

**FULL-TIME SERS EMPLOYEES
ITEMS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE EMPLOYMENT PROCESS**

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The Morrow County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 Home Road, Mt. Gilead will provide the fingerprinting service and send the appropriate form to BCI and FBI for the background check. They are providing fingerprinting on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 419-946-4444 if you have any additional questions. The cost for the BCI check is \$25.00 and \$30.00 for the FBI check. If you wish to have the BCI and FBI done the cost is \$55.00 for both. A driver's license or state identification is required at time of fingerprinting.

Please send these items to Teri Gray at the Mt. Gilead Board of Education Office, 145 North Cherry Street, Mt. Gilead as soon as possible. If you go to www.mgschools.org you can find the school calendar and payroll schedule.

Thank you for your assistance and welcome to Mt. Gilead Schools.



MOUNT GILEAD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
 145 North Cherry Street
 Mount Gilead, OH 43338
 419-946-1646 (FAX 419-946-3651)

OFFICE USE ONLY
Interview Date _____
Resume Enclosed _____

Check Appropriate Position(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Cook and/or Cashier	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance/Mechanic
<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Aide	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute (Cafeteria)
<input type="checkbox"/> Library Aide	<input type="checkbox"/> Custodial	<input type="checkbox"/> Sub (Clerical/Classroom Aide)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute (Custodial)	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute (Bus Driver)

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone () _____

Day Phone () _____

To assist in maintaining contact, please list a person through whom we may reach you.

Name of Contact Person _____ Phone No. () _____

Length of Time at Current Address _____ Ohio Driver's License ___ yes ___ no

Ohio CDL License ___ yes ___ no Class ___ A ___ B Endorsements _____

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> G.E.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> College Degree
School	Address	Degree/Diploma	

PERSONAL REFERENCES (Not Relatives)

Name	Address	Day Phone

In case of emergency, notify: _____
 (Name) (Address) (Phone)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Employer (Name & Address)	Dates From-To	Supervisor Home/Work Phone #	Position	Reason for Leaving

If dismissed from any job, give circumstances (please attach additional information if necessary): _____

Skills/Special Qualifications (computer experience, machine/equipment operation/training, etc.) Current
Resume Preferred: _____

LEGAL QUESTIONS:

Have you ever had a contract terminated or non-renewed by a Board of Education? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

I hereby authorize the Mount Gilead Schools to obtain from my former employer all data needed to support this application. I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any withholding or falsification of information on this application is grounds for dismissal. I understand that, according to Ohio law, I am required to provide a set of fingerprint impressions and that a criminal record check will be required to be conducted and satisfactorily completed if I come under final consideration for employment.

Applicant's Signature

Date

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I agree that any claim or lawsuit relating to my service with Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools must be filed no more than six (6) months after the date of the employment action that is the subject of the claim or lawsuit. I waive any statute of limitations to the contrary.

This application will be considered active for twelve (12) months from the date filed. If you are hired, it becomes part of your official employment record.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Equal Opportunity: In accordance with Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Mount Gilead Exempted Village School District Board of Education has a policy prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of sex, race, religion, disability, age or national origin.

Office for Civil Rights, *Cleveland Office*
U.S. Department of Education
Bank One Center, Suite 750
600 Superior Avenue East
Cleveland, OH 44114-2611
(216)522-4970 TDD: (216)522-4944

Form W-4 (2016)

Purpose. Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. Consider completing a new Form W-4 each year and when your personal or financial situation changes.

Exemption from withholding. If you are exempt, complete only lines 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 and sign the form to validate it. Your exemption for 2016 expires February 15, 2017. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

Note: If another person can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return, you cannot claim exemption from withholding if your income exceeds \$1,050 and includes more than \$350 of unearned income (for example, interest and dividends).

Exceptions. An employee may be able to claim exemption from withholding even if the employee is a dependent, if the employee:

- Is age 65 or older,
- Is blind, or
- Will claim adjustments to income; tax credits; or itemized deductions, on his or her tax return.

The exceptions do not apply to supplemental wages greater than \$1,000,000.

Basic instructions. If you are not exempt, complete the **Personal Allowances Worksheet** below. The worksheets on page 2 further adjust your withholding allowances based on itemized deductions, certain credits, adjustments to income, or two-earners/multiple jobs situations.

Complete all worksheets that apply. However, you may claim fewer (or zero) allowances. For regular wages, withholding must be based on allowances you claimed and may not be a flat amount or percentage of wages.

Head of household. Generally, you can claim head of household filing status on your tax return only if you are unmarried and pay more than 50% of the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and your dependent(s) or other qualifying individuals. See Pub. 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information, for information.

Tax credits. You can take projected tax credits into account in figuring your allowable number of withholding allowances. Credits for child or dependent care expenses and the child tax credit may be claimed using the **Personal Allowances Worksheet** below. See Pub. 505 for information on converting your other credits into withholding allowances.

Nonwage income. If you have a large amount of nonwage income, such as interest or dividends, consider making estimated tax payments using Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals. Otherwise, you may owe additional tax. If you have pension or annuity income, see Pub. 505 to find out if you should adjust your withholding on Form W-4 or W-4P.

Two earners or multiple jobs. If you have a working spouse or more than one job, figure the total number of allowances you are entitled to claim on all jobs using worksheets from only one Form W-4. Your withholding usually will be most accurate when all allowances are claimed on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job and zero allowances are claimed on the others. See Pub. 505 for details.

