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LEAVES (CERTIFICATED/CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL)

The School Board shall authorize employee absences as provided by law and Board policy. The Board recognizes the following justifiable reasons for absence:

1. Personal sickness or injury, pregnancy, jury duty, military service, or emergencies beyond the employee's control.

2. Family illness, bereavement, religious observances, and other personal reasons.

3. Situations stemming from occupational status such as attendance at meetings, conventions, inservice courses, seminars, etc.

4. Other situations for which leave is provided by law, board policy, or the Negotiated Agreement.

Note: *The Alaska Family Leave Act became law on September 16, 1992 and applies to employers that have employed 21 or more employees for each working day during any period of 20 consecutive workweeks in the preceding two calendar years. Family leave includes, at a minimum, "unpaid leave" for "serious" health conditions for a total of 18 weeks during any 12-month period, and unpaid leave for pregnancy and childbirth or adoption for a total of 18 work weeks within a 12-mont period. Employees are entitled to apply accrued paid leave toward the unpaid leave time. Employers must allow employees to continue their existing health insurance coverage at the same level the employee has before going on leave. However, the employee may be requested to pay the premium cost for the continuation of the insurance coverage. The Commissioner of Education may approve a labor contract that does not meet the family leave requirements if the district can show a lack of qualified, available substitutes to replace a teacher on leave or a lack of housing for replacement teachers who do not live in the community.*

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.14.107 Sick leave and sick leave transfer
14.20.147 Transfer or absorption of attendance area or federal agency school
23.10.500-23.10.550 Alaska Family Leave Act

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4 AAC 09.020 Teachers entitled to pay

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

29 U.S.C. 2601 et. Seq.; 29 CFR Part 825, amend. 2008

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT for fiscal year 2008

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