STAFF PERSONNEL

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POLICY TITLE LICENSED EMPLOYEE UNPAID LEAVE

No. 409.8

Unpaid leave may be used to excuse an involuntary absence not provided for in other leave policies of the board. Unpaid leave for licensed employees must be authorized by the Executive Director of Human Resources.

The Executive Director of Human Resources will have complete discretion to grant or deny the requested unpaid leave. In making this determination, the Executive Director of Human Resources will consider the effect of the employee's absence on the education program and school district operations, length of service, previous record of absence, the financial condition of the school district, the reason for the requested absence and other factors the Executive Director of Human Resources believes are relevant to making this determination.

If unpaid leave is granted, the duration of the leave period will be coordinated with the scheduling of the education program whenever possible to minimize the disruption of the education program and school district operations.

Whenever possible, licensed employees will make a written request for unpaid leave 5 working days prior to the beginning date of the requested leave. If the leave is granted, the deductions in salary are made unless they are waived specifically by the Superintendent.

The requirements stated in the Master Contract between employees in the certified collective bargaining unit and the board will be followed.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 20; 85; 85A; 85B; 279.12; 509; 509A; 509B (2013).

Cross Reference: 409 Licensed Employee Vacations and Leaves of Absence

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