

# Texas A&M University-San Antonio

33.06.01.00.01 Flexible Work Schedules

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### **Procedure Statement**

Texas A&M University-San Antonio (A&M-San Antonio) can authorize flexible work schedules for employees when such arrangements respond to the needs of employees, increase productivity and/or enhance the service capabilities of the organization. All required approvals must be obtained in writing and in advance of the flexible work arrangements.

### **Official Procedure**

## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Conditions: All regular employees of Texas A&M University-San Antonio are eligible to apply for flextime. A&M-San Antonio departments may allow employees to use flexible work schedules subject to the following conditions:
  - 1.1.1 Department supervisors will ensure adequate coverage during the individual work unit's normal hours of operation. Department supervisors will ensure that the office is open for operation between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, including the noon hour.
  - 1.1.2 Flexible work schedules are intended to last at least two consecutive months; however, an approved flexible schedule arrangement may be modified, continued, or discontinued at the discretion of management at any time.
  - 1.1.3 Employees requesting a flexible work schedule or revision to an existing flexible work schedule must complete and sign a Flexible Work Schedule Request form. The request form must be approved by the employee's immediate supervisor and division head before the employee may begin the new flexible work schedule.
  - 1.1.4 Adequate staff coverage and supervision, sufficient to meet the operating requirements of the department and ensure quality service, are required at all times. Both internal and external customer needs must be considered to determine adequate staffing.

1.1.5 Work that requires regular supervision or essential interaction with other staff must be scheduled when such supervisors and interacting staff are available.

## 1.2 Responsibilities:

## 1.2.1 Employees shall:

- 1.2.1.1 Plan and organize their time to meet the requirements established by the supervisor;
- 1.2.1.2 Provide a written copy of their flexible work schedule request to the supervisor by completing the Flexible Work Schedule Request form;
- 1.2.1.3 Participate in the resolution of conflicts between the job and the flexible work schedule and inform the supervisor when coverage is not adequate.

## 1.2.2 Supervisors will:

- 1.2.2.1 Ensure flexible work schedules are administered consistently and equitably;
- 1.2.2.2 Ensure that the regulations/rules and coverage requirements are understood and adhered to;
- 1.2.2.3 Plan and schedule job assignments, ensuring that there is sufficient staff to meet the operating requirements of the department; and
- 1.2.2.4 Authorize the flexible work request by approving the Flexible Work Schedule Request form and forwarding to Human Resources for inclusion in the employee's personnel records.

## 1.3 Administration

- 1.3.1 The computation of benefits is the same for employees working flextime as for those working a standard schedule.
- 1.3.2 Department supervisors must ensure each non-exempt employee (paid hourly and eligible for overtime) that participates in a flexible work schedule, records total hours worked each day and documents exceptions to the normal work day (approved overtime, vacation, or other absences).

#### 2. HOLIDAYS

2.1 Each employee using a flexible work schedule shall receive their allotted holiday hours based on the employee's position percent effort. If additional hours are normally scheduled to be worked, the employee must either take additional hours of vacation or work additional hours during the work week to make up the difference. If fewer hours are

normally scheduled to be worked, the employee will be allowed to use the remaining holiday time at a later date.

- 2.2 Holiday equivalent hours are based on Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) Regulation 31.04.01 *Holidays*.
- 2.3 Employees who are scheduled to work more hours than what is approved on the holiday schedule must use other available leave, such as vacation leave. Alternatively, the employee may work additional hours within the work week to make up the difference with supervisor approval.

Example: An employee has an approved flex schedule and works 10 hours on Tuesdays. There is an approved holiday for a Tuesday for 8 hours. The employee can only receive 8 hours of holiday pay for that day. Therefore, to complete the 40 hour work week, the employee must request leave for the 2 hours or work an additional 2 hours during the work week.

#### 3. SICK/VACATION LEAVE

3.1 Leave requests must be submitted for vacation or sick hours missed during the employee's flexible schedule work week.

## Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

TAMUS Policy 33.06 Hours of Work for Full-Time Salaried Employees

TAMUS Regulation 31.03.01 *Vacation* 

TAMUS Regulation <u>31.03.02 Sick Leave</u>

TAMUS Regulation 31.04.01 System Holidays

TAMU System Regulation <u>33.06.01 Flexible Work Arrangements</u>

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