



Professional & Technical Employee Handbook

“The School District of Greenfield believes all learning begins with meaningful relationships. Our mission is to develop learners who can apply knowledge and think innovatively as a result of engaging in rigorous and relevant opportunities.”

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I. APPLICATION

All employees covered by the Professional & Technical handbook are salaried employees. The list below identifies the employees who are full-year employees and those that are less than full-year. Employees whose position requires licensure with the DPI will receive an individual employment contract pursuant to Wis. Stat. section 118.

Full-Year	Less than Full-Year (Days Annually)
Facility Manager(s)	School Psychologists (190 days)
Director of Food Service	Nurse (200 days)
Controller	Therapists (190 days)
Student Data Coordinator	Parent Engagement/Community Liaison (190 Days)
Technology Coordinator	
Director of Activities & Athletics	

II. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the School District of Greenfield. This Professional & Technical Employee Handbook (“Handbook”) has been prepared to acquaint the applicable employees with information about compensation, wages, expectations, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

Employees are expected to read, understand and abide by its contents and any policies, guidelines and procedures referenced herein. Employees with questions that are not answered by this Handbook should present their question(s) to their immediate supervisor who will provide answers/clarification and/or refer the employee to the appropriate source. Complete District policies and guidelines that apply to staff and students are available on the District’s website.

This Handbook has been prepared for informational purposes only. None of the statements, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations contained herein constitutes a guarantee of any other rights or benefits, or a contract of employment, expressed or implied.

The provisions set forth in this Handbook may be altered, modified, changed, or eliminated at any time by the School District with or without notice. Every effort will be made to notify employees of any substantive changes to the Handbook, typically as an overview at the start of the school year. If substantive changes are made during the year, employees will be notified as soon as practicable thereafter. This Handbook supersedes any and all previous Handbooks, statements, policies, memorandums, procedures, rules, or regulations given to employees, whether verbal or written.

The School District of Greenfield also retains the right to exercise all managerial and administrative functions, responsibilities and prerogatives including, but not limited to, the right to exercise its judgment to establish and administer the policies and benefits outlined in this Employee Handbook, to direct and discipline its employees, and to take whatever act it deems appropriate and in the best interests of the District.

III. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The District provides equal employment opportunity for everyone regardless of age, sex, color, race, creed, national origin, religious persuasion, marital status, political belief, sexual orientation or disability that does not prohibit performance of essential job functions (Policy [3122](#)). In addition, laws regarding military leave and veterans' status are observed. This is reflected in all the District practices and policies regarding hiring, training, promotions, transfers, rates of pay, layoff and other forms of compensation. All matters relating to employment are based upon ability to perform the job, as well as dependability and reliability once hired. Reasonable accommodations shall be made for qualified individuals with a disability or handicap, unless such accommodations would impose an undue hardship to the District.

Employees shall use the District's grievance procedures (Policy [3340](#)) for resolving disputes regarding employee termination, employee discipline or workplace safety issues. Any employee who believes he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint. Responsibility for overseeing the District's equal employment opportunity and affirmative action programs and investigating discrimination complaints is assigned to the Superintendent of Schools.

IV. BOARD POLICIES

The School District of Greenfield is governed by an elected Board of Education. The Board of Education sets policy in a number of areas, including personnel Professional & Technical. The following policies have been identified as being of significant importance to professional employees. Please note that all Board policies are applicable to professional employees regardless of their inclusion into this handbook. Board Policies may be viewed on the District's website.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

The School Board prohibits the manufacture, possession, use, distribution, or dispensing of any controlled substance, including alcohol, and any drug paraphernalia, by any member of the District's classified staff at any time while on District property or while involved in any District-related activity or event. Any staff member who violates this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with District guidelines and any applicable law. Employees are directed to review and comply with all parts of Board Policy [3122.01](#).

USE OF BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

With the exception of occasional personal use of school email, computers, printers, personal digital assistants, cell phones and the Internet, the use of school property (buildings, equipment or supplies) by employees for personal use is discouraged. (Board Policy [7510](#))

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No District employee may use his/her office or position for personal financial gain or the financial gain of his/her family. No employee may engage in his/her own business activity, accept private employment or render services for private interests when such employment, business or activity or service is in conflict with the proper discharge of his/her official duties or would impair his/her independence of judgment or action in the performance of his/her official duties. No employee may use or disclose "privileged information" gained in the course of or by reason of his/her official position or activities. (Board Policy [1130](#))

