

**- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL -****Leaves and Absences****APPROVAL**

Authorization of leave and time taken off from one's job shall be in accordance with specific leave policy. Absence from work that is not based on appropriate leave for which the employee is qualified may lead to disciplinary consequences, up to and including termination of employment.

Leaves without pay may be granted upon written request to the Principal or Superintendent and approval of the Board provided the leave is for educational or professional purposes, or for illness, maternity, adoption of a child or children, or other disability.

**~~NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE~~**

~~It shall be the responsibility of each employee to notify his/her immediate supervisor of an impending absence. If the immediate supervisor cannot be reached within two (2) hours prior to the beginning of the work day, the employee shall call the supervisor's secretary.~~

~~If unable to reach either the Principal or the secretary, teachers may contact an approved substitute directly.~~

**NOTIFICATION OF RETURN**

Employees on leave covered by the related policies listed below shall notify the Superintendent in writing by April 1 of the year the leave terminates of the date of their intent to return to the school system. Employees who fail to notify the Superintendent of their return by April 1 cannot be guaranteed employment for the following school year. If an employee on leave has not contacted the Superintendent by April 1, the Superintendent is authorized to fill the position for the following school year. Where an employee in the final year of leave fails to contact the Superintendent by April 1, to either request an extension of leave or to provide a date of return, the Superintendent may determine whether personnel action is required.

**LEAVE FOLLOWING ASSAULT**

The District shall provide leave with pay for employees assaulted while performing their assigned duties when the assault results in injuries that qualify the employee for workers' compensation benefits. The period of leave shall not exceed one (1) calendar year following the assault. During that period, the employee shall not experience loss of income or benefits, including sick leave, under terms and conditions set forth in [KRS 161.155](#).

**PLACEMENT UPON RETURN**

Employees taking any long term leave will be entitled on return to a comparable position for which they are qualified. Placement in the same position or the same school cannot be guaranteed.

**FMLA**

Eligible employees may apply for leave under the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

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**REFERENCES:**

[KRS 161.155](#); [KRS 161.770](#); [OAG 01-9](#)  
Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

**RELATED POLICIES:**

03.1232, 03.12322, 03.1233, 03.1234, 03.1235, 03.124

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