; the filing of a complaint against the employee with any civil or criminal authority; the alleged commission of an offense involving moral turpitude; or other good cause.

If a suspension without pay is imposed on an employee, the employee is entitled to pay until the employee has been advised of the basis for suspension and has been given an opportunity to respond.

Approved: October 13, 2008

GBN Nonrenewal and Termination

GBN

Nonrenewal or termination shall be in accordance with Kansas law and the negotiated agreement, as applicable.

Approved:

KASB Recommendation – 2/98; 4/07; 6/19

GBO Resignation

GBO

The board shall consider any licensed employee's resignation which is submitted to the board in writing. The board may accept resignations from employees under contract when the resignation will be in the best interests of the district and when such resignations are accompanied by full payment for any applicable liquidated damages due to the board for release from contract pursuant to the negotiated agreement.

If the licensed employee terminates employment in the district without complying with board policy and the negotiated agreement on liquidated damages, the board may petition the State Board of Education to have the teacher's license suspended.

Exit Interviews

Exit interviews may be conducted after an employee resigns.

Approved:

KASB Recommendation – 2/98; 6/06; 4/07; 10/18

Reduction of Teaching Staff

GBQA

Unless otherwise provided in the negotiated agreement, if the board decides that the size of the teaching staff must be reduced, the following guidelines in the following rule or the negotiated agreement, if applicable, shall be followed.

Insofar as possible, reduction of staff shall be accomplished by attrition due to resignations and retirement. Following attrition, if additional reductions are required, the following steps will be utilized by the district's administrative staff to reduce the teaching staff:

- The number of teaching positions to be reduced shall be in accordance with the educational goals established by the board.
- The number of teachers needed to implement the district's educational program will then be determined by the administrative staff based on those educational goals in determining which teachers will be nonrenewed due to reduction in force.
- The educational goals and needs of the district, individual certifications, qualifications, training, skills, evaluations, and interests shall be considered.

If all of the teachers in the area identified for reduction have similar certifications, qualifications, training, skills, evaluations and interests, the teacher(s) who best meets the needs of the district, considering the factors outlined above and any other relevant factors, will be retained.

Any certified employee who has not been reemployed as a result of reduction of the teaching staff shall be considered for reemployment if a vacancy exists for which the teacher would qualify. Certified employees who may be eligible for reemployment are required to notify the district of their current address. The superintendent will recommend to the board reinstatement of any teacher he/she deems qualified and able to serve the best interests of the district. The board shall not be required to consider reinstatement of any teacher after a period of one year from the date of nonrenewal.

Approved: KASB Recommendation – 2/98; 4/07; 6/14; 6/23

Certified personnel must be at their assigned area during each duty day. Any teacher who finds it necessary to leave while supervising students shall first secure approval from the principal. Building and playground assignments shall be made by the principal.

Work Schedules

The minimum length of the school day for licensed and professional staff shall be defined in the negotiated agreement. Work schedules for other employees shall be defined by the superintendent consistent with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and the provisions of this policy.

Attendance Required

Regular attendance is required of all employees subject to leave provisions in district policy or the negotiated agreement, as appropriate. Excessive absences or tardiness, unauthorized leave or unexcused absences may result in disciplinary action including termination of employment.

Approved: July 11, 2005

GBRC Professional Development (See GBRH and GAN)

GBRC

There shall be a program of professional development for employees, which meets minimum statutory and State Board of Education requirements. The program shall promote:

- continuous professional development;
- improving academic achievement for all students;
- diversification in academic foundations or subject knowledge; and
- improved job effectiveness and enhanced skills.

When appropriate, the superintendent shall consult with the staff about professional development activities.

All appropriate employees shall attend professional development sessions unless excused by the superintendent. Professional development programs may use all or a portion of the workday.

Approved: August 11, 2003

GBRD Staff Meetings

GBRD

Staff meetings for licensed personnel shall be called by the administration.

Approved: 9/19

KASB Recommendation – 2/98; 4/07; 6/19

GBRE Additional Duty

In addition to extra duty and supplemental duty which is assigned and compensated for as specified in the negotiated agreement, the board may establish out-of-class educational assignments that may extend beyond the school day or time class is in session.

