

Stafford Township Board of Education Policy

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The Board of Education shall grant sick leave in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:30-2. All persons holding any office, position, or employment in the school district, who are steadily employed by the Board or who are protected by tenure in their office, position, or employment under the provisions of this or any other law, except persons in the classified service of the civil service under Title 11, Civil Service, of the Revised Statutes shall be allowed sick leave in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:30-2.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1.a., sick leave is defined as the absence from an employee's post of duty, for any of the following reasons:

1. The employee is personally ill or injured;
2. For diagnosis, care, or treatment of, or recovery from, an employee's mental or physical illness, injury or other adverse health condition, or for preventive medical care for the employee;
3. For the employee to aid or care for a family member of the employee during diagnosis, care, or treatment of, or recovery from, the family member's mental or physical illness, injury or other adverse health condition, or during preventive medical care for the family member;
4. Absence necessary due to circumstances resulting from the employee, or a family member of the employee, being a victim of domestic or sexual violence, if the leave is to allow the employee to obtain for the employee or the family member:
 - a. Medical attention needed to recover from physical or psychological injury or disability caused by domestic or sexual violence;
 - b. Services from a designated domestic violence agency or other victim services organization;
 - c. Psychological or other counseling;
 - d. Relocation; or
 - e. Legal services, including obtaining a restraining order or preparing for, or participating in, any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to the domestic or sexual violence;
5. The death of a family member for up to seven days;

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6. To attend a child's school-related conference, meeting, function or other event requested or required by a school administrator, teacher, or other professional staff member responsible for the child's education, or to attend a meeting regarding care provided to the child in connection with the child's health conditions or disability;
7. The school or place of care of a child of the employee is closed by order of a public official or because of a state of emergency declared by the Governor due to an epidemic or other public health emergency;
8. The employee has been exposed to a contagious disease or is quarantined for the disease in the employee's immediate household.

N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1, this Policy, and Regulation 1642.01 shall not supersede any law providing collective bargaining rights for school district employees, and shall not reduce, diminish, or adversely affect an employee's collective bargaining rights pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1.b.

The Board reserves the right to require of any employee who claims sick leave sufficient proof in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:30-4 and Section C. of Regulation 1642.01.

The Superintendent or designee will prepare rules for the administration of N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1, N.J.S.A. 18A:30-4, this Policy, and Regulation 1642.01, which shall be binding on all employees.

The Superintendent or designee will submit to the Board the names of those employees absent for non-compensable cause or whose claim for sick leave pay cannot be justified. The willful misuse of sick leave may be subject to discipline.

29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1; 18A:30-2; 18A:30-4

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