

Van Buren County Board of Education

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1 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

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3 The time allowed for sick leave for professional personnel shall be one (1) day for each month em-
4 ployed during the school year and shall accumulate for an unlimited number of days.¹

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6 Sick leave shall be defined as: illness of a teacher from natural causes or accident, quarantine, or
7 illness or death of a member of the immediate family of a teacher, including the teacher's wife or
8 husband, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, mother-in-law, father-in-law,
9 daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law.²

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11 A signed statement listing the cause of absence shall be provided by the employee on forms furnished
12 by the director of schools and shall promptly be given to the immediate supervisor in support of all
13 claims for sick leave pay. A falsified statement shall be grounds for dismissal.

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15 A certificate from the physician on forms furnished by the Board may be required in support of any
16 claim for sick leave pay.¹

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18 The principal shall notify the director of schools' office at once if an employee is sick beyond the limit
19 of his/her sick leave accumulation. The substitute teacher, beyond this point, must have a certificate
20 or permit and must be paid according to the state salary scale.

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22 Permanent, cumulative sick leave records for each active professional employee shall be kept in the
23 director of schools' office.

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25 A teacher, upon employment, may transfer his/her accumulated sick leave from another Tennessee
26 school system, provided that the director of schools of the system in which the accumulated leave
27 was held provides notarized verification.¹

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29 Sick leave for maternity purposes may be taken during the period of physical disability only. A teacher
30 may use up to thirty (30) days of accumulated sick leave for the adoption of a child. If both adoptive
31 parents are teachers only one parent may request leave. Written verification from the adoption agency
32 or other entity handling the adoption shall be required before the leave is granted.¹

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34 SUPPORT PERSONNEL

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36 Sick leave shall be the same for support personnel as for certified employees.

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38 The time allowed (days earned) for sick leave shall be one-half (1/2) of a day for each month an employee
39 is employed.

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1 Sick leave shall be cumulative for all earned days not used to a maximum of forty (40) days.

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3 At the termination of the employment of any employee, all unused sick leave accumulated by the
4 employee shall be terminated.

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6 The immediate supervisor may require a physician's certificate stating the reason for absence.
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41 Legal References:

- 42 1. TCA 49-5-710
- 43 2. TRR/MS 0520-1-2-.04(2)

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41 Cross References:

- 42 Family and Medical Leave 5.305
- 43 Physical Assault Leave 5.307