Nonresident alien. If you are a nonresident alien, see Notice 1392, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens, before completing this form.

Check your withholding. After your Form W-4 takes effect, use Pub. 505 to see how the amount you are having withheld compares to your projected total tax for 2016. See Pub. 505, especially if your earnings exceed \$130,000 (Single) or \$180,000 (Married).

Future developments. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-4 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted at www.irs.gov/w4.

Personal Allowances Worksheet (Keep for your records.)

A	Enter "1" for yourself if no one else can claim you as a dependent	A _____
B	Enter "1" if: { • You are single and have only one job; or • You are married, have only one job, and your spouse does not work; or • Your wages from a second job or your spouse's wages (or the total of both) are \$1,500 or less. }	B _____
C	Enter "1" for your spouse . But, you may choose to enter "-0-" if you are married and have either a working spouse or more than one job. (Entering "-0-" may help you avoid having too little tax withheld.)	C _____
D	Enter number of dependents (other than your spouse or yourself) you will claim on your tax return	D _____
E	Enter "1" if you will file as head of household on your tax return (see conditions under Head of household above)	E _____
F	Enter "1" if you have at least \$2,000 of child or dependent care expenses for which you plan to claim a credit	F _____
G	Child Tax Credit (including additional child tax credit). See Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information. • If your total income will be less than \$70,000 (\$100,000 if married), enter "2" for each eligible child; then less "1" if you have two to four eligible children or less "2" if you have five or more eligible children. • If your total income will be between \$70,000 and \$84,000 (\$100,000 and \$119,000 if married), enter "1" for each eligible child	G _____
H	Add lines A through G and enter total here. (Note: This may be different from the number of exemptions you claim on your tax return.) ▶	H _____

For accuracy, complete all worksheets that apply.
 • If you plan to **itemize** or **claim adjustments to income** and want to reduce your withholding, see the **Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet** on page 2.
 • If you are **single and have more than one job** or are **married and you and your spouse both work** and the combined earnings from all jobs exceed \$50,000 (\$20,000 if married), see the **Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet** on page 2 to avoid having too little tax withheld.
 • If **neither** of the above situations applies, **stop here** and enter the number from line H on line 5 of Form W-4 below.

Separate here and give Form W-4 to your employer. Keep the top part for your records.

Form W-4 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate ▶ Whether you are entitled to claim a certain number of allowances or exemption from withholding is subject to review by the IRS. Your employer may be required to send a copy of this form to the IRS.		OMB No. 1545-0074 2016
1 Your first name and middle initial		Last name		2 Your social security number
Home address (number and street or rural route)			3 <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Married, but withhold at higher Single rate. Note: If married, but legally separated, or spouse is a nonresident alien, check the "Single" box.	
City or town, state, and ZIP code			4 If your last name differs from that shown on your social security card, check here. You must call 1-800-772-1213 for a replacement card. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Total number of allowances you are claiming (from line H above or from the applicable worksheet on page 2)			5 _____
6	Additional amount, if any, you want withheld from each paycheck			6 \$ _____
7	I claim exemption from withholding for 2016, and I certify that I meet both of the following conditions for exemption. • Last year I had a right to a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I had no tax liability, and • This year I expect a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I expect to have no tax liability. If you meet both conditions, write "Exempt" here ▶			7 _____
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certificate and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.				
Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.) ▶				Date ▶
8 Employer's name and address (Employer: Complete lines 8 and 10 only if sending to the IRS.)		9 Office code (optional)	10 Employer identification number (EIN)	

Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet

Note: Use this worksheet *only* if you plan to itemize deductions or claim certain credits or adjustments to income.

1	Enter an estimate of your 2016 itemized deductions. These include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, medical expenses in excess of 10% (7.5% if either you or your spouse was born before January 2, 1952) of your income, and miscellaneous deductions. For 2016, you may have to reduce your itemized deductions if your income is over \$311,300 and you are married filing jointly or are a qualifying widow(er); \$285,350 if you are head of household; \$259,400 if you are single and not head of household or a qualifying widow(er); or \$155,650 if you are married filing separately. See Pub. 505 for details	1	\$ _____						
2	Enter: <table border="0" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">{</td> <td style="padding: 0 5px;">\$12,600 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td style="padding: 0 5px;">\$9,300 if head of household</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td style="padding: 0 5px;">\$6,300 if single or married filing separately</td> </tr> </table>	{	\$12,600 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	}	\$9,300 if head of household	}	\$6,300 if single or married filing separately	2	\$ _____
{	\$12,600 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)								
}	\$9,300 if head of household								
}	\$6,300 if single or married filing separately								
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter "-0-"	3	\$ _____						
4	Enter an estimate of your 2016 adjustments to income and any additional standard deduction (see Pub. 505)	4	\$ _____						
5	Add lines 3 and 4 and enter the total. (Include any amount for credits from the <i>Converting Credits to Withholding Allowances for 2016 Form W-4</i> worksheet in Pub. 505.)	5	\$ _____						
6	Enter an estimate of your 2016 nonwage income (such as dividends or interest)	6	\$ _____						
7	Subtract line 6 from line 5. If zero or less, enter "-0-"	7	\$ _____						
8	Divide the amount on line 7 by \$4,050 and enter the result here. Drop any fraction	8	_____						
9	Enter the number from the Personal Allowances Worksheet , line H, page 1	9	_____						
10	Add lines 8 and 9 and enter the total here. If you plan to use the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet , also enter this total on line 1 below. Otherwise, stop here and enter this total on Form W-4, line 5, page 1	10	_____						

Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet (See *Two earners or multiple jobs* on page 1.)

