



JANUARY 2026

## NON-AFFILIATED D-Band STAFF BENEFIT SUMMARY

### Group Insurance

Non-affiliated employees who work at least twenty hours per week are eligible to participate in the District's group health and life insurance plans. Employees must work 30 hours per week to participate in the District's dental and long-term disability plans. For benefit purposes, full time employment is considered 35 hours/week. Contributions for part time employees are pro-rated.

### Health Insurance

For the 2026 benefit plan year (January 2026 – December 2026), full time employees receive a District contribution of \$906.00 towards a single health insurance premium. Employees electing family coverage receive \$2,176.00 towards the monthly premium. The contribution for part time employees is pro-rated.

**All Insurance rates are subject to change January 1, 2027**

Network	High	HSA
Deductible Single/Family	4 Cost Levels	4 Cost Levels HSA Compatible
Monthly Premium Single/Family	\$834.74/mo, \$2,196.68/mo	\$581.04/mo, \$1518.30/ mo

For more information on the plans go to [innovomn.com](http://innovomn.com)

HSA Contribution: For employees electing to take the HSA high deductible plan, the district will contribute any remaining dollar amount into the employee's HSA account after the monthly premium has been paid.

### Dental Insurance

For the 2026 benefit plan year, the District contributes 100% of the single dental premium (\$48.50 per month). The District shall contribute \$100.00 per month toward the purchase of a family dental policy which is \$139.70 for 2026.

## Life Insurance

The District pays the total premium for each employee who works 20 hours or more per week and is enrolled in the District's group basic life insurance plan. Full-time employees receive \$200,000 of coverage. Employees may also purchase supplemental insurance for themselves, their spouse and/or dependents.

## Long-Term Disability Insurance

The District pays 100% of the premium for each employee working 30 hours or more per week.

## Flex Spending Account (FSA)

Employees can pay for out of pocket medical/dental and day care expenses with pre-tax dollars by participating in the District's Select Account flexible spending plans.

## Voluntary Benefits

Employees may purchase a variety of voluntary benefits including: vision, critical illness, accident, hospital indemnity and whole life insurance with long term care, for themselves, their spouse and/or dependents.

## Paid Time Off

Depending on the employee's work schedule, staff typically receive vacation, sick leave, and personal leave days. Annual leave allotments are allocated in advance at the beginning of the fiscal year. Leave balances are prorated for employees who begin employment after July 1, or end employment prior to June 30. Leave balances are also reduced for any period of the year that the employee is on an unpaid status.

## Vacation

Employees must work at least twenty hours per week and at least .5 FTE and 216 days per year to be eligible for vacation. Employees whose work agreements are for a specific number of 'contract' days are not eligible for vacation. Human Resources will place eligible employees on a vacation accrual step at the time of hire. Effective at the beginning of each fiscal year, vacation will be granted as follows for each full-time employee:

	<u>12 month employees</u>	<u>11 month employees</u>	<u>10 month employees</u>
Step 1	10 days	9 days	8 days
Step 2	15 days	14 days	13 days
Step 3	20 days	18 days	16 days
Step 4	22 days	20 days	18 days

Employees advance on the vacation accrual schedule at the beginning of the fiscal year following completion of five full years of service. Vacation is prorated for eligible part-time employees. Employees may carry over unused vacation to the following fiscal year to be utilized by 7/31 of the new fiscal year, provided that their vacation balance does not exceed 2 times their annual allotment.

## Personal Leave

Upon advance notice and arrangement with the immediate supervisor, four days of personal leave will be available to each full-time twelve-month employee. Ten and eleven month employees receive three days of personal leave. Part-time employees will receive personal leave on a prorated basis. Employees working less than ten months and employees working less than twenty hours per week are not eligible for personal leave. Personal leave may carryover from one year to next but may not accumulate to greater than five days.

## Sick Leave

At the beginning of each fiscal year, each full-time twelve-month employee will be granted a sick leave allowance of twelve days for absences due to illness. Full-time employees working less than twelve months will receive one day of sick leave for each full month of employment(e.g. eleven days for eleven- month employees,ten days for ten-month employees; nine days for nine month and/or school term employees). Unused portions of an employee's sick leave allowance may accumulate from one year to the next up to a maximum of 125 days. Employees who have more than 125 days of accrued sick leave at the end of the school year shall have their accrued sick leave hours in excess of 125 days bought back by the School district at 70% of the employee's hourly rate with the payment being deposited in the employee's Minnesota State Retirement System's Health Care Savings Plan. Sick leave will be prorated for employees working less than full-time.

Sick leave with pay shall be allowed by the School District whenever an employee's absence is found to have been due to mental or physical illness, injury, disability of the employee, the need for medical diagnosis, treatment and preventative care, or in cases of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking of the employee, or for the care of a family member for any of the aforementioned reasons as defined in MN Statute 181.9447. School administration reserves the right to require a demonstration of "proof-of-illness" through doctor's written explanations or other mechanisms.

## Holidays

Employees receive holiday pay if the holiday falls within their work year and if they are on active pay status the day preceding and following the holiday. The following days are observed as holidays:

Independence Day	New Year's Eve Day
Labor Day	New Year's Day
Thanksgiving Day	President's Day
Friday after Thanksgiving Day	Good Friday
Christmas Eve Day	Memorial Day
Christmas Day	Juneteenth

## Bereavement Leave

Upon notification and arrangement with the immediate supervisor, up to four days paid leave, non-accumulative, may be used by an employee for attendance at or arrangement of the funeral of an employee's spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, spouse's parent or grandparent or other legal dependents. Employees may be granted up to one (1) day per occurrence, non-accumulative, to be deducted from sick leave, as funeral leave for the death of an aunt, uncle, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or first cousin. Personal leave or vacation may be used to attend the funerals of relatives not listed above or friends.

## Supplemental Retirement Plan – Matching Program

The District provides a matching contribution to a qualifying tax shelter annuity (403B) or deferred compensation plan (457). The employer will match up to \$3,000 per year for employees (prorated for part-time) enrolled in a deferred compensation plan at the beginning of employment.

Employees are able to begin contributing to a new plan on the first payroll of October and February. Employees may also make changes to their contribution amounts on the first payroll of any month.

A district employee covered by a bargaining unit contract who accepts a promotion/transfer to a non-affiliated position or whose position is reclassified as non-affiliated, will be allowed to choose between the supplemental retirement matching plan benefit described above and the severance and/or retirement benefits provided for in their contract at the time of their promotion or reclassification. This choice is irrevocable and must be made at the time of the promotion or reclassification.

## HCSP

The District will deposit **\$2,500** into the employee's account with the Minnesota Health Care Savings Plan each year after 5 years of service with the District.

## Conferences, Conventions, Workshops, Seminars, & Professional Association Dues

The District will pay for an employee's professional association dues and attendance (and related costs) at conferences, conventions, workshops and seminars to the extent provided for in the budget and as approved by the employee's supervisor.

## Mileage Reimbursement

An employee will be reimbursed for any use of his/her personal automobile approved by the employee's supervisor at the mileage allowance rate established by the IRS for reimbursement purposes.

## Tuition Matching

The District will match **\$1,500** tuition per year.

## Fitness Center

Employees may purchase membership for themselves only at the Big Lake Resident rate.

