Discretionary Leaves – Certificated Personnel
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence up to one (1) year without pay may be granted teachers with at least three (3) years of continuous service to the District. Priority will be given to those requests made for the purpose of continued study/professional development. One additional year's leave of absence may be requested by an employee. Approval of such requests will be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Teachers must apply for such leave no later than April 15 of the year preceding the anticipated year of leave unless circumstances prevent such notification. The superintendent shall consider the needs of the District with respect to the enhancement of the educational program in presenting a recommendation to the Board for the granting of this type of leave.

Upon return from the leave, the teacher will be assigned to an available teaching position within Newport School District for which the teacher is certified or endorsed. An attempt will be made to place the teacher in the same or similar position, but such placement is not guaranteed.