# 457(b) FICA Alternative Plan

### **Brenham Independent School District**

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## **Highlights**



Congratulations! You are eligible to participate in the 457(b) FICA Alternative Plan provided by the **Brenham Independent School District**. Contributing to a 457 plan will give you peace of mind through financial security during your retirement. A 457 plan allows you to contribute a portion of your compensation as a pre-tax basis in order to save for retirement.

The Employer has established a 457(b) FICA Alternative Plan to help employees accumulate money for their long-term financial needs

#### WHAT IS A 457(b) FICA ALTERNATIVE PLAN?

457(b) refers to a section of the IRS Code that allows you to save part of your earnings on a PRE-TAX basis. This lowers your current taxable income and helps your long term savings grow faster. The 457(b) FICA Alternative Plan is a savings program for employees who are not eligible to participate in the State Employees' Retirement System. These individuals are normally part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees.

#### **HOW MUCH CAN YOU SAVE?**

As a participant of the Employer 457(b) FICA Alternative Plan you are eligible to have 7.5% of your gross pay automatically is deducted from your paycheck and invested for you.

#### **INITIAL ELIGIBILITY**

Part-time Employees who work less than 20 hours per week. Temporary Employees who work full-time or part-time under a contract which is not expected to exceed 2 years. Seasonal Employees who work full-time for less than 5 months during the Plan Year.

#### **HOW TO JOIN THE PLAN**

You do not need to enroll. Enrollment is automatic; 7.5% of your gross pay automatically is deducted from your paycheck and invested with Life Insurance Company of the Southwest for you.

#### **INVESTMENT CHOICES**

The funds will be invested in a group annuity with the Life Insurance Company of the Southwest (LSW). The funds will be invested in a fixed group contract, which has a guaranteed positive rate of return.

#### **VESTING**

You always own 100% of the contribution made to the Employer 457(b) FICA Alternative Plan and the earnings.

#### DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PLAN

You or your beneficiary will be able to withdraw your vested balance when one of the following occurs:

- 1. Retirement
- 2. Total Disability
- Death
- Termination of Employment

NOTE: The lesser of the interest credited to your account or \$10.00 will be deducted from your account for any distribution, transfer, or a direct rollover.

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#### **NBS Retirement Service Center**

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Contact NBS if you have questions about the retirement plan



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