

## College Operating Procedures (COP)



**Procedure Title:** Procedure Scheduling Work  
**Number:** Originating 05-0501  
**Department:** Office of Human Resources

**Specific Authority:**  
Board Policy 6Hx6:5.02  
Florida Statute 1012.81-83  
Florida Administrative Code

**Procedure Actions:** Adopted: 11/21/96; 7/1/00; 12/2/08; 02/16/10; 11/1/10

**Purpose Statement:** To provide College employees information and procedures regarding the workday and work week.

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### Guidelines:

Offices must remain open and services must be provided during designated hours. Any absence from duty requires authorization from the appropriate authority. Such absence must be approved as far in advance as is reasonably possible and recorded on Request for Leave of Absence form (BO-004).

Any employee absent from duty without appropriate authorization may lose compensation for the period of absence and may be subject to dismissal.

- A. **Administrative Office Week**—the official hours for administrative offices are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for all duty days prescribed in the duty-day calendar for 12-month personnel. Because of the nature of services provided by certain areas, special office hours may be required of personnel working in those areas.

B. **Work Week**

1. **Faculty**— the work week is outlined in the Collective Negotiations Agreement between Florida SouthWestern State College District Board of Trustees (Public Employer) and Florida SouthWestern State College Faculty Federation Union.
2. **Executive, Administrative, and Professional Exempt Personnel**— the official work week will be comprised of a minimum of thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours or until the task(s) is (are) done.
3. **Career Service Non-Exempt Personnel**—the official work week will be comprised of either thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours or forty (40) hours, depending on the classification of the position.

- C. **Meal Periods**—a non-paid thirty (30) minute meal period is included in the work schedule for all full-time and part-time employees working more than six (6) hours in a day. An employee may not forego this non-paid meal period except on an occasional basis and only with advance approval by the supervisor.
- D. **Appointments During Working Hours**—Career Service non-exempt employees must take leave (sick or vacation) for medical or other appointments scheduled during working hours. At the supervisor's discretion, an adjustment in work hours during that same week may be authorized in advance, in lieu of taking leave. Exempt employees shall not take leave for partial day absences except in accordance with Federal, state or local laws including but not limited to the Family and Medical Leave Act. All employees may be required by the supervisor to document a medical appointment and the time taken.
- E. **Class Attendance During Working Hours**—Employees cannot take credit or non-credit classes during working hours. In-service training courses or seminars taken in order to acquire/update skills or knowledge needed in the position may be taken during the work day when authorized by the supervisor. Typically, in-service training is a one-time training and not ongoing throughout a semester.
- F. **Flexible Working Hours**—a supervisor may approve a flexible schedule for an employee if it is in the best interest of the department or college, or is of a temporary nature at the request of an employee. A supervisor is not required to grant a flexible schedule; however, if the supervisor approves such schedule change, it should be for a limited period of time. There should be no expectation that such a schedule will become permanent.
- G. **Out-of-District Travel**—Regular employees traveling outside the College district (comprised of the counties of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades, and Lee) during a duty day require either an approved leave of absence or an approved travel request.