Approved:

GBRE Additional Duty

GBRE

The board may establish other educational assignments that may extend beyond the school day or time class is in session. Compensation for such assignments, if any, will be as specified in the negotiated agreement.

Approved: 09-10-07; 10-10-16

KASB Recommendation – 2/98; 4/07; 6/16

GBRG Non-School Employment

GBRG

The board reserves the right of exclusive access to the professional services of certified employees in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Certified employees shall not be permitted to engage in outside employment which impairs the effectiveness of their instructional service.

Approved:

GBRGA Consulting

GBRGA

Certified employees may be excused from regular duty by the board to perform technical or instructional services as consultants to other districts, government agencies or private industry.

Approved:

GBRGA-R Consulting

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Requests for approval to serve as a consultant shall be submitted in writing to the superintendent who shall forward the request together with a recommendation to the board for consideration.

Approved:

GBRGB Tutoring for Pay

GBRGB

Teachers shall not receive pay for tutoring unless approved in advance by the board.

Approved:

GBRGB-R Tutoring for Pay

GBRGB-R

Parents who feel that their children need tutoring may discuss the situation with the building principal, counselor or the teacher. Tutoring assignments may be accepted by the teacher involved when recommended by the principal and superintendent and approved by the board prior to the beginning of any such instruction.

Approved:

Licensed employees will be provided with paid and unpaid leave in accordance with applicable law and the negotiated agreement. The board reserves the right to grant additional leave.

Approved: 9/19

KASB Recommendation – 7/03; 4/07; 6/19

GBRI Personal Leaves and Absences

GBRI

As specified in the negotiated agreement certified personnel may be granted personal leaves and absences.

Emergency and Legal

Emergency leaves, including legal leave without pay, may be granted by the superintendent. Emergency leave, including legal leave with pay, may be granted at the discretion of the board.

Illness (Sick Leave)

As specified in the negotiated agreement, certified employees may be provided with leaves of absence with pay for illness.

Religious

Leaves of absence without pay may be granted for participating in religious activities.

Bereavement

Bereavement leave may be granted with pay for death within the immediate family.

Approved: KASB Recommendation-7/96

GBRI-R Personal Leaves and Absences

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Emergency and Legal

To the extent possible, employees should give advance notice in requesting emergency leaves. Whenever an employee takes an emergency leave without prior consent, the employee shall notify the principal or immediate supervisor at the earliest possible time. When the employee is unable to

give such notice, arrangements should be made for some other person to notify the employee's principal or immediate supervisor of the emergency leave.

If the employee desires not to have a salary deduction made for the emergency leave, an application shall be made to the board by filing a request with the superintendent within ten days following the return from the emergency leave which shall explain in full the nature of the leave and the reasons why the employee is of the opinion no salary deduction should be made. The request shall be considered at the next regular board meeting; however, filing the request in no way guarantees that the request shall be granted by the board.

Legal Leave

Legal leave shall mean time away from the job for the purpose of prosecuting or defending a legal action or for testifying in either a court of law or before an administrative body. If the teacher is a plaintiff in an action against the district, this rule shall not apply. Time away from the job for any action shall be taken as provided in policy and covered by other leave provisions as allowed by the district.

Jury Duty

An employee called to jury duty may be paid regular school wages if the employee endorses all jury duty pay, except reimbursement for mileage and subsistence, over to the district.

Religious

Requests for religious leave without pay must be made to the superintendent at least five school days prior to the first day of the requested

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leave. The leave may be granted by the superintendent, but the leave shall not exceed two school days per employee per school year. The request for religious leave shall be in writing and shall fully explain the time, date and reasons of the leave.

Bereavement

Employees desiring bereavement leave shall contact their immediate supervisor. The leave shall be granted when the deceased was related to the employee as a spouse, grandparent, parent, child, brother, sister or grandchild. Bereavement leave may also be granted when the deceased was residing with the employee at the time of death. Other bereavement leave may be granted at the discretion of the superintendent. The length of each bereavement leave shall be determined by the superintendent, but no leave shall exceed three consecutive school days. The leave shall be granted with pay.

