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5 Compensatory Time and Overtime for Classified Employees

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7 Non-exempt classified employees who work more than forty (40) hours in a given workweek
8 may receive overtime pay of one and one-half (1½) times the normal hourly rate, unless the
9 District and the employee agree to the provision of compensation time at a rate of one and one-
10 half (1½) times all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in any workweek. The Board must
11 approve any overtime work of a classified employee.

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13 Under Montana law and the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, a classified employee may not
14 volunteer to work without pay in an assignment similar to the employee’s regular work.

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16 A non-exempt employee who works overtime without authorization may be subject to
17 disciplinary action.

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19 ***NOTE:** Please be advised that comp time is not required. If a district adopts a comp time
20 policy, there are basically two (2) types of employees: 1) Those who are covered before the
21 policy was adopted need to be treated on a case-by-case basis, and the agreement to allow comp
22 time must be entered into before the work is performed. 2) Those hired after the policy is in
23 place – the Department of Labor has determined that the employee agreed to the policy. Some
24 experts have said comp time is a credit card, not a savings account. The employee has broad
25 latitude to decide when the time will be taken.*

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29	Legal Reference:	29 U.S.C § 201, <i>et seq.</i> Fair Labor Standards Act
30		Title 39, Chapter 3, Part 4 Minimum Wage and
31		Overtime Compensation
32		Admin. R. Mont. 24.16.2501—2581 Overtime Compensation
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