2.15 LEAVE

G. Bereavement Leave

Any employee who has utilized all of their regular leave (zero leave balance) will be granted one (1) day of bereavement leave per school year, due to a death in the immediate family. Immediate family shall be defined as father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, child, other close relative, or member of his/her own household. Bereavement leave is of special nature and may not be deferred or converted to any other purpose. It is not charged against any other leave account. Application shall be made to the Superintendent and granted by the Superintendent or his/her designee. The employee will not be paid for days not scheduled to work. In order to honor a request for bereavement leave, details about the relationship may be requested by the Superintendent, as well as appropriate documentation, such as published obituary or copy of death certificate.

H. Domestic Violence Leave

Effective July 1, 2007, any employee who has been employed for at least three (3) months, and who has used all of his/her regular leave (zero balance) shall be granted up to three (3) days of leave per contract year due to domestic violence, which may be used to address matters including seeking an injunction for protection; obtaining medical care or mental health counseling for themselves or for a family household member to address physical or psychological injuries arising from domestic violence; obtaining services from a victim-services organization such as a domestic violence shelter or rape crisis center as a result of an act or domestic violence; making an employee's home secure from a perpetrator of domestic violence or seeking alternate housing; or seeking legal assistance or attending or preparing for court related proceedings regarding acts of domestic violence. Domestic violence leave is of special nature and may not be deferred or converted to any other purpose. It shall not be charged against any other leave account. Application for domestic violence leave shall be made to the Superintendent and shall be granted by the Superintendent or his/her designee. Except in cases of imminent danger to the health and safety of the employee or a family or household member. Employees seeking such leave under this provision shall, at the time of making a request, provide advance notice of the need for sick leave and provide documentation about the domestic violence circumstances. Details about the situation may be requested by the Superintendent and may include a request for appropriate documentation, including, but not limited to, police reports, court injunctions/documents and proof of legal counsel in relation to such documents. Leave may be with or without pay at the discretion of the Board.

(Ref. F.S. <u>741.313</u>; 1001.42; 1012.33; 1012.66; 1012.62; 1012.61; 1012.63; 1012.67; 1012.68; 1012.65; 1012.64)(Adopted: 02-08-79; Amended: 10-14-82; 11-08-84; 12-12-85; 03-12-87; 11-17-87; 03-21-91; 04-18-91; 12-19-92; 08-20-92; 02-17-94; 07-28-94; 02-15-99; 11-18-97; 06-18-98; 12-15-98; 03-16-00; 05-16-00, 05-17-01, 09-19-02, 10/16/03, <u>00/00/00</u>)