

1 **St. Regis School District**

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5 Conditions for Use of Leave

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7 Certified staff may use sick leave for those instances listed in the current collective bargaining  
8 agreement. Classified staff may use sick leave for illness; injury; medical disability; maternity-  
9 related disability, including prenatal care, birth, miscarriage, or abortion; quarantine resulting  
10 from exposure to contagious disease; medical, dental, or eye examination or treatment; necessary  
11 care of or attendance to an immediate family member or, at the District's discretion, another  
12 relative for the above reasons until other attendants can reasonably be obtained, and death or  
13 funeral attendance for an immediate family member. Leave without pay may be granted to  
14 employees upon the death of persons not included in this list.

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16 Accrual and Use of Sick Leave Credits

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18 Certified employees will accrue and may use their sick leave credits according to the current  
19 collective bargaining agreement.

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21 Classified employees serving in positions that are permanent full-time, seasonal full-time, or  
22 permanent part-time are eligible to earn sick leave credits, which will accrue from the first day of  
23 employment. A classified employee must be employed continuously for a qualifying period of  
24 ninety (90) calendar days in order to use sick leave. Unless there is a break in service, an  
25 employee only serves the qualifying period once. After a break in service, an employee must  
26 again complete the qualifying period to use sick leave. Sick leave may not be taken in advance  
27 nor may leave be taken retroactively. A seasonal classified employee may carry over accrued  
28 sick leave credits to the next season if management has a continuing need for the employee or,  
29 alternatively, may be paid a lump sum for accrued sick leave credits when the season ends, in  
30 accordance with ARM 2.21.141.

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32 Employees, whether classified or certified, simultaneously employed in two (2) or more  
33 positions, will accrue sick leave credits in each position according to the number of hours worked  
34 or a proration of the contract (in the case of certified) worked. Leave credits will be used only  
35 from the position in which the credits were earned and with approval of the supervisor or  
36 appropriate authority for that position. Hours in a pay status paid at the regular rate will be used  
37 to calculate leave accrual. Sick leave credits will not accrue for those hours exceeding forty (40)  
38 hours in a work week, which are paid as overtime hours or recorded as compensatory time. A  
39 full-time employee will not earn less than nor more than the full-time sick leave accrual rate  
40 provided classified employees.

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42 When an employee who has not worked the qualifying period for use of sick leave takes an  
43 approved continuous leave of absence without pay in excess of fifteen (15) working days, the  
44 amount of time an employee is on leave of absence will not count toward completion of the  
45 qualifying period. The approved leave of absence exceeding fifteen (15) working days is not a

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4 break in service, and the employee will not lose any accrued sick leave credits nor lose credit for  
5 time earned toward the qualifying period. An approved continuous leave of absence without pay  
6 of fifteen (15) working days or less will be counted as time earned toward the ninety-(90)-day  
7 qualifying period.  
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#### 9 Calculation of Sick Leave Credits

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11 Certified employees will earn sick leave credits at the rate stated in the current collective  
12 bargaining agreement.  
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14 Full-time classified employees will earn sick leave credits at the rate of twelve (12) working days  
15 for each year of service. Sick leave credits will be prorated for part-time employees who have  
16 worked the qualifying period. The payroll office will refine this data by keeping records per hour  
17 worked.  
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#### 19 Sick Leave Banks

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21 Donation of sick leave credits to and use of sick leave credits in the sick leave bank are governed  
22 by terms of the current collective bargaining agreement.  
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#### 24 Lump-Sum Payment on Termination of Classified Employees

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26 When a classified employee terminates employment with the District, the employee is entitled to  
27 cash compensation for one-fourth (3) of the employee=s accrued and unused sick leave credits,  
28 provided the employee has worked the qualifying period. The value of unused sick leave is  
29 computed based on the employee's salary rate at the time of termination.  
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#### 31 Industrial Accident

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33 An employee who is injured in an industrial accident may be eligible for workers= compensation  
34 benefits. Use of sick leave must be coordinated with receipt of workers' compensation benefits  
35 on a case-by-case basis, by contacting the Montana Schools Group Workers' Compensation  
36 Risk  
37 Retention Program (WCRRP).  
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#### 39 Sick Leave Substituted for Annual Leave

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41 A classified employee who qualifies for use of sick leave while taking approved annual vacation  
42 leave, may be allowed to substitute accrued sick leave credits for annual leave credits. Medical  
43 certification of the illness or disability may be required.  
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#### 45 Procedure History:

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