Note: Use this worksheet *only* if the instructions under line H on page 1 direct you here.

1	Enter the number from line H, page 1 (or from line 10 above if you used the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet)	1	_____
2	Find the number in Table 1 below that applies to the LOWEST paying job and enter it here. However , if you are married filing jointly and wages from the highest paying job are \$65,000 or less, do not enter more than "3"	2	_____
3	If line 1 is more than or equal to line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the result here (if zero, enter "-0-") and on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. Do not use the rest of this worksheet	3	_____

Note: If line 1 is **less than** line 2, enter "-0-" on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. Complete lines 4 through 9 below to figure the additional withholding amount necessary to avoid a year-end tax bill.

4	Enter the number from line 2 of this worksheet	4	_____
5	Enter the number from line 1 of this worksheet	5	_____
6	Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	_____
7	Find the amount in Table 2 below that applies to the HIGHEST paying job and enter it here	7	\$ _____
8	Multiply line 7 by line 6 and enter the result here. This is the additional annual withholding needed	8	\$ _____
9	Divide line 8 by the number of pay periods remaining in 2016. For example, divide by 25 if you are paid every two weeks and you complete this form on a date in January when there are 25 pay periods remaining in 2016. Enter the result here and on Form W-4, line 6, page 1. This is the additional amount to be withheld from each paycheck	9	\$ _____

Table 1				Table 2			
Married Filing Jointly		All Others		Married Filing Jointly		All Others	
If wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above	If wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above	If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	Enter on line 7 above	If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	Enter on line 7 above
\$0 - \$6,000	0	\$0 - \$9,000	0	\$0 - \$75,000	\$610	\$0 - \$38,000	\$610
6,001 - 14,000	1	9,001 - 17,000	1	75,001 - 135,000	1,010	38,001 - 85,000	1,010
14,001 - 25,000	2	17,001 - 26,000	2	135,001 - 205,000	1,130	85,001 - 185,000	1,130
25,001 - 27,000	3	26,001 - 34,000	3	205,001 - 360,000	1,340	185,001 - 400,000	1,340
27,001 - 35,000	4	34,001 - 44,000	4	360,001 - 405,000	1,420	400,001 and over	1,600
35,001 - 44,000	5	44,001 - 75,000	5	405,001 and over	1,600		
44,001 - 55,000	6	75,001 - 85,000	6				
55,001 - 65,000	7	85,001 - 110,000	7				
65,001 - 75,000	8	110,001 - 125,000	8				
75,001 - 80,000	9	125,001 - 140,000	9				
80,001 - 100,000	10	140,001 and over	10				
100,001 - 115,000	11						
115,001 - 130,000	12						
130,001 - 140,000	13						
140,001 - 150,000	14						
150,001 and over	15						

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. Internal Revenue Code sections 3402(f)(2) and 6109 and their regulations require you to provide this information; your employer uses it to determine your federal income tax withholding. Failure to provide a properly completed form will result in your being treated as a single person who claims no withholding allowances; providing fraudulent information may subject you to penalties. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation; to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws; and to the Department of Health and Human Services for use in the National Directory of New Hires. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Code section 6103.

The average time and expenses required to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. For estimated averages, see the instructions for your income tax return.

If you have suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for your income tax return.

Notice to Employee

- 1. For state purposes, an individual may claim only natural dependency exemptions. This includes the taxpayer, spouse and each dependent. Dependents are the same as defined in the Internal Revenue Code and as claimed in the taxpayer's federal income tax return for the taxable year for which the taxpayer would have been permitted to claim had the taxpayer filed such a return.
- 2. You may file a new certificate at any time if the number of your exemptions **increases**.

You must file a new certificate within 10 days if the number of exemptions previously claimed by you **decreases** because:

- (a) Your spouse for whom you have been claiming exemption is divorced or legally separated, or claims her (or his) own exemption on a separate certificate.
- (b) The support of a dependent for whom you claimed exemption is taken over by someone else.
- (c) You find that a dependent for whom you claimed exemption must be dropped for federal purposes.

The death of a spouse or a dependent does not affect your withholding until the next year but requires the filing of a new certificate. If possible, file a new certificate by Dec. 1st of the year in which the death occurs.

For further information, consult the Ohio Department of Taxation, Personal and School District Income Tax Division, or your employer.

- 3. If you expect to owe more Ohio income tax than will be withheld, you may claim a smaller number of exemptions; or under an agreement with your employer, you may have an additional amount withheld each pay period.
- 4. A married couple with both spouses working and filing a joint return will, in many cases, be required to file an individual estimated income tax form IT 1040ES even though Ohio income tax is being withheld from their wages. This result may occur because the tax on their combined income will be greater than the sum of the taxes withheld from the husband's wages and the wife's wages. This requirement to file an individual estimated income tax form IT 1040ES may also apply to an individual who has two jobs, both of which are subject to withholding. In lieu of filing the individual estimated income tax form IT 1040ES, the individual may provide for additional withholding with his employer by using line 5.

✂ please detach here



Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate

Print full name _____ Social Security number _____

Home address and ZIP code _____

Public school district of residence _____ School district no. _____
(See *The Finder* at tax.ohio.gov.)

