

CODE:	PSL – 703
SUBJECT:	Sick Leave
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Independence Community College provides fifteen (15) annual sick leave days, accumulating to ninety (90) days, and compensates retiring employees for unused sick leave up to ninety (90) days. All college employees may participate in sick leave pools as established by college procedure. In the event of the death of an employee, the College will compensate the deceased employee's beneficiary or beneficiaries for the unused days of sick leave up to ninety (90) days.

Procedure

Leaves of Absence

All approved leave requests must be accompanied by a completed Absence from College Request/Report form.

Sick

All full-time non-faculty employees earn sick time consistent with Board Policy beginning the first day of employment to a cumulative maximum of 15 days/120 hours per year. Faculty members should refer to the Negotiated Agreement. Sick time is earned for eligible employees at a rate of 1.25 days per month for full-time exempt (non-faculty) employees and 10 hours per month for full-time non-exempt (non-faculty) employees.

The eligible employee may use sick time for the care of the employee's immediate family to include the spouse, significant other, parents (including in-laws), step-parents, children, step-children, siblings, grandchildren, great grandchildren, grandparents, great grandparents, and those for whom the employee is the primary care-giver, or other persons whose residence is in the home of the employee.

- (1) Request for sick time off should be submitted to the immediate supervisor using the leave request form either prior to anticipated leave or as soon as possible upon return to work.
- (2) An accounting of sick time for eligible employees may be accessed through the payroll system.
- (3) Unused sick time will carryover and accumulate to a maximum amount of 90 days.
- (4) Eligible employees whose employment is terminated voluntarily or involuntarily prior to retirement do not receive compensation for unused sick time.
- (5) In the event of the death of non-faculty employee the College will compensate the deceased employee's beneficiary or beneficiaries for the unused days of sick leave at the current rate of pay. Faculty members should refer to the Negotiated Agreement.
- (6) Sick leave pools are provided for full-time staff and faculty groups to be used for employee sickness or injury. Faculty members should refer to the Negotiated Agreement.

Sick Leave Pool

To assist full time employees who suffer prolonged illness/disability, each full time employee who wishes to participate in the sick leave pool can contribute one day to the sick leave pool during any year. Separate pools exist for all full-time staff and Faculty groups.

1. Employees who wish to participate in the sick leave pool contribute one (1) day to the sick leave pool of his/her respective group during any one year. Days contributed by members become a permanent part of the pool and will not be refunded to that employee. Faculty members should note the sick leave article in the Negotiated Agreement.
2. Employees who wish to contribute to the pool will submit his or her intent to the Human Resources Coordinator. Any change in sick leave pool status requires completing the form for that purpose by September 1 of the current year. Faculty should refer to the Negotiated Agreement. Only those individuals participating in the pool will be eligible to apply for days from the pool.
3. Any eligible person who wishes to use the sick leave pool must be under a doctor's care and present a written formal application to the Sick Leave Screening Board. The application must include a written statement from a doctor concerning the inability to work. Additional information and/or a second opinion may be required.
4. The Sick Leave Screening Board shall consist of three (3) members. Two (2) members shall be participating full time employees selected by an Administrator of the President's Cabinet; one (1) member shall be selected by the Board of Trustees.
5. Written notification of approval or other disposition of the application will be made by the Screening Board to the applicant.
6. Each person, before using the sick leave pool, shall deplete his or her accumulated sick leave according to the Sick Leave Policy.
7. The sick leave pool may not be used to cover participants who are receiving pay or are eligible to receive pay from worker's compensation or KPERS disability.
8. This policy may be reviewed by the appropriate group and/or the Board of Trustees as necessary.