Cheat Sheet: Marking Leave in Skyward Brought to you by the De Soto Teachers' Association Fall, 2021



Step One: Login to "Skyward Employee Access." Select "Time Off" in the top left hand corner \rightarrow "My Requests" from the drop down menu \rightarrow "Add" from the right hand side. Your screen will look similar to the picture below. Note that your "Reason" box may show a different option.

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Reminder: Full-time employees are given 4 "Protected Discretionary Leave" days a year (32 hours) and 8 "Discretionary Leave" days (64 hours) a year. **"Protected Discretionary Leave" is now called "Personal" and is noted on its own line as pictured above.** Your "Discretionary Leave" is combined with your "Short Term Leave" in your Skyward "buckets." ANY unused leave is rolled over into accumulated sick leave, also known as "Short Term Leave" at the end of each year.

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Step Two: Mark your "Time Off Code" by clicking the drop down arrow and selecting the leave "bucket" your time should be deducted from.

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Reminder: Most of the time, you will want to select "Short Term Leave." All short term leave is "discretionary." It can be used for personal leave or sick leave.

You will only use the "Personal" bucket if you are out of the 8 "Discretionary Leave" days for this year and you want to take a "personal" day.

If you are out of all leave for this year but need a "sick day", you want to deduct the time from your accumulated leave which is also your "Short Term Leave." (Please note that this only applies if you are a returning employee and have accumulated leave.)

The status of all leave "buckets" will always appear at the top of this screen. Leave is noted in HOURS not days.

Step Three: Mark your "*Reason" by clicking the drop down arrow and selecting a general reason for your absence.

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Reminder: <u>Please choose the appropriate code.</u> It will cause fewer problems for you and for the district office. For example, if you choose "Personal" but you are sick and should have selected "Personal Illness", you could be docked pay rather than simply having your time deducted from your accumulated leave/"Short Term Leave" bucket.

Additionally, if you choose "Personal Illness" and you are out "Discretionary Leave" for the year, it will automatically draw from your accumulated leave/"Short Term Leave" bucket, if you have any. You want sick days to come from the "Short Term Leave" bucket so be sure to select the appropriate reason.

Lastly, a "description" is not required, but might be helpful to avoid confusion and to obtain permission for sick leave on a blackout day.

Step Four: Complete your entry by entering the date(s), number of hours of the absence and start time. Add additional employee email addresses, like the building secretary if needed, and click "Save". You're done! ③