Approved: March 8, 1999 Board of Education meeting

GBRIBA Disability Leave

GBRIBA

The board may grant leave of absence for disability with or without pay. Disability is a temporary suspension of duties subject to the board's policies/rules generally. (See GBN, GBN-R, GBRI, GBRI-R.)

Approved:

GBRIBA-R Disability Leave

GBRIBA-R

Any teacher who becomes disabled due to illness or injury or anticipates becoming disabled for reasons including, but not limited to, surgery, hospital confinement, medical treatment, confinement at home by order of the teacher's physician or pregnancy may become eligible for a leave of absence based upon said disability upon compliance with the rules hereinafter set forth.

Anticipating Disability

Any teacher who reasonably anticipates becoming disabled because of any of the reasons set forth above shall give written notice to the superintendent of the condition expected to result in disability as soon as the condition is known to the teacher. In addition, such notice shall contain a statement from the teacher specifying the date on which the teacher wishes to commence disability leave and the expected date on which the teacher wishes to resume duty following recovery from said disability along with a statement from the teacher's physician concerning the teacher's present general health and physical capacity to work.

When a teacher desires to continue in the performance of duty during the period of time from the date of giving notice to the superintendent, as set forth above, to the date of disability, the teacher shall be permitted to do so only when the teacher's physician statement indicates that said teacher is physically capable of continuing to perform assigned duties. Such statement shall establish the time period, in the opinion of said physician, during which the teacher is expected to be capable of performing said duties.

After consultation with the teacher, the teacher's immediate supervisor, if any, and principal, the superintendent shall determine whether or not the teacher is capable of performing assigned duties up to the date requested by the teacher.

In no event shall the board be obligated to permit a teacher anticipating a state of disability to continue in the performance of duty where the performance of said teacher has substantially declined from that performance shown by the teacher prior to consultation with the superintendent provided in the paragraph immediately preceding.

The statement of the teacher's physician concerning the teacher's general health and physical capacity to work shall be submitted for board consideration together with the recommendation of the superintendent concerning the teacher's continued performance of assigned duties. The board will consider both the recommendation of the superintendent and the physician's statement when acting to allow said teacher's continued performance of assigned duties after notification of the anticipated disability. The board

reserves the right to have the teacher examined by a physician of the board's choice at district expense.

Failure or refusal of the teacher to furnish a physician's report or to be examined by the board's physician shall preclude the teacher from receiving any sick leave benefits for any disability and effect a waiver of said eligibility to resume assigned duties.

If the teacher does not agree to the findings of the superintendent, the teacher may request a hearing before the board to state reasons for continuance of assigned duties. The hearing must be requested by the teacher in writing within a reasonable period of time prior to the regular board meeting when said teacher's future employment status will be determined. Said request will be delivered to the superintendent or the clerk of the board.

The board will make its decision within a reasonable period of time after hearing all of the evidence presented by the teacher, the superintendent and the teacher's physician. Said decision will be based on the evidence presented at the hearing.

Whenever, in the opinion of the board, the dates for the commencement of an anticipated disability leave and/or the dates for the resumption of duties would substantially interfere with the administration of the school or with the education of students, the requested dates may be changed by the board. The teacher shall resume assigned duties no later than the first day of the school year following the date that the teacher was declared eligible for resumption of duties. Failure to appear for resumption of duties shall be deemed a resignation by the teacher.

When it is mutually agreed to between the teacher and the board that the teacher will not resume contracted duties for the school year in which the teacher would be eligible to resume duty, the teacher shall be separated from employment as provided by law (See GBN and GBN-R). The board will have discharged its responsibility after offering to allow the teacher to resume duty in the first vacancy for which the teacher is certified that occurs after the teacher has been declared eligible for resumption of duty.

Returning to Duty

The teacher who submits a written physician's report that the teacher is physically fit for full-time employment may be declared eligible for resumption of duties.

