

## Policy Code: 7550 Absences Due to Inclement Weather

**PURPOSE:** To establish guidelines regarding employee absences due to inclement weather

### A. OPTIONAL TEACHER WORKDAYS

On a day that employees have the option to report for a workday but pupils are not required to attend school due to inclement weather, employees have the following options:

1. report to work;
2. take accumulated annual (vacation) leave;
3. take accumulated personal leave, if available (teachers only);
4. take leave without pay;
5. use compensatory leave already accumulated; or
6. telework in accordance with policy 7503, Teleworking; or
7. make up the time missed (only with supervisor's approval). The employee and immediate supervisor must mutually agree upon a makeup time. Employees who are non-exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act may make up missed time only if the time will be made up within the work week established by the board (see policy 7500, Workday and Overtime). Teachers and other employees who are classified as exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act must make up the time within 120 days or before the end of their employment contract, whichever is sooner.

~~If an employee elects to make up time, it must be at a mutually agreed upon time between the employee and the immediate supervisor. For 10-month employees, it must be within the regular 10-month employment.~~

### B. MANDATORY SCHOOL CLOSURE

When the school system is closed to staff and students due to inclement weather, the board will consider options **within the requirements of law** for addressing the missed days, giving the greatest weight to how to best maintain the opportunity and environment for student learning.

Legal References: **The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.; [G.S. 115C-84.2](#), [-302.1](#), -316**

Cross References: Emergency Closing (policy 5050), [Workday and Overtime \(policy 7500\)](#), [Teleworking \(policy 7503\)](#)

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