

Disability Insurance



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Granite's disability insurance program is a “**bundled**” program. If you participate in disability insurance coverage, you will be enrolled in both short and long-term disability coverage.

Long Term Disability

- For permanent and continuous disability (greater than 120 calendar days in duration calculated from last day worked)
- Claim considered once the “LTD Elimination Period” has been reached - an absence greater than 120 calendar days calculated from last day worked
- Subject to submitting a comprehensive application and medical history documenting the incapacitation and permanence of the disability
- Paid benefits subject to medical health underwriting and approval from the carrier
- Paid benefit subject to ongoing medical re-certification as established by the carrier
- Benefit rate: 66 2/3% of base contract salary for teachers, classified and secretarial employees; 60% of base contract salary for middle managers and administrators. Max benefit normal retirement age.
- If claim is awarded, employee loses employment status with GSD as of the date of the award
- Medical insurance and basic term life insurance coverage, for the former employee only (not spouse/children), continues for 24 months (only) from date of award at no cost to former employee
- For duration of award status, former employee continues to accrue years of service credit toward a future full retirement with Utah Retirement Systems
- **NOTE: The long-term disability plan does not cover pre-existing conditions that existed 3 months prior to the start of your coverage unless the disability began after being covered for twelve consecutive months under the disability program.**

Short Term Disability

- For temporary disability (defined as 120 calendar days or less in duration calculated from first contract day missed)
- Provisional contract employees are not eligible to participate in STD coverage
- Intended to serve as an “income bridge” for employees with little or no accrued leave balances. “Bridges” the period of time between a temporary disability and a return to work OR toward fulfilling the “LTD Elimination Period” in order to submit a claim for long-term disability benefits
- Subject to submitting an initial application and medical statement documenting the temporary disability and a short waiting period without pay
- Paid benefit subject to medical re-certification on a monthly basis
- Benefit rate: 80% of daily rate
- Employee remains deemed an active employee
- Insurance coverage elections continue while receiving short-term disability benefits
- Sick leave, personal/vacation leave and years of service do not accrue while receiving short-term disability benefits
- **NOTE: The short-term disability plan does not provide coverage for any short-term disability resulting from or related to a condition which existed prior to the effective date of coverage**

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Why Have Disability Insurance

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Teachers:

- Participation in the disability insurance program is voluntary and you must elect to have and pay for disability coverage.
- The benefit maximum is to normal social security retirement age
- The cost of disability insurance coverage is listed below.

	Semi-Monthly	Monthly
<\$34,999	\$9.00	\$18.00
\$35,000—\$49,999	\$9.25	\$18.50
\$50,000—\$64,999	\$9.50	\$19.00
>\$65,000	\$10.00	\$20.00

Is The Disability Benefit Taxable

Short-term disability benefit payments are taxable for all classes of employees. Long-term disability benefit payments are taxable for all classes of employees except for teachers.