

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE PERSONAL ILLNESS LEAVE

Classified employees are granted thirteen days of sick leave in their first through third year of employment. During the fourth and fifth year of employment fourteen days are granted. Beginning in the sixth and subsequent years of employment, fifteen days of sick leave will be granted. "Day" is defined as one work day regardless of full-time or part-time status of the employee. A new employee will report for work at least one full work day prior to receiving sick leave benefits. A returning employee will be granted the appropriate number of days at the beginning of each fiscal year. Sick leave may be accumulated up to the maximum of 120 days for classified employees.

Should the personal illness occur after or extend beyond the accumulated sick leave, the employee may apply for disability benefits under the group insurance plan. If the employee does not qualify for disability benefits, the employee may request a leave of absence without pay.

Evidence may be required regarding the mental or physical health of the employee including, but not limited to, confirmation of the following: the employee's illness, the need for the illness leave, the employee's ability to return to work, and the employee's capability to perform the duties of the employee's position. It is within the discretion of the board and the superintendent to determine the type and amount of evidence necessary. When an illness leave will be greater than three consecutive days, the employee will comply with board policy regarding family and medical leave.

If an employee is eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits, the employee will contract the board secretary to implement these benefits.

The requirements stated in the Master Contract between employees in the collective bargaining unit regarding personal illness leave of such employees will be followed.

Legal Reference: Whitney v. Rural Ind. School District, 232 Iowa 61, 4 N.W.2d 394 (1942)
29 U.S.C. §§ 2601 *et seq.* (2012).
29 C.F.R. Pt. 825 (2012)
Iowa Code §§ 20; 85.33, .34, .38(3); 279.40 (2013).
1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 605.
1972 Op. Att'y Gen. 177, 353.
1952 Op. Att'y Gen. 91

Cross Reference: 403.2 Employee Injury on the Job
414.3 Classified Employee Family and Medical Leave
414.8 Classified Employee Unpaid Leave

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