If the superintendent or the teacher's immediate supervisor has a good faith doubt that the teacher is capable of resuming regular classroom duties, the superintendent shall conduct an inquiry to determine whether the teacher is capable of resuming regular classroom duties. The findings and conclusions of the superintendent's inquiry will be given to the teacher in writing at the conclusion of the investigation. If the findings and conclusions are contrary to the opinion of the teacher and the teacher's physician, the teacher may request a hearing before the board to resolve the matter. The request for said hearing shall be given to the clerk of the board in writing within a reasonable period of time after receipt of the superintendent's report. The board will hold the hearing at its next regularly scheduled board meeting.

If the board has a good faith doubt that an employee, not returning to duty after a disability, is unable to resume contracted duties, the

board may request that the employee be examined by a physician of the board's choice at district expense. If the physician's report is that the employee is able to resume work, the board may require the employee to do so or to be placed on unpaid leave and possible suspension. The employee may request a hearing to resolve the matter before the board as herein provided previously.

Extensions or Reductions of Leave

Where disability leaves have been approved, the beginning or ending dates thereof may be further extended or reduced for medical reasons upon application by the teacher to the board. Such extensions or reductions may be granted by the board for additional reasonable periods of time provided, however, that the board may alter the requested dates upon a finding that such extension or reduction would substantially interfere with the administration of the school and/or with the education of the students and provided further that such change by the board is supported by reasonable evidence.

The provision of this regulation shall not be deemed to impose on the board any obligations to grant or extend a leave of absence to any nontenured teacher beyond the end of the contract school year in which the leave is obtained.

Leave Benefits

All personnel benefits accrued by the teacher at the date the disability leave begins will be retained during disability leave unless the person concerned shall have severed the employment relationship by resignation.

No additional personnel benefits will accrue during the period of disability leave except as expressly provided by law.

The provisions of this policy and regulation shall not be applicable and shall be of no force nor effect during any period of time not covered by a contract of employment with the teacher.

A leave of absence due to a disability may be chargeable to the sick leave of the teacher. (See GBRI & GBRI-R)

District disability or sick leave benefits shall be reduced by any duplicating monetary benefit received by the employee under any plan, including a plan established by law, toward which the board contributes or for which the board pays. The board will retroactively adjust the district benefits provided by the board under one plan when granted prior to the notice that the employee has elected to file for benefits under another plan provided in full or in part by the board, e.g., an employee's utilizing paid sick leave for a disability and filing for benefits under workmen's compensation which would be paid, duplicate all or part of the benefit provided earlier and increase the employer's contribution rate because of the loss-experience record.

Such retroactive adjustment may involve a prorata deduction in wages to compensate for duplication of benefits or an endorsing all or part of the benefit over to the district. In either case, a proration of sick leave taken earlier will be reinstated to the employee's accrued accumulated sick leave. The adjustment will be conducted as group insurance companies coordinate benefits so that the employee receives the best adjustment of his full claim, but never more than the full amount of his claim. Such an adjustment shall

GBRIBA-R Disability Leave

GBRIBA-R-7

not affect any personal insurance coverage carried by the employee in which the board is not a contributor.

Approved:

GBRJ Substitute Teaching

GBRJ

Qualified substitute teachers shall be secured for the district.

The superintendent (shall/may) meet with potential substitutes before the start of each school year.

The superintendent and principals shall compile a list of approved substitute teachers, and each building principal shall have a copy of the list prior to the beginning of each school year.

Building principals shall be responsible for obtaining substitute teachers and employing them as needed.

The superintendent shall be responsible for developing a substitute's handbook.

The board shall establish the rate of pay for substitute teachers each (fill in month).

Approved:

GBRJ-R Substitute Teaching

GBRJ-R

Candidates will receive a substitute's handbook, an explanation of the substitute program, application forms, and necessary tax forms and other records to be completed.

The handbook shall include information on when and how candidates should apply to be substitutes, the rates of pay, the time of the morning or day that substitutes can expect to be called for duty, instructions on where to report for all district attendance centers, maps of the school district and of each attendance center, a current copy of the school calendar, a copy of the

board's educational philosophy (see IA), hints on working with students, a statement of expectations the district has for substitutes, a list of things the substitute must do before leaving for the day and a sample report form for reporting incidents that may take place during the day.

