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CAREER CENTER**

SECTION: EMPLOYEES
TITLE: SABBATICAL LEAVE FOR RESTORATION OF HEALTH
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338. SABBATICAL LEAVE FOR RESTORATION OF HEALTH	
1. Purpose	This policy shall establish the school's parameters for granting sabbatical leaves for restoration of health for eligible employees.
2. Authority SC 1166 SC 1171	The Joint Operating Committee shall grant sabbatical leaves to administrative employees only for the purpose of restoration of health. The Joint Operating Committee reserves the right to specify the conditions under which sabbatical leaves for restoration of health may be taken, consistent with law.
3. Guidelines	<u>Eligibility</u>
SC 1166	To be eligible for sabbatical leave, and employee shall have completed ten (10) years of satisfactory service in the public schools of the Commonwealth; at least five (5) consecutive years of such service shall be in this Career Center or in a participating school district.
SC 1166	A sabbatical leave may be taken for a half or full school term or for two (2) half school terms during a period of two (2) years, at the option of the employee.
SC 1167	The total number of administrative employees on sabbatical leave at any one time shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the number of eligible employees.
	<u>Application</u>
	Requests for sabbatical leave shall be submitted on the approved form and forwarded with medical documentation to the Executive Director or designee as soon as possible.
	The Joint Operating Committee shall review each application for sabbatical leave and shall approve those meeting the requirements of adopted policy.
	<u>Documentation</u>
	Applicants for sabbatical leave shall submit with the application form an official supporting medical statement and recommendations from his/her physician.

338. Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health

At both the approximate midpoint of the leave and at least thirty (30) days prior to the conclusion of the leave, a physician's statement shall be submitted to the Executive Director or designee, indicating the extent to which the purpose of the leave has been achieved and evaluating the health status of the employee relative to his/her ability to return to employment.

The Joint Operating Committee reserves the right to require at its own expense additional examinations and reports by physicians of its choice to determine the validity of the leave request.

Commitment of Employee

SC 1168 Acceptance of a sabbatical leave incurs a commitment by the employee to return to active duty in this school immediately following the sabbatical leave for one (1) full school year, unless physically or mentally unable to do so,.

The Joint Operating Committee reserves the right to require at its own expense additional examinations and reports by physicians of its choice to determine the employee's ability to return to work.

Commitment of Employer

SC 1168 At the expiration of the sabbatical leave, the employee shall, unless agreed otherwise, be reinstated in the same position held at the time of the granting of the leave.

SC 1170 Time on sabbatical leave shall be counted as time on the job for purposes of seniority, where applicable in the Career Center, and for retirement fund purposes but for no other purpose.

Compensation

SC 1169 During the period of sabbatical leave, an employee shall be compensated at least one-half the salary to which s/he would have been entitled had the employee not taken leave.

While on leave, the employee shall be entitled to insurance benefits provided other employees of a similar class.