

ARTICLE XXVI

BONDED SABBATICAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

I. Bonded Sabbatical

At the discretion of the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the District Sabbatical Committee, the District may grant a sabbatical to eligible faculty members (Calif. Ed. Code, Sections 87767 and 87768).

A. Purpose

A sabbatical is to allow for the professional enhancement of the faculty member. Such professional enhancement shall be to the benefit of the faculty member, his/her college, students, and/or to the District. The value of what the faculty member may contribute following his/her return includes, but is not limited to, the areas of pedagogy, curriculum development, and the culture of the college and the community it serves.

B. Length of Sabbatical

A sabbatical leave may take one of two possible forms:

1. One semester at full pay and employee benefits, or
2. One academic year at two-thirds pay and full employee benefits.

C. Eligibility

1. Any tenured full-time faculty member who has served the District for at least six (6) consecutive years without a break in service (Calif. Ed. Code, Section 87768) is eligible for a sabbatical. No more than one such sabbatical may be granted in each seven year period.
2. An eligibility list will be prepared by the Human Resources Office no later than September 15th of the preceding year and sent to the Sabbatical Committee chair.

D. Acceptable Sabbatical Projects

A sabbatical may be granted for any of the following purposes:

1. Professional study related to assigned discipline(s) or for the purpose of retraining when there is a scheduled phase-out in a discipline and/or program.
2. Completion of courses for an advanced degree related to assigned discipline(s) or in advanced studies related to higher education.
3. Special project, research or assignment that relates to the goals and mission of the College and District.
4. Travel related to assigned discipline, course and/or program of faculty member.