

4.18 ASSOCIATION RELEASED TIME

A. Release time each year will be available to the Association, provided for as follows:

1. The District shall provide 70 LHE of released time each year to the Association for on-going Association responsibilities. The Association shall determine the allocation of the release time between the academic sessions (fall, spring and summer).
2. The Association may purchase additional released time at the beyond contract LHE rate. The additional released time must conform with the limitations defined in 6.1.6.
3. The Association may purchase additional released time during the summer at the part-time LHE rate. The additional released time must conform with the limitation defined in 6.1.6.
4. Any purchased released time shall be paid by the Association within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the district invoice.
5. The President of the Association shall contact the Executive Vice Chancellor of Human Resources thirty (30) days prior to the first day of instruction for any term during which released time is used in order to initiate the use of released time referred to in Section 1,2,3, and 4 above.

B. The Association acknowledges that the released time specified in A1 and A3 above shall include the activities of the Association's negotiating team. Negotiations will not be scheduled during an Association team member's class period or scheduled work hours.

C. This shall constitute "reasonable periods of release time" within the meaning of Government code section 3543.1(c).