

PERSONNEL

Family Medical Leave

In accordance with provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), a leave of absence of up to twelve (12) weeks during a twelve-(12)-month period may be granted to an eligible employee for the following reasons: 1) birth of a child; 2) placement of a child for adoption or foster care; 3) a serious health condition which makes the employee unable to perform functions of the job; 4) to care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent with a serious health condition; 5) because of a qualifying exigency (as the U.S. Department of Labor Secretary shall, by regulation, determine) arising out of the fact that the spouse, or a son, daughter, or parent of the employee is on active duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty) in the Armed Forces in support of a contingency operation.

Service-member Family Leave

Subject to section 103 of the FMLA of 1993, as amended, an eligible employee who is the spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of a covered service-member shall be entitled to a total of 26 workweeks of leave during a 12-month period to care for the service-member. The leave described in this paragraph shall only be available during a single 12-month period.

An employee is eligible to take FMLA leave, if the employee has been employed for at least twelve (12) months and has worked at least one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) hours during the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the date leave is requested and there have been at least fifty (50) District employees within seventy-five (75) miles for each working day during twenty (20) or more workweeks in the current or preceding calendar year.

Employees will be required to use appropriate paid leave while on FMLA leave. Workers' compensation absences will be designated FMLA leave.

The Board has determined that the twelve-(12)-month period during which an employee may take FMLA leave is July 1 to June 30.

The Superintendent has discretion to require medical certification to determine initial or continued eligibility under FMLA, as well as fitness for duty.

NOTE: This provision applies to school districts with fifty (50) or more employees. Those districts with less than fifty (50) employees must comply with notice and record retention but are not obligated to provide the leave as a benefit of any employee's employment.

Legal Reference: 29 CFR 825, 29 USC 2601, et seq. - Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993
§§2-18-601, et seq., MCA Leave Time
§§49-2-301, et seq., MCA Prohibited Discriminatory Practices
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