STAFF DRESS & GROOMING

An employee's appearance reflects the District's image. All employees are expected to be clean and to be concerned with good personal hygiene. All employees are expected to exercise moderation and good taste in dress and grooming. (Board Policy [3216](#))

ELECTRONIC MAIL AND INTERNET USE

1. The District maintains an e-mail system, which employees are to use for internal messages. The system is used to notify employees of daily business-related information that applies to employees. E-mail is an efficient way to respond to business-related inquiries among the office staff.
2. The e-mail system is generally to be used for work-related business only. Occasional personal use of the email is permitted, but Professional & Technical Team Members must be careful not to abuse this privilege. Solicitations that are prohibited under our solicitation policy are not permitted on our email system. The District reserves the right to review, audit, intercept, access and disclose any messages created and transmitted on the system. Deleting an e-mail message does not guarantee that it has been erased from the system; backup copies are retained.
3. No employee is authorized to retrieve or read any e-mail not sent to him or her without prior approval. Employees improperly accessing or monitoring e-mail are subject to discipline or discharge.
4. The District maintains Internet access, which employees are encouraged to use for District business when necessary. The Internet is to be used for work-related business only during actual working time, but occasional personal use of the Internet is permitted, provided it is not abused. The use of the Internet during times other than actual working time is not barred, but an employee may not access sites during these times where payment for access is required, or where pornography is displayed, or if such use interferes with the work of any other District employee. The District reserves the right to review, audit, intercept, access and disclose any history created on the system. Leaving a site does not guarantee that it has been erased from history. (Board Policy [7540](#), [7540.01](#), [7540.02](#))

EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Employees may use the grievance procedure for resolving disputes regarding employee termination, employee discipline or workplace safety issues. See Board Policy 3340.

HARASSMENT POLICY

The Board of Education is committed to a work environment that is free of harassment of any form. The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate action to eliminate it. Any member of the School District community who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our employees.

The remainder of the Harassment Policy may be viewed by clicking on the link below:

[**HARASSMENT AND OTHER INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR - Board Policy 3362**](#)

V. COMPENSATION

1. Salary – Initial Placement: Initial salaries for individual employees shall be at the discretion of the District. Employees shall be compensated according to internal and external market comparables. Participation in the Direct Deposit program is a required condition of employment.
2. Compensation Increases: Salary increases shall be at the discretion of the District. Increases may be tied to experience, additional duties/responsibilities, demonstrated effectiveness, leadership skills and contributions to the District resulting in improved efficiencies and/or student learning.
3. Annuities: The Board provides the opportunity for employees to participate in a tax sheltered annuity (TSA) plan under the rules as set forth by the Board. All plans must conform to the rules and regulations of the United States Internal Revenue Department and the Wisconsin Department of Taxation. Registrations, cancellations and other changes to a tax-sheltered annuity may be made by an employee in accordance with District Policies and Guidelines.
4. Section 125: Employees can utilize Section 125 of the IRS tax codes to pay for allowable expenses up to the maximum allowed by the IRS, provided they are not participating in a Health Savings Account that limits concurrent participation in a Section 125 program.

VI. LEAVE

1. Leave Days: Full-year employees receive twelve (12) leave days per year. If less than full-year, employees receive eleven (11) leave days per year. Unused leave may be accumulated up to one hundred (100) days. Employees hired after the beginning of a school year shall receive a prorated amount of sick leave.
 - A. Leave days are granted to an employee on the completion of the first working day of the individual contract.
 - B. Except as otherwise contained in this Handbook, all leave benefits shall terminate and be forfeited upon termination of employment for any reason.
2. Purpose of Leave Days: Leave days may be used for personal illness, injury, medical condition or an illness/injury/medical condition in the immediate family (child, spouse, parent) which renders the employee incapable of reporting for duty and effectively performing the responsibilities of their position. Leave days may also be used to attend funerals, for court appearances, and to conduct personal business. Personal business is to be used by an employee to tend to personal and urgent matters that cannot otherwise be handled outside the workday. To the extent possible, requests to use leave to conduct personal business should be submitted and approved in advance. Employees may also use leave days to attend an approved employee-requested professional learning opportunity. Employees will not have to use leave days to attend professional learning opportunities required by the District. **Leave days shall not be used to extend holidays, breaks or to vacation on contracted work days.** There may be rare occasions that warrant approval of unpaid leave days; the educator will discuss these unique occasions with their immediate supervisor who will confer with HR.
3. Once-in-a-Lifetime Request: Eligible staff (full time, less than full year) can request an absence of three (3) days up to a maximum of five (5) days in length for a unique, once-in-a-lifetime event. This absence would be allowed only one time per career and cannot be requested during the first or last student attendance week in a school year. Only one qualifying event will be approved across the District at any

time in an employee's career, and in most circumstances is contingent on securing a substitute for the full absence. A request for absence must be made in writing to the building principal/supervisor who will share the request with the Superintendent/designee, with as much advance notice as possible and must be made at least 1 month (30 days) prior to the first day of the requested absence. If approved, half of the days would be paid (subject to available leave days) and half would be unpaid in whole and/or half-day increments. *[This does not apply to full time, full year staff.]*