- 1. Personal exemption for yourself, enter "1" if claimed _____
- 2. If married, personal exemption for your spouse if not separately claimed (enter "1" if claimed) _____
- 3. Exemptions for dependents _____
- 4. Add the exemptions that you have claimed above and enter total _____
- 5. Additional withholding per pay period under agreement with employer _____ \$ _____

Under the penalties of perjury, I certify that the number of exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Please provide the requested information below and
return this form to the Treasurer's Office**

**Mount Gilead Exempted Village School District
145 North Cherry Street
Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338**

**PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATE**

We are required by Ohio Law (R.C. 5747.06 E) to ask all employees for their public school district of residence.

NAME _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE # () - _____

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE _____

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT # _____

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE

DATE

A new EMIS (Education Management Information System) requirement for the reporting of employees has been implemented. We need to know the highest level of education you have achieved. Please check one of the choices:

- _____ Less than High School Diploma
- _____ GED Diploma
- _____ High School Diploma
- _____ Non Degree
- _____ Associate
- _____ Bachelors
- _____ Masters
- _____ Education Specialist
- _____ Doctorate
- _____ Other



Serving the People Who Serve Our Schools

Welcome to SERS

Established by state law in 1937, SERS is one of five Ohio public pension funds and provides retirement, disability, survivor, and other benefits to its eligible members, retirees, and beneficiaries. The retirement plan SERS offers is a **defined benefit (DB)** plan. Under a DB plan, the amount of a person's retirement allowance is a fixed lifetime benefit.

Working Together to Build Your Secure Retirement SERS funds the benefits it provides from three sources: member contributions (you make your member contributions through your employer), employer contributions, and investment earnings. Earnings on SERS' investments are the major source of SERS' assets. The System provides retirement benefits to more than 63,000 retired members. You are joining more than 123,000 current, active members.

Ensuring Funds Will Be Available When You Retire SERS takes very seriously its mission to provide pensions, benefits, and services to our members, retirees, and beneficiaries that are soundly financed, prudently administered, and delivered with understanding and responsiveness.

SERS' Member Publications and Website Keep You Connected

Soon you will receive your *Member Handbook* in the mail. It contains detailed information about your retirement plan and benefits. Also, please make sure to read the quarterly publications that SERS will mail to your home address. It is important that you keep your address current with SERS.

Please visit our website at www.ohsers.org for comprehensive benefit information and the latest SERS news. You can use the website's Member Log-in feature to safely access your personal account and updated contribution balance.

SERS' Benefits Available to You

Your Member Contributions You are **guaranteed** the return of your member contributions in the form of a retirement allowance, survivor benefit, or refund. Your right to receive a retirement allowance becomes guaranteed when your retirement application is approved. Instead of a retirement allowance, you may receive a refund of your member contributions if you stop working for your SERS employer. However, if you take a refund, you give up all of your SERS membership rights including the right to receive a retirement allowance, and tax penalties will apply unless you roll the money into a qualified account. For more information, see your *Member Handbook*.

Your Retirement Benefits Your retirement allowance is based on your age, number of years of service ("service credit"), and final average salary (FAS). For more information, see your *Member Handbook*.

A member who joins SERS before **May 14, 2008** will be eligible for a guaranteed lifetime monthly pension with the following combinations of age and service credit:

- 5 years of service credit at age 60; or
- 25 years of service credit at age 55; or
- 30 years of service credit at any age.

Those who become SERS members **on or after May 14, 2008** will be eligible for a guaranteed lifetime monthly pension with the following combinations:

- 10 years of service credit at age 62; or
- 25 years of service credit at age 60; or
- 30 years of service credit at age 55.

Disability Benefits If you become physically or mentally unable to perform the duties of your school job, and you have at least five years of service credit, you can apply for disability benefits. If approved, your benefit amount will range from 45% to 60% of your final average salary (FAS). For more information, see your *Member Handbook*.

Survivor Benefits Monthly survivor benefits are payable to qualified beneficiaries of a member who dies before retirement. Qualified beneficiaries who are receiving a monthly survivor benefit also have access to SERS health care plan.

Also, upon the death of a disability or service retiree, a \$1,000 lump sum death benefit is paid to the designated beneficiary. For more Survivor Benefit information, see your *Member Handbook*.

Health Insurance SERS has provided retirees with access to health insurance since 1974, and it is the goal of the retirement system to continue this access. Plan benefits, premiums, and continued access depend upon available resources and are subject to change.

Members should be aware, however, that health insurance is not guaranteed. Unlike pensions, which are required by Ohio law, health insurance is provided at the discretion of SERS' Retirement Board and the available plans can change at any time. For more information, see your *Member Handbook*.

SERS is your partner in helping you achieve a secure retirement. Our staff is here to help you, so please don't hesitate to contact us toll free at 1-866-280-7377 if you have any questions or would like to schedule a retirement counseling session.



SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746

614-222-5853 • Toll-Free 1-800-878-5853 • www.ohsers.org

MEMBERSHIP RECORD

PART A - TO BE COMPLETED BY MEMBER

____-____-____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS:

STREET

MALE

FEMALE

CITY

STATE

ZIP

DATE OF BIRTH:

MONTH

DAY

YEAR

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

SINGLE

DIVORCED

PHONE NUMBER: (____) _____

MARRIED

WIDOWED

FAMILY DATA

LAST NAME

FIRST

MIDDLE OR MAIDEN

DATE OF BIRTH MONTH/DAY/YEAR

SPOUSE:

CHILDREN:

FATHER:

MOTHER:

JOB CLASSIFICATION *Mark one box only:*

- Administrative
- Educational Aide
- Supplemental (Coach, Advisor, Etc.)
- Clerical/Secretarial
- Food Service
- School Board Member
- Custodial/Maintenance
- Transportation
- Other _____

If an employee of the schools through an outside contract company:

Name of contract company: _____

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER OHIO SYSTEM

For all of the following, check "yes" or "no" if you ever were a member of or received benefits from:

	MEMBER	BENEFIT
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Survivor
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Survivor
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Survivor
Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Survivor
Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirement System	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Survivor
Cincinnati Retirement System	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Survivor

Individuals receiving a Disability Benefit from SERS need to contact SERS before returning to work.

MEMBER CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the information given here to be true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____

DO NOT PRINT

DATE: _____

PART B - TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYER

SCHOOL DISTRICT

COUNTY

COUNTY

DISTRICT NO.

MEMBER'S FIRST DATE OF SERVICE THIS SCHOOL YEAR (July 1 - June 30): _____

I hereby certify that I have verified the employee's Social Security number, the job title, and the first date of service for the current employment.

AUTHORIZED OFFICER'S SIGNATURE: _____



Employment Eligibility Verification

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-9
OMB No. 1615-0047
Expires 03/31/2016

▶ START HERE. Read instructions carefully before completing this form. The instructions must be available during completion of this form.
ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE: It is illegal to discriminate against work-authorized individuals. Employers **CANNOT** specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because the documentation presented has a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

Section 1. Employee Information and Attestation <i>(Employees must complete and sign Section 1 of Form I-9 no later than the first day of employment, but not before accepting a job offer.)</i>						
Last Name (Family Name)		First Name (Given Name)		Middle Initial	Other Names Used (if any)	
Address (Street Number and Name)			Apt. Number	City or Town	State	Zip Code
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	U.S. Social Security Number [][] - [][] - [][][][]		E-mail Address		Telephone Number	

I am aware that federal law provides for imprisonment and/or fines for false statements or use of false documents in connection with the completion of this form.

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am (check one of the following):

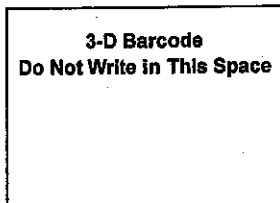
- A citizen of the United States
- A noncitizen national of the United States *(See instructions)*
- A lawful permanent resident (Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number): _____
- An alien authorized to work until (expiration date, if applicable, mm/dd/yyyy) _____. Some aliens may write "N/A" in this field. *(See instructions)*

For aliens authorized to work, provide your Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number OR Form I-94 Admission Number:

1. Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number: _____

OR

2. Form I-94 Admission Number: _____



If you obtained your admission number from CBP in connection with your arrival in the United States, include the following:

Foreign Passport Number: _____

Country of Issuance: _____

Some aliens may write "N/A" on the Foreign Passport Number and Country of Issuance fields. *(See instructions)*

Signature of Employee:	Date (mm/dd/yyyy):
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Preparer and/or Translator Certification *(To be completed and signed if Section 1 is prepared by a person other than the employee.)*

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have assisted in the completion of this form and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and correct.

Signature of Preparer or Translator:			Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	
Last Name (Family Name)		First Name (Given Name)		
Address (Street Number and Name)		City or Town	State	Zip Code



Employer Completes Next Page



Section 2. Employer or Authorized Representative Review and Verification

(Employers or their authorized representative must complete and sign Section 2 within 3 business days of the employee's first day of employment. You must physically examine one document from List A OR examine a combination of one document from List B and one document from List C as listed on the "Lists of Acceptable Documents" on the next page of this form. For each document you review, record the following information: document title, issuing authority, document number, and expiration date, if any.)

Employee Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial from Section 1:

List A Identify and Employment Authorization	OR	List B Identity	AND	List C Employment Authorization
Document Title:		Document Title:		Document Title:
Issuing Authority:		Issuing Authority:		Issuing Authority:
Document Number:		Document Number:		Document Number:
Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy):		Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy):		Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy):
Document Title:				
Issuing Authority:				
Document Number:				
Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy):				
Document Title:				
Issuing Authority:				
Document Number:				
Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy):				

**3-D Barcode
Do Not Write in This Space**

Certification

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that (1) I have examined the document(s) presented by the above-named employee, (2) the above-listed document(s) appear to be genuine and to relate to the employee named, and (3) to the best of my knowledge the employee is authorized to work in the United States.

The employee's first day of employment (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ (See instructions for exemptions.)

Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative		Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Title of Employer or Authorized Representative	
			Assistant Treasurer	
Last Name (Family Name)	First Name (Given Name)	Employer's Business or Organization Name		
Goossens	Nancy	Mount Gilead E.V. Schools		
Employer's Business or Organization Address (Street Number and Name)		City or Town	State	Zip Code
145 North Cherry Street		Mt. Gilead	Ohio	43338

Section 3. Reverification and Rehires *(To be completed and signed by employer or authorized representative.)*

A. New Name (if applicable) Last Name (Family Name) First Name (Given Name)	Middle Initial	B. Date of Rehire (if applicable) (mm/dd/yyyy):

C. If employee's previous grant of employment authorization has expired, provide the information for the document from List A or List C the employee presented that establishes current employment authorization in the space provided below.

