



Montgomery County
Public Schools

SICK LEAVE BANK ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: _____
First MI Last Suffix

Location: _____ Position: _____

Employee ID _____ or last four digits of SSN _____

ENROLLMENT

In accordance with Policy 5-7.5, I request to be a participant in the Sick Leave Bank. I understand that an eligible employee may enroll by donating a minimum of one (1) sick leave day, but not more than five (5) sick leave days of his or her accumulated leave to the bank.

I desire to donate _____ day(s) to the Sick Leave Bank. Each day donated is deducted from my accumulated sick leave.

Signature

Date

DECLINATION

My signature below indicates that I have been given the opportunity to participate in the Sick Leave Bank; however at this time I do not wish to enroll.

Signature

Date

Please, submit this form to the Payroll & Benefits Department.

SEE EXCERPT FROM POLICY 5-7.5 BELOW AND CONTINUED ON BACK OF THIS FORM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE SICK LEAVE BANK

Policy 5-7.5 (Excerpt)

Sick Leave Bank

The intent of the Sick Leave Bank is to provide some protection for employees who experience, or whose family members experience, catastrophic or long-term illness, as is further outlined herein.

VRS Hybrid Plan employees are eligible to participate in the sick bank during their first year of employment; thereafter they will not be eligible to participate.

1. Membership

- a. Membership shall be voluntary on the part of all certified and classified personnel who are eligible for sick leave in the division.
- b. Members utilizing the Sick Leave Bank will not have to replace those days except as a regular contributing member of the Sick Leave Bank.

- c. Membership shall be continuous unless withdrawn in writing prior to September 15 each year.
- d. Upon termination of employment or retirement, members will not be allowed to withdraw their days previously contributed.
- e. At the end of the first year of employment for VRS Hybrid Plan employees, such employees will not be allowed to withdraw their days previously contributed.

2. Enrollment

- a. An eligible employee may enroll by donating a minimum of one (1) day but not more than five (5) days of his or her accumulated sick leave to the bank. Donation to the Sick Leave Bank does not eliminate eligibility for the "wellness day" incentive program.
- b. Days donated to the Sick Leave Bank are irrevocably donated and lost to the control or individual use of the donor except as a participant in the Sick Leave Bank.
- c. A Sick Leave Bank enrollment form must be submitted to the division superintendent or designee (Director of Human Resources).
- d. An eligible employee may enroll within the first thirty (30) calendar days of employment or during the annual open enrollment period. The open enrollment period is defined as the employee's first scheduled workday of each school year through September 15.
- e. An employee shall be enrolled in the Sick Leave Bank for six (6) months prior to becoming eligible to utilize the benefits of the Sick Leave Bank.
- f. VRS Hybrid Plan employees will be eligible to utilize the sick bank immediately after enrollment.

3. Use of the Sick Leave Bank

- a. The Sick Leave Bank benefit will be governed under the same rules as the sick leave benefit, subject to the provisions of this subsection.
- b. The Sick Leave Bank must have a minimum of two hundred (200) days donated to implement the program. Members of the bank shall be assessed one (1) day of sick leave if the bank falls below two hundred (200) days. Additional assessments of one (1) day each may be made until the bank has a balance of two hundred (200) days. A member may choose to donate up to five (5) days per assessment. A member shall withdraw from the bank if he/she does not accept the assessment and shall lose all contributed days to that point. Members who have no leave to contribute will be assessed an equal number of days the following September.
- c. To request use of the Sick Leave Bank, the employee must make application to the Director of Human Resources for the benefit. It is not automatic.
- d. No member of the bank will be granted sick leave from the bank until his/her own sick leave, personal leave, and wellness leave have been depleted. Additionally, if an employee has more than five (5) annual leave days, all but five (5) annual leave days must be used prior to using sick leave bank days. If the employee has five (5) or less annual leave days, no use of annual leave days will be required prior to accessing the sick leave bank.
- e. The first five (5) consecutive days of illness not covered by accumulated sick leave, personal leave, wellness leave, or annual leave will not be covered by the Sick Leave Bank. They must be taken as leave without pay.
- f. Each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) a member who meets the requirements may draw days from the Sick Leave Bank according to the following criteria:

- 15 days in first year of Sick Leave Bank enrollment
- 20 days in second year of Sick Leave Bank enrollment
- 30 days in third year and subsequent years of Sick Leave Bank enrollment

Tier placement will be determined based on the employee's years of membership in the Sick Leave Bank at the time of the first day drawn from the Sick Leave Bank.

The total, maximum number of days that an employee may draw from the Sick Leave Bank for use during times of catastrophic or long-term illness of family members is thirty (30) days.

- g. Participating members must meet the requirements in statements 3(c) and (d), immediately above, at the beginning of each school year before being approved for borrowing days from the Sick Leave Bank again. The maximum number of days that can be drawn from the Sick Leave Bank by any one member is 60 days total (including days taken by the employee for use during times of catastrophic or long-term illness of family members).
- h. Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the division superintendent or Director of Human Resources, upon recommendation of the Sick Leave Bank advisory committee, for additional days drawn from the Sick Leave Bank.

The Sick Leave Bank Advisory Committee will be made up of seven (7) representatives from these employee groups: four (4) teachers (appointed by the Montgomery County Education Association President), one (1) administrator, one (1) service department employee, and one (1) clerical support employee, as well as the Director of Human Resources (a non-voting ex-officio member). Each representative (except the Director of Human Resources) must be a member of the Sick Leave Bank and shall be selected by the group they represent. There will be a poll for nominees annually. If there are an excess number of nominees from an employee group, representation of that employee group will be selected from among those nominees by that employee group. The committee will select its chair from among its membership, when convened. This committee shall meet at least once annually to make recommendations to the division superintendent regarding operation of the Sick Leave Bank.

Requests for additional days drawn from the Sick Leave Bank must be in writing to the Director of Human Resources and must include proper documentation by a physician as required.

Additional days may be requested from the Sick Leave Bank according to the same criteria as the original withdrawal:

- 15 days in first year of Sick Leave Bank enrollment
- 20 days in second year of Sick Leave Bank enrollment
- 30 days in third year and subsequent years of Sick Leave Bank enrollment

- i. Days in the Sick Leave Bank not used will be carried over to the next year.

4. Transfer of Sick Leave Days

A participant in the Sick Leave Bank may transfer additional sick leave days, up to five (5), to another specific member in the Sick Leave Bank under the following conditions:

- a. Personnel wishing to transfer sick leave days must have an accumulation exceeding twenty-five (25) days and must complete and submit the Request For Transfer Of Sick Leave Days form to the division superintendent or Director of Human Resources.
- b. The person receiving the transferred sick leave days must have used the maximum days allowed in the regular Sick Leave Bank program.
- c. The maximum number of days for any combination of transfers to any one employee would be ten (10) days per year.
- d. The person receiving days must have exhausted all leave, personal wellness, sick and all but five (5) annual leave days, prior to receiving any additional days from other employees.