4. **Notice of Absence:** When an employee needs to be absent from work, the employee shall give notice to the appropriate supervisor or the person designated by the Superintendent to receive such notice, as far in advance as possible, preferably not later than 90 minutes before the start of the day of absence in the event of an unanticipated illness or emergency. If the absence is for consecutive days, the Principal shall be notified of the probable date of return. Employees must record the absence in Skyward. Notification canceling a previously approved leave day shall be submitted at least three (3) working days prior to the commencement of the leave. Requirements for notice may be waived in unusual or emergency situations. Failure to notify the District of an absence and failure to report to work on such day may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.
5. **Substantiation of Reason for Absence:** The reason for a leave day must be entered in Skyward. No further substantiation is required unless the request appears unusual. When the administration identifies an unusual absence request or a pattern of absences, substantiation of any absence may be required. In the event of a concern about an employee's attendance, the District reserves the right to require any employee utilizing leave benefits to be examined by a physician of the District's choosing and at District expense or to require a statement signed by the employee's own physician indicating the employee is medically unable to perform his/her regular duties.
6. **Pattern of Absences:** A pattern of absences may be the basis for the District to require a medical certification of illness from a health care professional or other form of substantiation. A pattern of absences generating suspicion of possible abuse of leave days may include, but is not limited to, such practices as frequent absences on Mondays or Fridays, absences in conjunction with holidays or other paid leaves, multiple absences on professional development days or other non-student contact days, reporting or requesting absences well in advance of the anticipated date or other repeated absences of a similar nature.
7. **Certification of Good Health:** Employees may be required to furnish a medical doctor's certificate of good health prior to returning to work.
8. **Compliance with State and Federal Guidelines:** The District will comply with state and federal requirements, i.e., the Family & Medical Leave Act, related to medical leaves. Details regarding FMLA forms and procedures are available on the District website.
9. **Injury:** Any employee who, in the course of employment, sustains a compensable injury or contracts a compensable disease under the Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Law, may be given the option to use leave days as provided herein. In no case shall leave days and disability be allowed for the same period. The Board shall provide legal counsel related to any injury due to assault upon the employee while acting in the discharge of his/her duties.
10. **Jury Duty:** In the event an employee is called for jury service, the employee should consider contacting the summoning body to request a postponement of duty to non-school days (i.e., summer, winter recess, spring break) when service falls on a workday. When jury service occurs on a workday, the employee will not be charged leave days provided they remit their jury duty summons and any compensation paid to them for such jury service to the Business Office.

11. Sabbatical: Requests for a sabbatical will be handled in accordance with Administrative Guideline 3435.
12. Military Leave: It is the District's policy that employees will be granted all military leave rights available under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

VII. EMERGENCY SCHOOL CANCELLATION

On days that school is canceled due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, and is not a Virtual Learning Day, Professional & Technical Team members who work year-round (12 months) are expected to work, but may take vacation on such days, with their supervisor's approval. Professional & Technical Team members whose work year is less than twelve (12) months do not have to report to work on school days that are canceled, unless directed to do so by the Superintendent or supervisor. In the event a canceled school day must be "made up" due to requirements of the Department of Public Instruction, employees are expected to work on those days at no additional compensation.

VIII. VACATIONS

Eligibility: Professional & Technical Team Members who work a full-year calendar receive three (3) weeks of paid vacation each year. After 5 years of full-time equivalent service, those employees receive four (4) weeks of yearly paid vacation. After 10 years of full-time equivalent service, those employees receive five (5) weeks of yearly paid vacation.

Employees who do not work a full-year calendar do not receive vacation days.

Employees hired prior to July 1, 2013 will retain the vacation amounts established under prior handbooks and/or agreements.

Carry Over of Unused Vacation Days: Unless otherwise specified by individual employment contract, all vacation days are to be used within the fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Employees may carry over five (5) days to be used prior to the start of the school year. The Superintendent may grant exceptions for extenuating circumstances.

