

## 211 - Compensation During School Closure/Dismissal & Extraordinary Circumstances



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George Washington Academy's Board of Education may formally enact this policy and these procedures during school closures, extraordinary circumstances, and emergency situations. The Board of Education shall make a formal declaration through a Board resolution to enact the provisions of this policy and these procedures.

The Board may authorize compensation to employees during school closure and other *temporary* extraordinary circumstances--even though employees may not be able to perform work under the extraordinary circumstances in exchange for compensation.

### **Criteria for Compensation:**

All of the following criteria must be met before paid time off during school closure or extraordinary circumstances can occur:

1. All reasonable alternatives have been explored and exhausted for gainful employment and work in relation to the employee's current position(s).
2. GWA and the employee intends to continue employment to the end of the school year, after the school closure, or after the extraordinary conditions.
3. The employee has completed all possible training and professional development opportunities that are available online or through self-directed opportunities.
4. There are no other reasonable work opportunities available--including work opportunities in other programs.

### **Signed Statement of Eligibility & Time Clock Records:**

Records shall include a statement of eligibility that is signed by all of the following:

1. The employee
2. The employee's supervisor
3. The Executive Director (or designee)

Paid time off for each day shall be recorded in the time clock system separate from actual work time. Time to be paid must be approved in the time clock system by 1) the employee, and 2) the employee's supervising administrator.

### **Compensation Expenditures charged to Federal & State Grants & Programs:**

Compensation related expenditures for employees who qualify for paid time off in relation to this policy and these procedures shall be charged to the employee's regular position and program. This includes compensation related expenditures for Federal and State grants and programs.

Only normal time associated with each program shall be charged to each program. This time shall be validated by a compensation agreement and/or actual work time trends that occurred *before* the school closure or extraordinary circumstances.

Compensation shall be calculated based upon the normal average hours per day/week the employee worked *before* the school closure or extraordinary circumstances occurred. Compensation shall also be calculated based upon the employee's regular wage rate or salary.

**Maximum Compensation:** Compensation may not exceed the maximum amounts allowed in the agreed upon employment compensation agreement.

**Example:** If a paraprofessional agreed to a compensation agreement of 711 hours for the entire school year, compensation may not exceed 711 hours for the entire school year.

**Example:** If a paraprofessional agreed to a compensation agreement of 18 hours per week, compensation may not exceed 18 hours per week.

### **Compensation & Program Expenditures Examples:**

1. If a paraprofessional paid for by 100% of IDEA funds was on a 3-1/2 hour per day schedule and works one hour in the interest of that program and students within that program during this situation, the paraprofessional may be paid the full 3-1/2 hours from IDEA. The paraprofessional *may not be paid* for additional time beyond the one hour s/he worked using this funding source *if s/he worked in another open program*. **Time worked in another program must be charged to the other program.**

If a paraprofessional that is paid from state special education funds and s/he was working a 3-1/2 work schedule and works only one hour, the paraprofessional may be paid the full amount of their schedule as long as their one hour of work was in the interest of the program and individual students within the program. **Time worked in another program must be charged to the other program.**