Substitutes are encouraged to prepare, in advance, for the subjects in which they are most likely to substitute in case lesson plans are not available as required in IKI.

Whenever a teacher is to be absent from teaching duties, the teacher shall notify the principal as early as possible or shall arrange to have some other person notify the principal.

Each principal shall file a report with the superintendent listing the substitutes used in the building during each pay period.

Each spring the superintendent shall meet with the principals and review the performance of the substitutes used throughout the school year.

Approved:

District employees may have ongoing opportunities to access confidential information or records that are required to be kept confidential. Much of the student information processed by district employees is confidential, and state and federal law limits its release; for example, driver record and vehicle registration information, confidential student records, criminal history background check information, information obtained pursuant to Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) interventions, social security number information, and professional misconduct background checks.

Employees are prohibited from divulging information contained in the student records and files of the district, except to other, authorized employees who may need such information for an educational purpose in connection with their duties and to authorized persons or agencies only in accordance with law, district policies, and administrative rules.

If an employee is approached to provide information inappropriately, the employee must refuse to release the requested information unless authorized by his/her supervisor or otherwise be required to release the information under law or court order. In all cases, the employee's immediate supervisor shall immediately be informed, of any requests.

Any employee who inappropriately releases information, or uses confidential information obtained in the course of his/her employment with the district will be disciplined in accordance with board policies, the negotiated agreement, and district procedures. Disciplinary action may include penalties, up to, and including, termination.

Approved: August 8, 2005

An educator in the performance of assigned duties shall:

- meet and continuously maintain applicable certification or licensure requirements as defined by state and/or federal law for position held;
- actively support and pursue the district's educational mission;
- recognize the basic dignity of all individuals;
- maintain professional integrity;
- avoid accepting anything of substantial value offered by another which is known to be or which may appear to influence judgment or the performance of duties;
- accurately represent professional qualifications; and
- be responsible to present any subject matter in a fair and accurate manner.

Approved:

KASB Recommendation – 2/98; 4/07; 12/16; 7/17

GCA Compensation and Work Assignments

GCA

Classified employees shall be paid according to pay rates established by the board. Payment shall be made at the established pay date following the end of each pay period.

Work Assignments

Subject to board approval, the superintendent shall develop time schedules for all classified employees. Work assignments for classified employees shall be made by the superintendent.

Attendance Required

Regular attendance is required of all employees subject to leave provisions in district policy, employee handbooks or other documents approved by the board. Excessive absences or tardiness, unauthorized leave or unexcused absences shall result in disciplinary action including termination of employment.

Workweek For the purposes of Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) compliance, the workweek will be 12:00 a.m. Monday until 11:59 p.m. Sunday.

Classification of Employees

For purposes of compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), the superintendent shall ensure that all job positions are classified as exempt or nonexempt and that employees are made aware of such classifications.

Overtime

No non-exempt employee shall work more than 40 hours per week without the prior written permission of the appropriate supervisor.

Principals and supervisors shall monitor employees' work to ensure that the overtime provisions of this policy and the Fair Labor Standards Act are followed. All employees shall be compensated for overtime worked, at a rate of one and a half times their normal rate of pay for any hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

Non-exempt employees whose workweek is less than 40 hours will be paid at the regular rate of pay for time worked up to 40 hours. Overtime pay will be provided only if an employee works more than 40 hours in a workweek.

Compensation for Out-of-Town/Overnight Trips (See GAN)

When classified personnel are required to be out of town on district business, they shall be compensated for:

Regular or overtime pay as appropriate MINUS:

1. Eight hours for sleep when overnight;
2. Reasonable time for meals (normally one hour per meal); and
3. Time used exclusively for pleasure or personal business.

Approved: July 11, 2005

GCC Recruitment

GCC

The superintendent will recruit noncertified personnel to fill existing or proposed vacancies and recommend that the board hire the best qualified candidate.