Vacation Request Timelines: Vacation requests should be submitted well ahead of time. The vacation periods and number of employees on vacation at any given period is within the Superintendent's discretion. Vacation requests can be denied and alternative dates suggested if granting the vacation would negatively impact District operations.

Canceled School Days: Vacation days that fall on a canceled work day (due to inclement weather or other circumstances) cannot be rescinded.

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IX. HOLIDAYS

Full-time year-round (12-month) employees whose actual work days equal 220 or more are granted the following holidays with pay:

July 4 th	December 25
Labor Day	December 31
Thanksgiving Day	January 1, New Year’s Day
Friday after Thanksgiving	Good Friday
December 24	Memorial Day

When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday normally will be observed as a holiday; when a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday normally shall be observed as a holiday; however, if school is in session on any holiday or said Friday or Monday, the holiday shall be rescheduled to a day where school is not in session.

Professional & Technical Team Members whose actual workdays are below 220 are not eligible for paid holidays.

X. INSURANCE - HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE, DISABILITY

1. **Eligibility:** The District provides various insurance benefits to full-time employees. Part-time employees at 50% Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) or higher may receive health insurance benefits at a prorated level commensurate with their FTE. Part-time positions less than 50% FTE are not eligible for medical insurance benefits.
2. **Benefits:** Details about medical insurance and other benefits are set forth on the Human Resources website.
3. **Death Benefit:** The estate of the Employee shall be paid the remaining salary and fringe benefits due under the employee’s employment contract. This benefit shall not extend beyond the fiscal year in which the death occurs.

XI. ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFERS & JOB SHARING

Assignments shall be determined by the Superintendent based upon licenses, the needs of students and program requirements. Employees may be transferred at the discretion of the Superintendent to meet the needs of the District.

XII. RETIREMENT

1. **Contribution to Wisconsin Retirement System:** The School Board shall pay the required employer contribution to the Wisconsin Retirement System for eligible employees.
2. **District Retirement Program:** The District provides a non-elective contribution to a Tax Sheltered Annuity for Professional & Technical employees based on a percentage of salary according to the position. The funds belong to the employees and may be used according to any applicable tax laws. Employees may also elect to make additional contributions to the TSA taken pre-tax from their salary. There is no defined retirement benefit such as health insurance.

Position	% of Salary to a TSA
Professional & Technical Employees	2%

Upon fifteen (15) years of service with the District, Employees are eligible for a Supplemental Benefit based on accumulated paid leave. Under this provision, the Employee receives the value of \$150 for every unused sick leave day up to a maximum of 70 accumulated days.

XIII. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All requests for professional development opportunities must be submitted through Skyward through the “Professional Development Requests” feature found under Employee Access/Employee Information/Professional Development. This procedure replaces the previous hard copy documents used to request attendance at professional development opportunities.

Membership fees for professional organizations are eligible for reimbursement for up to \$500.

National Board Certification): Should a qualifying Professional-Technical employee (i.e. School Psychologists) become National Board Certified by an accredited organization, they may be eligible for a grant from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). In addition to the grant from DPI, any Professional-Technical employee who becomes National Board Certified will be provided a recurring annual stipend in the amount of \$1250 as long as they remain national board certified. Should the Professional-Technical employee need to renew their certification, the District will provide reimbursement for the application cost.

XIV. SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Employees in the Professional & Technical classification may not have an employment contract. Those employees with an employment contract may be recommended for contract non-renewal in accordance with applicable Wisconsin Statutes. Employees without an employment contract are at-will employees, and employment may be terminated for any reason.

Liquidated Damages: Should an employee with an employment contract, breach his/her executed individual contract or any provision thereof, a liquidated damage in the respective amount set forth below will be either paid or forfeited by the employee at the option of the District. The acceptance of the employee’s resignation by the Board does not relieve the individual from the liquidated damages set forth herein.

If the employee executes an individual contract and thereafter, after June 1 and prior to July 1, breaches the agreement, the employee will incur liquidated damages in the sum of \$200. If an employee executes an individual contract and thereafter after July 1 and prior to July 16, breaches the agreement, the employee will incur liquidated damages in the sum of \$1000. If an employee executes an individual contract and thereafter, after July 15 and during the school year, breaches the agreement, the employee will incur liquidated damages in the sum of \$3000. The appropriate amount of liquidated damages, pursuant to the above, will be deducted from the employee’s last paycheck or paid directly by the employee. The Board will not accept the resignation of the employee until such time as liquidated damages have been collected from the employee in question.

All employees are required to provide two (2) weeks’ notice of resignation from their position.