

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT STAFF BENEFIT SCHEDULE

PARAPROFESSIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025

I. **SALARY AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. **Twelve-Month Pay**

Beginning with an employee's first paycheck of the academic year, he/she shall have his or her annual pay divided into twenty-six (26) equal installments. Pay dates will be scheduled for Fridays.

Salary provisions adopted in conjunction with this benefit package shall begin on July 1 or the first working day of the school year, whichever is applicable.

B. **Work Hours/Salary Basis**

Each full-time employee shall be paid in accordance with this benefit schedule for work of not less than 37.5 hours and not more than 40 hours per week. Any hours worked in excess of 40 hours in one week shall be compensated at one and one-half times the regular hourly rate of that employee for the week in which the overtime is worked, unless federal or state law provides otherwise. Lunch is not included in these hours.

The salary of each employee shall be established on a per diem basis.

Paraprofessionals' work year corresponds to that of teachers and shall continue for one hundred ninety-five (195) days annually, having the same beginning and ending dates as the academic year contracts of the teachers.

C. **Experience Credit**

All employees who were hired prior to March 1 shall on July 1 of each year advance one step on the salary schedule until such time that they attain the highest possible level.

D. **Responsibilities**

All paraprofessionals shall be responsible to the Principal or his or her designee.

E. **School Closing Procedures**

All paraprofessionals are expected to report to work on bad weather days except as directed by the Superintendent.

When an employee, due to an emergency situation, is advised by the Superintendent that he/she is not required to report for work on what would normally be a regular workday, he/she shall be paid for such day.

DAILY SALARY

Level	2023-2024	2024-2025
1	\$118.13	\$120.49
2	\$131.20	\$133.82
3	\$144.27	\$147.16
4	\$157.34	\$160.49
5	\$170.42	\$173.82

* Qualified ESL, Sanders Intensive Behavior Interventionists, job coaches, Deans Assistants, and BDHS Learning Center Assistant paraprofessionals will earn an additional \$4.50 per hour

*THRIVE and Student Support Center paraprofessionals will earn an additional \$.50 per hour

* Pre-K paraprofessionals in Title I paraprofessionals with bus duties will earn an additional \$.50 per hour

* HOSTS Instructors will earn an additional \$2.00 per hour

II. INSURANCE – Full time employees

A. Group Term Life

The Board of Education shall provide a group term life policy in the amount of \$38,000 for each employee with the provision that each shall contribute \$1.00 per year toward the premium.

B. Group Health

1. The Board of Education shall provide the following contribution toward the per pay membership cost of an approved health insurance plan, provided said contribution does not exceed the cost of the particular kind of membership:

Plan	2023-2025
Single	\$156.66
Employee + (Child)ren	\$390.01
Employee + Spouse	\$412.13
Family	\$557.05

2. Employees who retire prior to age 65 may remain in the health insurance group in which (s)he held membership at the time of retirement until the age of Medicare eligibility or until the death of the member, providing (s)he makes application for PERF benefits to which (s)he might be entitled and makes semi-annual payments in advance for the amount of the premium.

C. Group Dental

The Board of Education shall provide the following contribution toward the per pay membership cost of an approved dental insurance plan, provided said contribution does not exceed the cost of the particular kind of membership:

	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Family</u>
All Plans	\$6.65	\$7.79	\$9.15

D. Section 125

Section 125 of the IRS code allows an employee to pay his or her share of health and dental premiums with before-tax dollars, thereby reducing tax deductions on the money paid for insurance benefits. Employees may participate in the Flexible Fringe Benefit Plan as long as such is provided for by law or IRS rules.

III. RETIREMENT

A. PERF

The Board of Education shall pay the employee's share of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund for all full-time employees (3%).

B. Severance Pay

1. Upon retirement an employee is entitled to \$36 multiplied times the number of sick days on record, provided that the employee has applied for PERF benefits and has accumulated at least ten (10) years of service in Wayne Township.
2. This retirement severance pay is computed upon a formula utilizing the number of accumulated sick leave days; however, retirement severance pay is not and should not be interpreted nor construed as pay for unused sick leave days, nor is it the buy back of the school corporation of the employee's unused sick leave.

IV. ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

Employees are eligible to participate through payroll deductions in each of the following programs:

- Tax sheltered annuity
- Disability Insurance
- Voluntary Term Life Insurance
- Voluntary Vision Insurance

V. LEAVE PROVISIONS

A. Sick Leave

1. On July 1 of each year, employees shall receive nine (9) sick days. New employees will be assigned a share of sick leave according to the following schedule:

July	9	January	4.5
August	9	February	4
September	7.5	March	3
October	7	April	2.5
November	6	May	1.5
December	5.5	June	.5

