

**INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT/ILLNESS LEAVE**

In each fiscal year, allowable leave for certificated employees for any single industrial accident or illness shall be for 60 days during which the schools of the district are in session or when the employee would otherwise have been performing work for the district.

Allowable industrial accident/illness leave shall not accumulate from year to year. (Education Code 44984)

When a certificated employee is absent from his/her duties because of an industrial accident or illness: (Education Code 44984)

1. Industrial accident or illness leave shall start on the first day of absence.
2. The employee shall be paid such portion of the salary due for any month in which the absence occurs as, when added to the temporary disability indemnity under Division 4 or 4.5 of the Labor Code, will result in a payment to the employee of not more than his/her full salary.
3. Industrial accident or illness leave shall be reduced by one day for each day of authorized absence, regardless of a temporary disability indemnity award.
4. When an industrial accident or illness leave overlaps into the next fiscal year, the employee is entitled to only the amount of unused leave due the employee for the same illness or injury.

Upon expiration of allowable leave for an industrial accident or illness, the employee may use personal illness and injury leave. If the employee continues to receive temporary disability indemnity, he/she may elect to take as much of the accumulated sick leave which, when added to his/her temporary disability indemnity, will result in a payment to the employee of not more than the employee's full salary. (Education Code 44984)

During any paid leave of absence, the employee may endorse to the district the temporary disability indemnity checks received on account of his/her industrial accident or illness. In those cases, the district shall issue appropriate salary warrants for payment of the employee's salary, and shall deduct normal retirement, other authorized contributions, and the temporary disability indemnity, if any, actually paid to and retained by the employee for periods covered by such salary warrants. (Education Code 44984)

Any employee receiving benefits under this leave shall, during periods of injury or illness, remain within the State of California unless the Governing Board authorizes travel outside the state. (Education Code 44984)

**INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT/ILLNESS LEAVE** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*44977 Salary deductions during absence from duties*

*44978 Provisions for certificated employee sick leave*

*44983 Exception to sick leave*

*44984 Required rules for industrial accident and illness leave of absence*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

*Department of Industrial Relations: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DIR/OS&H/DOSH/dosh1.html>*