
ST. LAWRENCE-LEWIS BOCES EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

CERTIFIED ADMINISTRATOR ADDENDUM

This addendum to the Employee Handbook is designed for use by all BOCES Administrators employed in positions requiring New York State Department of Education certification. Job titles covered by the provisions of this addendum include the following:

- Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
- Career and Technical Education Principal
- Director of Adult, Alternative, and Career and Technical Education
- Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations
- Director of School Library System/Learning Resources Supervisor
- Director of Section X
- Director of Special Education
- P-Tech Coordinator**
- ~~Project Coordinator~~
- Senior Supervisor of School Improvement
- Shared Administrator
- Supervisor of Adult Education
- Supervisor of Special Education
- Supervisor of Instructional Resources
- Supervisor of Instructional Technology

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HOLIDAYS

Twelve-month administrators shall receive eleven (11) paid holidays per year, as follows:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day	Veteran's Day
Presidents' Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Friday following Thanksgiving
July 4 th	Christmas Day
Labor Day	

When one of the aforementioned holidays falls on a Saturday, it shall be observed on the preceding Friday; when one falls on a Sunday, it shall be observed on the following Monday.

VACATION

Twelve-month administrators shall receive **twenty-two (22)** days of vacation credit per year. Vacation allocation for less than one year of employment shall be prorated accordingly.

For purposes of payout upon separation of service, no administrator shall accrue more than **40 days** of vacation credit **(with the exception of the 14-15 & 15-16 school year where maximum accruals shall be 44 days)**. Any credit that exceeds this maximum may be used during the fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th) in which it is earned. If unused by the end of the fiscal year (June 30), any excess credit will be deducted.

Each year, during the period June 1st through July 31st only, an administrator may request payment for up to five (5) days of unused accrued vacation time. The administrator must have sufficient vacation time accrued so that, following the deduction of the number of days requested for pay, the administrator's accrued vacation time equals or exceeds twenty (20) days. Such requests will be subject to the approval of the District Superintendent.

Upon retirement under the guidelines of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, an administrator will be paid for up to forty (40) days of unused accrued vacation leave, subject to the following:

- Administrator must submit a letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement to the District Superintendent no later than January 1st of the calendar year in which the retirement is to be effective *(in extraordinary circumstances and*

upon the recommendation of the District Superintendent, the BOCES Board may waive this notification requirement);

- This vacation day payout must be deposited directly into the administrator's 403(b) account, no later than July 31st following the effective date of retirement.

(Note: Advance retirement notification allows the employee the option of early deposit of accrued vacation days into the employee's 403(b) account. A maximum of ten accrued days may be deposited during each July of each full year immediately prior to the effective date of retirement, to a maximum of thirty days for three years' notice. Maximum accruals are forever reduced by any such deposit.)

Ref: Form EER CA-VP01 (Application for Accrued Vacation Payment)

SICK LEAVE

Twelve-month administrators shall receive fifteen (15) days of sick leave credit per year, and unused sick leave may be accumulated to a maximum of two hundred and fifty (250) days.

Eleven-month administrators shall receive fourteen (14) days of sick leave credit per year, and unused sick leave may be accumulated to a maximum of two hundred and twenty (220) days.

Ten-month administrators shall receive thirteen (13) days of sick leave credit per year, and unused sick leave may be accumulated to a maximum of two hundred (200) days.

Any sick leave credit that exceeds the administrator's maximum may be used during the fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th) in which it is earned. If unused by the end of the fiscal year (June 30), any excess credit will be deducted.

Sick leave allocation for less than one year of employment shall be prorated accordingly. Administrators who are employed on a part-time basis shall receive sick leave credit prorated according to the percentage of full-time equivalent.

Leave taken under the terms of this provision shall be for personal illness of such a nature that the administrator is unable to adequately perform regularly assigned duties. Sick leave may also be used for bonafide medical (including optical or dental) appointments that cannot be scheduled outside working hours.

Sick leave may also be approved for family illness, in those situations demanding the immediate personal attendance and attention of the administrator. Such leave may not be used to accompany family members for rest, recuperation, or rehabilitation.

Leave for family illness may not exceed ten (10) consecutive days without the prior consent of the District Superintendent.

Whenever sick leave exceeds five (5) days, or whenever the administrator's immediate supervisor has reasonable cause to suspect misuse or abuse of this provision, an administrator may be required to provide medical certification substantiating the need for leave.

BUSINESS/EMERGENCY LEAVE

Administrators shall receive three (3) days of business/emergency leave credit per year, and unused business/emergency leave will be accumulated as sick leave credit.

Business/emergency leave shall be for the purpose of conducting personal affairs of such a nature that they cannot be handled outside the work day. Requests for such leave shall be submitted to the immediate supervisor.

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Up to five (5) days of paid bereavement leave shall be granted in the event of a death in the administrator's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as including parents, siblings, children, and any person who, immediately preceding death, has been a member of the administrator's household, or with whom the administrator has maintained a long-standing 'immediate family' relationship.

CHILDCARE LEAVE

Upon the recommendation of the District Superintendent and the approval of the Board of Education, an administrator may be granted up to one (1) year of unpaid leave for the purpose of caring for a newborn infant or newly adopted child. Seniority and pay status will be frozen during the period that the leave is in effect. Health insurance coverage beyond that provided under the guidelines of the Family and Medical Leave Act, is the responsibility of the administrator. A request for childcare leave should be submitted to the immediate supervisor no later than thirty (30) days prior to the requested beginning of the leave.