Approved:

GCDA Teacher Aides and Paraprofessionals

GCDA

Teacher aides and paraprofessionals shall follow all applicable board policies, rules and regulations and shall be under the general supervision of the building principal.

Approved:

GCE Assignment and Transfer

GCE

The board reserves the right to assign, reassign or transfer all noncertified employees.

Approved:

GCH Supervision

GCH

The superintendent has the responsibility to supervise all non-certified employees not directly under the supervision of a building principal. A building principal has the responsibility to supervise all non-certified employees who are assigned to the building.

Approved:

GCI Classified Employee Evaluation

GCI

All classified employees shall be evaluated twice during their first year of employment and at least once a year during subsequent years. Evaluation documents will be on file with the clerk of the board.

Approved:

GCI-R Classified Employee Evaluation

GCI-R

Classified employees shall be evaluated by the principal of the building to which they are assigned. District-level classified employees shall be evaluated by the superintendent.

Classified employees shall be evaluated on their personal qualities, their commitment to duty and specific work-related skills which are directly related to their job description. A copy of the completed evaluation will be given to each employee after it is signed by the employee and the evaluator. A copy will also be placed in the employee's personnel file at the district office.

Approved:

SUPPORT STAFF EVALUATION

Employee _____ Date _____

Position _____

Building _____

I. Personal Qualities **Below Standard** **Meets Standard**

1.	Punctual		
2.	Wise use of time		
3.	Neat and well groomed		
4.	Gets along with school personnel		
5.	Relations with public		
6.	Relations with students		
7.	General attitude		
8.	Physical health		
9.	Is supportive of administrative decisions		
10.	Is self-motivated		
11.	Demonstrates initiative on the job		

II. Work Related Skills

1.	Able to cope with stressful situations		
2.	Communicates effectively		
3.	Cooperative with others		
4.	Quality of work		
5.	Quantity of work		
6.	Organization of work		
7.	Understanding of the work		
8.	Follows directions		

SUPPORT STAFF EVALUATION Cont.

II. Work Related Skills Cont.

Below Standard Meets Standard

9.	Adaptability		
10.	Promptness in completing tasks		
11.	Care of equipment		
12.	Is able to direct and supervise others		
13.	Prepares visual materials, handouts, and other instructional support materials		
14.	Is capable of setting up equipment and operating it		

*Specific indicators from each employee's job description should be inserted here.

III. Commitment to Duty

Below Standard Meets Standard

1.	Loyalty		
2.	Strives for self-improvement		
3.	Is trustworthy		
4.	Dependable		
5.	Uses wise judgment		
6.	Accepts suggestions in a positive manner		
7.	Keeps information confidential concerning school records and school operations as it pertains to pupils, parents & school personnel		

On the forms provided, the supervisor and employee shall develop a growth plan for areas listed as below standard.

Comments

Supervisor:

Employee:

Signature of employee does not necessarily indicate agreement; however, it is required by law. The signature indicates that this evaluation has been discussed by the employee and the supervisor. The employee has ten days to write a response which will be attached to the original instrument to be placed in the personnel file.

Date of Review

Supervisor's Signature Date

Employee's Signature Date

GCK Suspension

GCK

The superintendent shall have the authority to suspend classified employees with or without pay. If a suspension without pay is imposed on a classified employee, the employee is entitled to pay until the employee has been advised of the basis for suspension and has been given an opportunity to respond.

Approved: October 13, 2008

Non-certified employees may resign from their jobs in accordance with the employment agreement and board policies.

Approved:

GCR Work Schedules

GCR

The board will make reasonable effort to establish and maintain adequate working conditions.

Time Schedules

The superintendent shall develop time schedules for all noncertified employees, subject to approval by the board.

Work Load

Work load assignments for noncertified personnel, i.e., clerical, aides, nurses, maintenance, custodial, food service and transportation, shall be made by the superintendent.

Approved:

GCR-R Work Schedules

GCR-R

Time Schedules

Time schedules for noncertified employees will be assigned at the beginning of the employment term by the superintendent.

Work Load

The normal work load for noncertified personnel shall consist of 40 hours per week for full-time employment.

