



Vacation Policy

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Purpose:

Empower Generation's ("EG") paid vacation plan is a part of the benefits package extended to full-time, year-round staff members and is designed to provide employees with the opportunity to balance their work and home lives. The purpose of this policy is to provide eligible employees with flexibility from work that can be used for such needs as vacation, personal or family business, volunteerism, and other activities of the employee's choice. EG's goal is to provide time for personal rejuvenation and to reduce unscheduled absences while providing reasonable accommodation to full-time staff members without impacting employee compensation.

Eligibility:

Staff members eligible for this benefit include non-instructional staff regularly scheduled and working 30 hours or more per week (.75 FTE) and 250 or more days per year.

Accrual:

Employees will accrue vacation time based on the following rate:

- Up to 15 days of paid vacation per year, accruing at the rate of 1.25 days (10 hours) per month worked. The monthly accrual of 1.25 days (10 hours) will be allocated to the employee on the first day of each month.
- The maximum vacation time accrual is 15 days (120 hours). Once the maximum has been reached, the employee will stop accruing vacation time until already accrued vacation time has been used.

Usage:

Employees may request accrued vacation time in half-day or full-day increments. "Borrowing" of vacation time that has not yet been accrued must be approved by the supervisor and/or School Director, and depending on the needs of the school, may be denied. In any event, an employee may not borrow more vacation time than they are scheduled to accrue in the current school year.

Upon termination (voluntary or involuntary), employees will be required to pay the school for any vacation time that was borrowed but remains unaccrued.

Requesting Time Off:

New employees can request vacation time upon the completion of their first month of employment. Employees should submit a request for vacation time to their supervisor at least two weeks in advance. Approval of requested vacation time is not guaranteed, but additional advance notice will decrease the chances of denial of the request. Requests will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis, taking into consideration the needs of EG.

Unused Vacation Time:

Employees are encouraged to use all of their accrued vacation time by the end of the school year. Any vacation time not used by June 30th of each school year will not be forfeited. Unused vacation time will roll over into the next school year, but the maximum allowable accrual at any time is 15 days (120 hours).

Payout:

Accrued and unused vacation hours will only be paid out at the employee's current hourly rate upon separation from employment with EG, or upon a change in position in which the new position is not eligible to accrue vacation time, employees are not entitled to "cash out" accrued and unused vacation hours during their employment with EG.

Vacation time is a benefit that provides employees with the opportunity to rest and recharge, and we encourage employees to take advantage of this benefit. However, it is also important to balance the needs of the schools that we serve with the needs of individual employees, and we ask that all requests for vacation time be made with consideration for the needs of EG and the learners.

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