

### **CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE PROFESSIONAL LEAVE**

Requests for attendance or participation in a development program, other than those development programs sponsored by the school district, shall be made to the superintendent. Approval of the superintendent must be obtained prior to attendance by a certificated employee in a professional development program when the attendance would result in the certificated employee being excused from their duties or when the school district pays the expenses for the program.

Employees authorized by the superintendent to represent the school system at training, workshops and conferences will be allowed salary and expenses in conformance with regulations on expense reimbursement.

The superintendent shall have sole discretion to allow or disallow certificated employees to attend or participate in the requested event. When making this determination, the superintendent will consider the value of the program for the certificated employee and the school district, the effect of the certificated employee's absence on the education program and school district operations and the school district's financial situation as well as other factors deemed relevant in the judgment of the superintendent.

A maximum of two (2) days may be allowed for the following:

- A. Attendance at state or national conventions,
- B. Professional visitations.

The requirements stated in the Negotiated Contract between employees in that certified collective bargaining unit and the board regarding professional development of such employees shall be followed.

Cross Reference:     402.08 Employee Travel Compensation  
                          402.11 Credit Cards

