

# Vernonia School District 47J

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## Leaves and Absences

Sick leave entitlement will accrue at the rate of 10 days each year as provided by Oregon Revised Statutes. Twelve-month employees will accrue 1 day per month or 12 days each year. All other employees who work less than 12 months will receive 1 day per month.

In accordance with state law, this leave will accumulate without limit.

The district reserves the right to require proof of illness from all employees, 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.

All medical information will be kept confidential, in a separate file from personnel records, and released only in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act or other applicable law.

All other leaves shall be subject to the collective bargaining process. Leaves not subject to the collective bargaining process shall be subject to individual review by the Board.

Sickness or other unavoidable circumstances which prevent a teacher from teaching 20 school days immediately following exhaustion of sick leave accumulated under Oregon law will result in the teacher being placed on unpaid leave for the remainder of the school year or until the teacher's disability is removed and he/she is able to return to work. If the teacher is unable to return to work the following August 1 the Board may terminate the teacher's employment, subject to state and federal laws regarding family illness leave.

Nothing in this policy impacts the districts sick leave obligation under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 332.507.

All district-paid employee benefits, such as health and dental insurance, will cease on the last day of the month in which employment is terminated, or the staff member is placed on unpaid leave, unless the unpaid leave is in conjunction with state or federal family medical leave. The staff member will be informed of his/her rights to remain a part of the district benefit plan at personal expense. Licensed staff who work all 9 months of a school year will receive 12 months of insurance benefits.

Any worker who has sustained a compensable personal injury or illness and is disabled and is unable to perform his/her essential job function will be reemployed at such time as a physician issues a certificate stating the type of work that is appropriate for reassignment, assuming such work is both suitable and available. Such rights of reemployment are subject to seniority rights and other restrictions of the collective bargaining agreement between the employer and employee bargaining unit.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.507](#)

[ORS 342.545](#)

[ORS 342.610](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006).  
Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §§ 2601-2654 (2006); Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 C.F.R. Part 825 (2006).  
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.

**Cross Reference(s):**

ACA - Americans with Disabilities Act

GBDA - Mother Friendly Workplace

GBEDA - Drug and Alcohol Testing - Transportation Personnel