MIDDLETOWN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 4361.9: Catastrophic Leave Program

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The Governing Board recognizes that district employees may desire to assist other employees who have an urgent need for a leave of absence but do not have sufficient accrued leave to cover their absence. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a catastrophic leave program by which employees may donate accrued vacation and/or sick leave credits, which shall be placed into a pool for use by eligible employees.

Donations made under the catastrophic leave program shall be strictly voluntary.

The district's policy and procedures regarding catastrophic leave shall be included in the employee handbook. The Superintendent or designee may notify employees annually, or more frequently if the need arises, of the process for donating leave for this purpose.

An employee may apply to use donated leave credits in accordance with the accompanying administrative regulation when he/she has exhausted all applicable paid leaves of absence and a catastrophic illness or injury incapacitates the employee or a member of his/her family for an extended period of time. (Education Code 44043.5)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State Ed. Code 44043.5	Description Catastrophic leave
Ed. Code 44977	Salary schedule for substitute employees
Ed. Code 44978	Sick leave; certificated employees
Ed. Code 44983	Compensation during leave; certificated employees
Ed. Code 45190-45191	Sick leave and vacation; classified employees
Ed. Code 45196	Salary deductions during sick leave; classified employees
Lab. Code 245-249	Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014
Management Resources Website	Description CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
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