Document Title:	Document Number:	Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy):

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge, this employee is authorized to work in the United States, and if the employee presented document(s), the document(s) I have examined appear to be genuine and to relate to the individual.

Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative:	Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	Print Name of Employer or Authorized Representative:

LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS

All documents must be UNEXPIRED

Employees may present one selection from List A
or a combination of one selection from List B and one selection from List C.

LIST A Documents that Establish Both Identity and Employment Authorization	LIST B Documents that Establish Identity	LIST C Documents that Establish Employment Authorization
1. U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card 2. Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551) 3. Foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa 4. Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766) 5. For a nonimmigrant alien authorized to work for a specific employer because of his or her status: a. Foreign passport; and b. Form I-94 or Form I-94A that has the following: (1) The same name as the passport; and (2) An endorsement of the alien's nonimmigrant status as long as that period of endorsement has not yet expired and the proposed employment is not in conflict with any restrictions or limitations identified on the form. 6. Passport from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form I-94 or Form I-94A indicating nonimmigrant admission under the Compact of Free Association Between the United States and the FSM or RMI	OR 1. Driver's license or ID card issued by a State or outlying possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address 2. ID card issued by federal, state or local government agencies or entities, provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address 3. School ID card with a photograph 4. Voter's registration card 5. U.S. Military card or draft record 6. Military dependent's ID card 7. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card 8. Native American tribal document 9. Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above: 10. School record or report card 11. Clinic, doctor, or hospital record 12. Day-care or nursery school record	AND 1. A Social Security Account Number card, unless the card includes one of the following restrictions: (1) NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT (2) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH INS AUTHORIZATION (3) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION 2. Certification of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545) 3. Certification of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State (Form DS-1350) 4. Original or certified copy of birth certificate issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or territory of the United States bearing an official seal 5. Native American tribal document 6. U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197) 7. Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form I-179) 8. Employment authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security

Illustrations of many of these documents appear in Part 8 of the Handbook for Employers (M-274).

Refer to Section 2 of the instructions, titled "Employer or Authorized Representative Review and Verification," for more information about acceptable receipts.

**AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS
(ACH CREDITS)**

**MOUNT GILEAD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
EMPLOYER**

31-6400769
EMPLOYER ID NUMBER

I hereby authorize my EMPLOYER (named above) to initiate credit entries and to initiate, if necessary, debit entries and adjustments for any credit entries in error to my (our) account at the financial institution listed below.

A VOIDED CHECK MUST BE ATTACHED

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION:

NAME _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
SELECT ONE: _____ CHECKING _____ SAVINGS
TRANSIT / ABA # _____ ACCOUNT # _____

This authority is to remain in full force until EMPLOYER has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such timely manner as to afford EMPLOYER and FINANCIAL INSTITUTION a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

NAME _____ S.S.# _____
(please print) - -
NAME _____ S.S.# _____
(joint account, please print) - -
SIGNED _____ DATE _____
(employee)

**Direct deposit will be active after one (1) full payroll run, unless problems with the depository arise.

EMAIL NOTIFICATION OF DIRECT DEPOSIT

If you have requested direct deposit of your paycheck and would like to have your direct deposit slip emailed to you, please fill out the form below and return it to Nancy Goossens at the Central Office.

Your account number will not be printed at the bottom of your direct deposit slip for security purposes.

To: Nancy Goossens

Please email my direct deposit slip to me:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Contacts for the Treasurer's Office:

Trevor Gummere, trevor@mgschools.org, ext. 5011 - Treasurer
Susan DeLaney, sdelaney@mgschools.org, ext. 5014 – Accounts Payable
Nancy Goossens, nancy@mgschools.org, ext. 5013 – Payroll

Statement Concerning Your Employment in a Job Not Covered by Social Security

Employee Name _____ Employee ID# _____

Employer Name Mount Gilead E.V. Schools Employer ID# 31-6400769

Your earnings from this job are not covered under Social Security. When you retire, or if you become disabled, you may receive a pension based on earnings from this job. If you do, and you are also entitled to a benefit from Social Security based on either your own work or the work of your husband or wife, or former husband or wife, your pension may affect the amount of the Social Security benefit you receive. Your Medicare benefits, however, will not be affected. Under the Social Security law, there are two ways your Social Security benefit amount may be affected.

Windfall Elimination Provision

Under the Windfall Elimination Provision, your Social Security retirement or disability benefit is figured using a modified formula when you are also entitled to a pension from a job where you did not pay Social Security tax. As a result, you will receive a lower Social Security benefit than if you were not entitled to a pension from this job. For example, if you are age 62 in 2013, the maximum monthly reduction in your Social Security benefit as a result of this provision is \$395.50. This amount is updated annually. This provision reduces, but does not totally eliminate, your Social Security benefit. For additional information, please refer to Social Security Publication, "Windfall Elimination Provision."

Government Pension Offset Provision

Under the Government Pension Offset Provision, any Social Security spouse or widow(er) benefit to which you become entitled will be offset if you also receive a Federal, State or local government pension based on work where you did not pay Social Security tax. The offset reduces the amount of your Social Security spouse or widow(er) benefit by two-thirds of the amount of your pension.

For example, if you get a monthly pension of \$600 based on earnings that are not covered under Social Security, two-thirds of that amount, \$400, is used to offset your Social Security spouse or widow(er) benefit. If you are eligible for a \$500 widow(er) benefit, you will receive \$100 per month from Social Security (\$500 - \$400=\$100). Even if your pension is high enough to totally offset your spouse or widow(er) Social Security benefit, you are still eligible for Medicare at age 65. For additional information, please refer to Social Security Publication, "Government Pension Offset."