Approved:

GCRF Non-School Employment

GCRF

Noncertified employees shall not be excused during their regularly assigned time schedule to perform outside work. Noncertified employees shall engage in no outside employment which impairs the effectiveness of their assigned duties.

Approved:

Sick Leave

Each non-certified employee of U.S.D. 506 who is employed 12 months annually shall be granted twelve (12) days sick leave per year.

Each non-certified employee of U.S.D. 506 who is employed less than 12 months annually shall be granted their FTE portion of 12 days sick leave per year.

Unused portions of sick leave may accumulate such that the maximum number of days available for a single year does not exceed seventy (70) days.

Sick leave shall be defined as illness of the employee, sickness or death in the immediate family. Immediate family shall constitute husband, wife, son, daughter, brothers, sisters, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.

In the event that an individual fails to complete contract, the sick leave will be prorated over the number of days actually worked.

Sick leave may be used as bereavement leave.

Sick Leave Pool

A sick leave pool provides employees who have used up all their accumulated sick leave an opportunity to request additional days of paid leave when they are faced with major illness or injury. The pool is not intended for brief absences after sick leave is used up. Sick leave pool procedures follow:

1. Each employee shall indicate on a form provided by the district and due by August 1, except in the case of new hire, whether or not s/he intends to participate in the sick leave pool. For new hires, the form shall be due within ten (10) days after the first day of duty. The decision of the employee shall stay in effect until reversed in writing. The board clerk shall maintain a roster of those persons participating in the pool.
2. Employees who participate in the sick leave pool will contribute one (1) day to the pool each year. Days contributed by a member become a permanent part of the pool and will not be refunded to the employee.
3. Only those employees participating in the pool will be eligible to apply for days from the pool.

4. Before using pool days, the employee must exhaust their accumulated sick leave.
5. Sick leave pool days may be used for the employee or his/her immediate family as defined in this policy.
6. An employee is only eligible to collect as many days as s/he has accumulated in sick leave as of August 1.
7. Any eligible person who desires days from the pool must make written application to a sick leave screening board, which shall consist of the superintendent, assistant superintendent, a building principal, and the director of transportation and maintenance. The application must include a written statement from the attending physician.
8. A tie vote shall be considered an approval of the employee's request.
9. The sick leave pool may not be used to cover participants who are receiving pay from workers compensation.
10. If on August 1, the total accumulated days in the sick leave pool is more than 200 days; the requirement to contribute an additional day shall be waived for all members who have participated for at least three (3) consecutive years. The requirement to contribute will be reinstated when the total accumulation falls below 200 days on August 1.
11. If the pool is completely depleted, members may voluntarily contribute additional days to replenish the pool.

Unpaid Leave

The board may grant a period of unpaid leave as determined by the board. The period of leave and reason for unpaid leave shall be determined by the board. The board shall not be required to pay any salary or benefits during periods of unpaid leave except as may be required by law.

If the employee leaves the employment of the district for any reason, no payment will be made for unused sick leave.

Jury Leave

Any employee called to jury duty will be granted paid leave and such leave will not be deducted from the employee's credited paid leave.

Approved: June 9, 2003

GCRH Vacations

GCRH

Full-time employees of the board may be granted a paid vacation each year.

Approved:

GCRH-R Vacations

GCRH-R

For each fiscal school year (July 1 through June 30) of continuous service, full-time (2080 hr.) classified employees shall receive during the first year of employment one week of vacation with pay and two weeks (10 days) vacation with pay each year thereafter. Vacation time shall be arranged with the appropriate supervisor and the superintendent and must be completed within the contract year unless written approval is granted by the superintendent to do otherwise.

Approved:

GCRI Paid Holidays

GCRI

Paid holiday leave may be granted to noncertified employees.

Approved:

GCRI-R Paid Holidays

GCRI-R

In addition to the paid vacation, the following additional time from school duties are granted with pay to full-time (2080 hr.) noncertified employees:

Fourth of July
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day and one additional working day consecutive to December 25th
New Year's Day
Memorial Day

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