2. Unused sick leave shall be accumulated to a maximum total of one hundred ninety (190) days. Once one hundred ninety (190) days have been accumulated and the employee begins the year with the same, no additional days will be provided. If any portion of the accumulation is used during a calendar year, the employee will receive new days at the start of the next calendar year up to the annual maximum of seven (7). An employee may begin the year with no more than one hundred ninety (190) days.
3. Each employee may donate one or two sick leave days each school year to another Wayne classified employee who has exhausted his or her sick leave and income protection benefits (see income protection eligibility). Such donation must be in writing over the signature of the giver. Donations can only be made to an employee who is on an FMLA Approved leave. Additionally, the leave must be consecutive days, and not intermittent. The use of donated days applies to a leave due to the employee's illness, and is not applicable to leave for an employee to care for his/her family member. Donated days cannot be banked, or carried over to the following school years.
4. In the event that an employee has three (3) consecutive sick days, the employee must provide a medical certification. In the case that an employee is absent before or after a holiday or scheduled break as designated in the Board approved calendar, the employee may be required to provide a medical certification.

B. Income Protection

1. Employees with three (3) years or more experience will be eligible for additional income protection according to the following provisions:
 - a. Benefits will begin after all accumulated sick leave has been used and after additional waiting period of five (5) working days.
 - b. Daily benefits will be equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the daily rate of pay of the employee in question.
 - c. Benefits will continue one week (5 days) for each year of service in Wayne Township Schools, up to a maximum of twenty (20) weeks per employee per career.
 - d. The employee shall furnish to the employer prior to the assumption of such benefits a physician's certificate stating the employee's inability to perform his duties. During extended illness the employee shall submit new physician's certificates each thirty (30) calendar days.
 - e. Income protection is available to an employee who is on an FMLA Approved leave. Additionally, the leave must be consecutive days, and not intermittent.
 - f. Income protection applies to a leave due to the employee's illness, and is not applicable to leave for an employee to care for his/her family member.

2. Benefits shall terminate at the close of the working year as prescribed in the individual's employment. The remaining days shall be reinstated at the beginning of the following year's employment, if needed.

C. Emergency Leave

1. Immediate Family Death

Emergency leave for death in the immediate family shall be allowed with full compensation for up to ten (10) consecutive or non-consecutive contract days for the death of a spouse or child, or five (5) consecutive or non-consecutive contract days for all other immediate family members. The consecutive or non-consecutive contract days shall begin on either the day of the death or the day immediately following the death. The leave days are to be utilized for bereavement and related obligations for services and/or related business matters within ten (10) consecutive contract days of the passing of the family member. For extenuating circumstances that cause an employee to not meet the timeline of bereavement leave, a written request may be submitted to the Deputy Human Resources Officer to modify the leave window.

Immediate family is defined as husband, wife, child, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or any relative who at the time of death is living as a member of the household of the employee.

Up to three (3) additional days which shall be deducted from accumulated sick leave days, may be taken for this purpose provided that advanced notice is given to the employee's supervisor and provided that these days are consecutive work days to those already used under this benefit.

2. Other Family Death

The employee is entitled to one day's leave with compensation in case of death of an aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew. This leave will be allowed for attendance at the funeral and will not be charged against sick leave.

D. Paid Holidays

Employees shall be paid for the following seven (7) holidays annually:

New Year's Day	Memorial Day
Presidents' Day	Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day	

E. Business/Personal Days

1. Each employee shall be entitled to three (3) days per school year for business leave for the transaction of the employee's business and/or the conduct of civic affairs. Persons employed after the first grading period shall receive one and one-half (1.5) business days. Unused business days shall be transferred to sick leave on June 30 of each year.

2. Each individual must file with the principal of the school a request for business leave at least one working day in advance of the requested date.
3. Personal Business leave used on the last day immediately prior to, or the first day immediately following holidays or breaks or intersession will be counted as double. Holidays in which two (2) personal business days may be used to extend by one day include: Labor Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, President's Day, and Memorial Day. The request must be made in writing to the building principal no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the day requested. A personal business day may be on the last day of the school year as specified in the Board approved calendar.
4. Personal business leave may be charged in half-day (.5) or full-day increments.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. At-Will Employees

Persons covered by these provisions are at-will employees whose employment will continue as long as the individual's performance is satisfactory and the position occupied continues to exist, unless notified otherwise.

B. Liability Coverage

All reasonable and prudent actions taken by employees in the course of their employment are covered by the district's liability policy.

C. Payroll Distribution

Employees shall have their pay deposited directly to accounts in financial institutions which are members of the Automatic Clearing House program.

D. Other Conditions

Beginning and ending times, assignments, and other conditions of employment not specified elsewhere in this benefit schedule may be changed or altered with appropriate notice from the management staff. If the changes impose difficulties, the employee may seek the assistance of the Human Resources Office in securing a different position in the district when such positions become available.

E. Postings and Transfers

1. Any employee who wishes to apply for transfer to any posted position may complete the Request For Transfer form and submit it to the Human Resources Office.
2. Any employee who wishes to apply to any other posted position may submit a letter of interest to the Human Resources Office. All employees will be notified of the job status.

F. Termination of Employment

Any employee leaving the MSD of Wayne Township of his or her own accord shall submit a letter of resignation to his or her supervisor.