For More Information

Social Security publications and additional information, including information about exceptions to each provision, are available at www.socialsecurity.gov. You may also call toll free 1-800-772-1213, or for the deaf or hard of hearing call the TTY number 1-800-325-0778, or contact your local Social Security office.

I certify that I have received Form SSA-1945 that contains information about the possible effects of the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset Provision on my potential future Social Security Benefits.

Signature of Employee _____ Date _____

Information about Social Security Form SSA-1945 Statement Concerning Your Employment in a Job Not Covered by Social Security

New legislation [Section 419(c) of Public Law 108-203, the Social Security Protection Act of 2004] requires State and local government employers to provide a statement to employees hired January 1, 2005 or later in a job not covered under Social Security. The statement explains how a pension from that job could affect future Social Security benefits to which they may become entitled.

Form SSA-1945, **Statement Concerning Your Employment in a Job Not Covered by Social Security**, is the document that employers should use to meet the requirements of the law. The SSA-1945 explains the potential effects of two provisions in the Social Security law for workers who also receive a pension based on their work in a job not covered by Social Security. The Windfall Elimination Provision can affect the amount of a worker's Social Security retirement or disability benefit. The Government Pension Offset Provision can affect a Social Security benefit received as a spouse, surviving spouse, or an ex-spouse.

Employers must:

- Give the statement to the employee prior to the start of employment;
- Get the employee's signature on the form; and
- Submit a copy of the signed form to the pension paying agency.

Social Security will not be setting any additional guidelines for the use of this form.

Copies of the SSA-1945 are available online at the Social Security website, www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ssa-1945.pdf. Paper copies can be requested by email at ofsm.oswm.rqct.orders@ssa.gov or by fax at 410-965-2037. The request must include the name, complete address and telephone number of the employer. Forms will not be sent to a post office box. Also, if appropriate, include the name of the person to whom the forms are to be delivered. The forms are available in packages of 25. Please refer to Inventory Control Number (ICN) 276950 when ordering.

Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools

(established in 1873)

145 North Cherry Street

Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

Telephone (419) 946-1646 Fax (419) 946-3651

VERIFICATION OF PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

SS# _____ has been employed by the Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools and has indicated that (s)he has previous teaching experience in your school district. Please verify this past experience by completing this form and return it by either mail or fax (419)946-3651. Thank You.

Please use one line for each year of experience.

FULL TIME

School Year	# Days in Contract	# Days Worked	School District	Assignment

Total Full Time Years Experience _____

PART TIME

School Year	Hours Per Day	# Days Worked	School District	Assignment

Total Part Time Experience _____

TUTOR AND/OR SUBSTITUTE (Please Designate)

School Year	Hours Per Day	# Days Worked	School District	Tutor/Substitute

Total Tutor and/or Substitute Experience _____

Was this employee on a continuing contract with your district? _____ If yes, date granted, _____

Does this employee have accumulated Sick leave? _____ If yes, # of days _____, date accrued through _____

Signature/Title

School District

Printed Name

Address

Date

City/State/Zip

"On A Journey To Excellence"

Acknowledgement of receipt of Auditor of State fraud reporting-system information

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 117.103(B)(1), a public office shall provide information about the Ohio fraud-reporting system and the means of reporting fraud to each new employee upon employment with the public office.

Each new employee has thirty days after beginning employment to confirm receipt of this information.

By signing below you are acknowledging (insert public employer) provided you information about the fraud-reporting system as described by Section 117.103(A) of the Revised Code, and that you have read and understand the information provided. You are also acknowledging you have received and read the information regarding Section 124.341 of the Revised Code and the protections you are provided as a classified or unclassified employee if you use the before-mentioned fraud reporting system.

I _____, have read the information provided by my employer regarding the fraud-reporting system operated by the Ohio Auditor of State's office. I further state that the undersigned signature acknowledges receipt of this information.

PRINT NAME, TITLE, AND DEPARTMENT

PLEASE SIGN NAME

DATE

(Please tear this portion off and keep for your records.)

Employee Notice of Auditor of State's Fraud Reporting-system

The Ohio Auditor of State's office maintains a system for the reporting of fraud, including misuse of public money by any official or office. The system allows all Ohio citizens, including public employees, the opportunity to make anonymous complaints through a toll free number, the Auditor of State's website, or through the United States mail.

Auditor of State's fraud contact information

Telephone: 1-866-FRAUD OH (1-866-372-8364)

US Mail: Ohio Auditor of State's Office
Special Investigations Unit
88 East Broad Street
P.O. Box 1140
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Web: www.ohioauditor.gov

January 20, 2009

To: All Mount Gilead Exempted Village School District Employees

From: Treasurer's Office

RE: 403B & 457 Deferred Compensation Plans – Approved Vendor Listing

As many of you are aware, new IRS regulations regarding 403B & 457 plans were implemented January 1, 2009. These plans are strictly voluntary and are available to all full-time and part-time Mount Gilead employees. Please direct any questions regarding accounts to your agent.

Below is a listing of all approved investment providers within our 403B Plan provisions. If you currently have a 403B plan with a provider not on the current list, the district will no longer be able to deduct or submit payment to them beginning 1/1/09. You do not need to close that account or roll it over unless you choose that option. (Please make sure before doing so, that you ask your agent about any fees or penalties that may apply).

