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#### 1430.03 - **RATED SICK LEAVE**

Administrators who are appointed to work full-time shall earn one (1) day of paid-rated leave for each month of employment. Earned-rated leave shall be pro-rated in proportion to the number of hours employed per day. Rated leave may not be used before it is earned and credited.

##### A. Accrual

1. Four (4) days of earned rated leave credit shall be annually advanced at the end of the first month of employment of each contract year, and one (1) day of rated leave will be advanced at the end of each successive month of employment. However, each employee is entitled to earn no more than one (1) day of rated leave times the number of months of employment during the year of employment.
2. An employee who is in an active pay status, including leave with pay, shall earn rated leave for each month in which s/he receives pay.
3. An employee who is on leave without pay during a month shall earn rated leave for that month if s/he has worked one (1) day during that month.
4. If the employee terminates his or her employment and has not accrued the four (4) days of rated leave available to him/her, the School Board may withhold the average daily amount for the days of rated leave used but unearned by the employee.

5. Rated leave shall be cumulative from year to year.

#### B. Use

1. An employee taking rated or sick leave shall notify the appropriate supervisor and complete a request for leave before beginning the leave, if possible. In an emergency, leave request should be completed as soon as possible following return to duty.
2. Rated or sick leave and personal leave shall be taken in full day or ~~no less than~~ half-hour increments and may be taken for the following reasons:
  - a. when the employee is unable to perform his/her duty in the school on account of personal sickness, accident, disability, or extended personal illness, and consequently has to be absent from his/her work;
  - b. for the illness or death of the employee's spouse, child, father, mother, brother, sister, other close relative, or member of the employee's own household;
  - c. as personal leave with pay for up to six (6) days per fiscal year; and
  - d. for the maternity or paternity of the employee or the employee's spouse, child, other close relative, or member of the employee's own household.

#### C. Transfer

##### 1. From Other Public Schools

Rated or sick leave may be transferred from other public school Districts in Florida funded through the Florida Education Finance Program. Transferred days may only be credited in a number equal to the number of days earned in this District. Leave is transferred monthly as leave is earned in Jackson County.

##### 2. From the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF)

Educational personnel in DCF residential care facilities who are employed by the Board under the provisions of F.S. 402.22(1)(d) may request, and the Board shall accept, a lump sum transfer of accumulated sick leave for such person employed by the Board in a position that is eligible to accrue rated leave under policies of the Board.

##### 3. To Family Members

An employee may authorize transfer of accrued sick or rated leave to his/her spouse, child, parent, or sibling, who is also a District employee,

The personnel administrator approving the leave may require documentation of the recipient's relationship to the authorizing employee.

(F.S. 1012.61(2)(e)1)

##### 4. To Other Board Employees

An employee may donate (i.e., authorize transfer of) his/her accrued rated or sick leave in whole-day increments only to another Board employee, provided that the transfer relates to reasons a, b, or d set forth in Paragraph (B)(2) herein. The authorizing employee must retain at least five (5) days of sick leave, as of the time of donation under this policy.

The recipient must provide documentation from the treating physician of the illness, accident, or injury for which leave is needed.

Any transferred sick leave that is not used as anticipated shall be returned to the authorizing employee whose donated sick leave has not been used upon the recipients return to work.

The person receiving the transfer may not use the donated sick leave until s/he has exhausted all of his/her own accrued sick leave, excluding sick leave from a sick leave bank, if the recipient participated in a sick leave bank.

Donated sick leave shall have no value for terminal pay.

(F.S. 1012.61(2)(e)2)

D. Terminal Pay for Sick Leave

1. Leave Accumulated While Employed by the District (Sick Leave not Transferred in from Prior Employment Outside the District)

Upon the retirement or death of an employee, s/he, or his/her beneficiary, will be paid for sick leave accumulated through the end of the last month worked. Sick leave (Capped Leave) earned prior to July 1, 2004, is eligible for terminal leave payment at the hourly rate the employee is earning at the time of his/her normal retirement based on the percentages below.

Rated leave is sick leave accrued after June 30, 2004, and shall be compensated at no more than the daily rate of pay applicable at the time the sick leave was earned; sick leave accrued before June 30, 2004, shall be compensated at the daily rate of pay applicable at the time of retirement.

Terminal pay may not exceed an amount determined as follows:

- a. during the first three (3) years of service, the daily rate of pay multiplied by thirty-five percent (35%) times the number of days of accumulated sick leave
- b. during the next three (3) years of service, the daily rate of pay multiplied by forty percent (40%) times the number of days of accumulated sick leave
- c. during the next three (3) years of service, the daily rate of pay multiplied by forty-five percent (45%) times the number of days of accumulated sick leave
- d. during the next three (3) years of service, the daily rate of pay multiplied by fifty percent (50%) times the number of days of accumulated sick leave
- e. during and after the 13th year of service, the daily rate of pay multiplied by 100% times the number of days of accumulated sick leave.

2. Sick Leave Transferred in from Outside the District

Upon the retirement or death of an employee, unused sick leave transferred in from outside the District will be compensated in the same manner as sick leave accumulated while employed through the District.

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