

Paid Leave

State Personal Leave – 5 days

Local Leave – 5 days

Sick Leave Bank – Must opt-in during open enrollment to be eligible. Must meet criteria, available for employee, spouse or child. Leave based on years of BISD service.

Mental Health Leave for Peace Officers – 5 days, must meet criteria. (Created by Texas Legislature during 87th Regular session, effective 9/1/2021.)

Assault Leave – Must be requested by the employee

Unpaid Leave

Family Medical Leave – Up to 12 weeks

Temporary Disability Leave – 180 days (for full time SBEC certified employees only). Runs concurrent with FMLA when applicable.

State Personal Leave

- Earned at a rate of 1/2 day per 18 days worked
- Prorated for employees who start after the official beginning date of their position
- Requires approval 3 days in advance
- May not take more than 3 days in a semester without approval
- May not take more than 5 days in a year without approval
- Runs concurrent with FMLA and Temporary Disability Leave when applicable
- End of year balance carries over to next year
- Used for personal reasons, illness in extended family, or death in extended family

Local Sick Leave

- Earned at a rate of 1/2 day per 18 days worked
- Prorated for employees who start after the official beginning date of their position
- Must have a doctor's note if out for more than 3 consecutive days
- Runs concurrent with FMLA and Temporary Disability Leave when applicable
- End of year balance carries over to next year
- Used for personal illness, illness in immediate family or death in immediate family

Sick Leave Bank

- Leave available after all state and local leave has been exhausted. Is allocated based on years of employment with the district. May be used for the employee or employee's parent, spouse, or child.
- Participation is voluntary for all employees who receive leave, and are eligible for BISD insurance benefits.
- Employees join during annual open enrollment.
- Only employees who contribute and join are eligible to use the sick leave bank.

Leave Proration

If an employee separates from employment with the district before his or her last duty day of the year, or begins employment after the first duty day, local sick leave and personal leave will be prorated based on the actual time employed. Local sick and personal leave will be earned at a rate of one - half day for each 18 workdays per school year not to exceed the five days respectively. When an employee separates from employment before the last duty day of the school year, the employee's final paycheck will be reduced by the amount of local sick leave the employee used beyond his or her pro rata entitlement for the school year.

Family Medical Leave

- Completed medical certification must be received
- Unpaid leave if all paid leave is exhausted
- Runs concurrent with all types of leave
- Used for the birth/adoption or foster placement of a child or a "serious health condition" of a child, spouse, parent or the employee, qualifying exigency because of a family member's active military duty or to care for a covered service member with a serious injury or illness
- Must be employed with the district for one year and worked a minimum of 1,250 hours

Temporary Disability Leave

- Qualified employees may be eligible for up to 180 calendar days with proper medical certification
- Unpaid leave if employee has exhausted all paid leave
- Runs concurrent with district paid leave and Family Medical Leave
- Must be certified by a doctor
- May not be taken on intermittent basis For own personal illness only

Mental Health Leave for Peace Officers

Bastrop ISD is required to provide mental health leave to peace officers employed by the district who experience a traumatic event in the scope of employment. Criteria outlined in Employee Handbook. (Effective 9/1/2021).

Neutral Absence Control

If an employee does not return to work after exhausting all available paid and unpaid leave, the District shall provide the employee written notice that he or she no longer has leave available for use. The District shall automatically pursue termination of an employee who has exhausted all available leave, regardless of the reason for the absence. The employee's eligibility for reasonable accommodations, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, shall be considered before termination. If terminated, the employee may apply for reemployment with the District.

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