

Hood River County School District

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Sick Time

“Employee” means an individual who is employed by the district and who is paid on an hourly, stipend or salary basis, and for whom withholding is required under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 316.162-316.221. The definition does not include volunteers or independent contractors.

Employees qualify to begin earning and accruing sick time on the first day of employment with the district. Employees are eligible to use sick time after 90 days of employment with the district.

A district employing 10 or more employees shall allow an eligible employee to access up to 40 hours of paid sick time per year. A year is defined as the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Paid sick time shall accrue at the rate of one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours a part-time employee works. Paid sick time of 40 hours shall be front-loaded for all full-time employees at the beginning of each fiscal year. Paid sick time of 40 hours shall be front-loaded for all coaches at the beginning of each fiscal year who are not members of a Hood River County School District employee bargaining unit. Full time employees will receive pro-rated sick time if working less than a full year.

The employee may carry up to 40 hours of unused sick time from one year to the subsequent year. An employee is limited to accruing no more than 80 hours of sick time and using no more than 40 hours of sick time in a year.

Sick time shall be taken in hourly increments and may be used for the employee's or a family member's¹ mental or physical illness, injury or health condition, need for medical diagnosis, care or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury or health condition or need for preventive care, or for reasons consistent with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or OFLA. Sick time may also be used in the event of a public health emergency.

The use of sick time may not lead to, or result in, an adverse employment action against the employee.

The district reserves the right after three consecutive days of absence, to require proof of personal illness or injury from an employee, including a medical examination by a physician chosen and paid for by the district. An employee refusing to submit to such an examination or to provide other evidence as required by the district, shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

When the reason for sick time is consistent with FMLA/OFLA leave, the sick time and the FMLA/OFLA leave may run concurrently.

¹“Family member” is defined by the Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA).

When the reason for sick time is consistent with ORS 332.507, the sick time and leave pursuant to ORS 332.507 may run concurrently.

If the reason for sick time is a foreseeable absence, the district may require the employee to provide advance notice of their intention to use sick time within 10 days of the requested sick time, or as soon as practicable. When the employee uses sick time for a foreseeable absence, the employee shall take reasonable effort to schedule the sick time in a manner that does not unduly disrupt the operations of the district (e.g., grading deadlines, inservice training, mandatory meetings).

If the reason for sick time is unforeseeable, such as an emergency, accident or sudden illness, the employee shall notify the district at least 12 hours in advance or as soon as practicable.

The district shall establish a standard process to track the eligibility for sick time of a substitute.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.507](#)
[ORS 342.545](#)

[ORS 342.610](#)
[ORS 653.601 to -653.661](#)

[ORS 659A.150 to -659A.186](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2016); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2016).
Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §§ 2601-2654 (2016); Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 C.F.R. Part 825 (2016).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.

Cross Reference(s):

ACA - Americans with Disabilities Act
GBDA - Mother Friendly Workplace
GCBDA/GDBDA - Family Medical Leave