UNUSED SICK LEAVE

Upon leaving the employ of the BOCES, an administrator will be paid \$50 per day for up to two hundred and fifty (250) days of sick time accrued. This provision is subject to the following conditions:

- Administrator must be eligible for retirement without penalty under the NYS Teachers' Retirement System and have at least ten (10) years of credited service to the BOCES; or, administrator must have at least fifteen (15) years of credited service to the BOCES;
- Administrator must submit a letter of resignation to the District Superintendent no later than January 1st of the calendar year in which the resignation is to be effective (*in extraordinary circumstances and upon the recommendation of the District Superintendent, the BOCES Board may waive this notification requirement*);
- This sick day payout must be deposited directly into the administrator's 403(b) account, no later than July 31st following the effective date of resignation.

(Note: Advance retirement notification allows the employee the option of early deposit of accrued sick days into the employee's 403(b) account. A maximum of fifty accrued days may be deposited during each July of each full year immediately prior to the effective date of retirement, to a maximum of one hundred and fifty days for three years' notice. Maximum accruals are forever reduced by any such deposit.)

Ref: *Form EER CA-SP01 (Application for Unused Sick Leave Payment)*

SICK BANK

Administrators are eligible for membership in the support staff sick leave bank, which exists to assist a qualified support staff or administrative employee who has exhausted accumulated sick leave and is faced with a catastrophic illness or injury, long term in nature. Leave from the bank will be available for serious personal illness and for family illness if the leave falls under the guidelines of the Family and Medical Leave Act. Leave may be granted to an individual who has donated sick days to the sick leave bank and who can substantiate the request for leave with a doctor's statement of illness.

Applications for sick leave bank benefits shall be made in writing to the Support Staff Council.

*Ref: Forms Sick Bank Enrollment Form,
Request for Sick Bank Days*

PERSONAL INJURY BENEFITS

Whenever an administrator is absent from employment and unable to perform essential duties as a result of personal injury caused by an accident or an assault occurring in the course of employment, and receives Workers' Compensation payments for such absence, full salary will be paid for up to ninety (90) working days of absence from employment (less the amount of any Workers' Compensation award made for temporary disability due to said injury), and no part of such ninety-day absence shall be charged to annual or accumulated sick leave.

Should such Workers' Compensation absence extend beyond ninety working days, the administrator may use accumulated sick leave for that portion of salary not covered by the Workers' Compensation award, in order to receive full salary for up to one (1) year of such absence. Should such absence exceed one year, the administrator's service to BOCES may be terminated.

The BOCES shall reimburse administrators for reasonable costs of replacing or repairing dentures, eyeglasses, hearing aids, or similar bodily appurtenances not covered by Workers' Compensation which are damaged, destroyed or lost as a result of an injury sustained in the course of employment.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Salaried Administrators who are at least 60% FTE on an annual basis are entitled to healthcare coverage under the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School District Employees Medical Plan. For active administrators, the BOCES is responsible for 90% of the premium cost for individual and family coverage. For employees retiring on or before June 30, 2017, the BOCES shall be responsible for 100% of the premium cost for individual coverage and 75% of any additional premium cost for dependent coverage. For employees retiring after June 30, 2017, the BOCES shall be responsible for the same percentage of the premium cost for individual coverage applicable to currently active Administrators and 75% of any additional premium cost for dependent coverage. The BOCES will not reimburse Administrators retiring after June 30, 2017 for the cost of their spouse's Medicare Part B.

Administrators must be employed by the BOCES or one of its component districts, for no fewer than 10 years in order to be eligible for participation in the health plan in retirement.

DENTAL/OPTICAL INSURANCE

Dental/optical coverage equal to that provided to unit members of the BOCES Teachers Association shall be available to all administrators and shall be fully paid by the employer.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

With advance approval from the appropriate supervisor, administrators may be permitted time and expenses for the purpose of attending job-related training, workshops, and conferences designed for the educational and professional betterment of the administrator and the position.

Any administrator who attends such BOCES-paid training may be responsible for conveying that training to other employees; further, repayment of all or part of the training expenses may be required should an administrator resign within an unacceptably brief time following attendance at the training, workshop, or conference.

Ref: Form EER .003 (Employee Request for Training)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

The BOCES shall pay for an administrator's annual membership in one (1) professional organization, subject to initial approval by the District Superintendent. Excluded is any organization that represents employees in collective bargaining or in any potential litigation against the BOCES. Additionally, the BOCES shall pay for the District Superintendent's annual membership in the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties Council of School Superintendents.

LONGEVITY INCREMENT

A one-time longevity increment of \$10,000, which is in addition to any general annual salary increase, shall be available to administrators, subject to the following conditions:

- Administrator must submit to the District Superintendent a request for the longevity increment, no later than January 1st of the calendar year in which the 403(b) contribution is to be deposited;
- Administrator must be eligible for retirement without penalty under the NYS Teachers' Retirement System and have at least ten (10) years of credited service to the BOCES; or, administrator must have at least fifteen (15) years of credited service to the BOCES.
- This longevity payment must be deposited directly into the administrator's 403(b) account no later than July 31st following this request.

The BOCES Board, in extraordinary circumstances and upon the recommendation of the District Superintendent, may waive the service and/or time frame requirements set forth above.

Ref: Form EER CA-LI01 (Application for Longevity Increment)

RETIREMENT

Certified administrators are eligible for retirement benefits under the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. Questions regarding retirement benefits and guidelines should be addressed to the Retirement System at 800-348-7298, Ext. 6250.