<u>INVESTMENT PROVIDER</u>	<u>CONTACT NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT NUMBER</u>
AETNA		800-238-6212
American Fidelity	Renee Brown	877-518-2337
Equitable	Joseph Messinger	800-628-6673
Great American Life (GALIC)	John Aelker	800-695-1471
ING/OASBO 457 Deferred Comp.	Andy Pierce	800-862-4287
Legend	John Aelker	800-695-1471
Variable Annuity Life (VALIC)	Joel Seckel	800-892-5558
VALIC – 457 Deferred Comp.	Joel Seckel	800-853-6399

Our plan allows you to start and stop deductions at anytime during the year. However, it is best that you make those changes first through your agent. If you are a part-time employee we ask that you choose a percentage (%) of your gross wages to be deducted. (This will ensure that you will receive a net payroll check).

The following are the deferral limits:

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	
\$15,500	\$16,500	Regular deferral limit
\$20,500	\$22,000	Age 50 plus deferral limit
\$31,000	\$33,000	Catch-up deferral limit

Appendix C to Part 825—Notice to Employees Of Rights Under FMLA (WH Publication 1420)

**EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT****Basic Leave Entitlement**

FMLA requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to eligible employees for the following reasons:

- For incapacity due to pregnancy, prenatal medical care or child birth;
- To care for the employee's child after birth, or placement for adoption or foster care;
- To care for the employee's spouse, son or daughter, or parent, who has a serious health condition; or
- For a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job.

Military Family Leave Entitlements

Eligible employees with a spouse, son, daughter, or parent on active duty or call to active duty status in the National Guard or Reserves in support of a contingency operation may use their 12-week leave entitlement to address certain qualifying exigencies. Qualifying exigencies may include attending certain military events, arranging for alternative childcare, addressing certain financial and legal arrangements, attending certain counseling sessions, and attending post-deployment reintegration briefings.

FMLA also includes a special leave entitlement that permits eligible employees to take up to 26 weeks of leave to care for a covered servicemember during a single 12-month period. A covered servicemember is a current member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who has a serious injury or illness incurred in the line of duty on active duty that may render the servicemember medically unfit to perform his or her duties for which the servicemember is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy; or is in outpatient status; or is on the temporary disability retired list.

Benefits and Protections

During FMLA leave, the employer must maintain the employee's health coverage under any "group health plan" on the same terms as if the employee had continued to work. Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to their original or equivalent positions with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms.

Use of FMLA leave cannot result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of an employee's leave.

Eligibility Requirements

Employees are eligible if they have worked for a covered employer for at least one year, for 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months, and if at least 50 employees are employed by the employer within 75 miles.

Definition of Serious Health Condition

A serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either an overnight stay in a medical care facility, or continuing treatment by a health care provider for a condition that either prevents the employee from performing the functions of the employee's job, or prevents the qualified family member from participating in school or other daily activities.

Subject to certain conditions, the continuing treatment requirement may be met by a period of incapacity of more than 3 consecutive calendar days combined with at least two visits to a health care provider or one visit and a regimen of continuing treatment, or incapacity due to pregnancy, or incapacity due to a chronic condition. Other conditions may meet the definition of continuing treatment.

Use of Leave

An employee does not need to use this leave entitlement in one block. Leave can be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule when medically necessary. Employees must make reasonable efforts to schedule leave for planned medical treatment so as not to unduly disrupt the employer's operations. Leave due to qualifying exigencies may also be taken on an intermittent basis.

Substitution of Paid Leave for Unpaid Leave

Employees may choose or employers may require use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. In order to use paid leave for FMLA leave, employees must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.

Employee Responsibilities

Employees must provide 30 days advance notice of the need to take FMLA leave when the need is foreseeable. When 30 days notice is not possible, the employee must provide notice as soon as practicable and generally must comply with an employer's normal call-in procedures.

Employees must provide sufficient information for the employer to determine if the leave may qualify for FMLA protection and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Sufficient information may include that the employee is unable to perform job functions, the family member is unable to perform daily activities, the need for hospitalization or continuing treatment by a health care provider, or circumstances supporting the need for military family leave. Employees also must inform the employer if the requested leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified. Employees also may be required to provide a certification and periodic recertification supporting the need for leave.

Employer Responsibilities

Covered employers must inform employees requesting leave whether they are eligible under FMLA. If they are, the notice must specify any additional information required as well as the employees' rights and responsibilities. If they are not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for the ineligibility.

Covered employers must inform employees if leave will be designated as FMLA-protected and the amount of leave counted against the employee's leave entitlement. If the employer determines that the leave is not FMLA-protected, the employer must notify the employee.

Unlawful Acts by Employers

FMLA makes it unlawful for any employer to:

- Interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right provided under FMLA;
- Discharge or discriminate against any person for opposing any practice made unlawful by FMLA or for involvement in any proceeding under or relating to FMLA.

Enforcement

An employee may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

FMLA does not affect any Federal or State law prohibiting discrimination, or supersede any State or local law or collective bargaining agreement which provides greater family or medical leave rights.

FMLA section 109 (29 U.S.C. § 2619) requires FMLA covered employers to post the text of this notice. Regulations 29 C.F.R. § 825.300(a) may require additional disclosures.



For additional information:
1-866-4US-WAGE (1-866-487-9243) TTY: 1-877-889-5627
WWW.WAGEHOUR.DOL.GOV

