PREP **Pension &** Retirement **Education Program** 







## Life Expectancy Going Forward (NYSTRS' Expectation)

Present Age	55	65	75	85	95
Female	35.5	25.5	16.3	8.7	4.0
Male	32.8	23.0	14.2	7.3	3.4



## It's Never too Early...



## (or too late) to PREP!



# Agenda

- NYSTRS Benefits
- Financial Planning
- Social Security
- The Retirement Process







## Your Pension: A Guaranteed Benefit

Article 5, Section 7 of the New York State Constitution provides:

"After July first, nineteen hundred forty, membership in any pension or retirement system of the state or of a civil division thereof shall be a contractual relationship, the benefits of which <u>shall not be diminished or impaired."</u>

## The Tiers (Page 14) (As of 6/30/2019)

	Number of Active	Members
	Tier 1:	349
ier 1: Prior to July 1, 1973	Tier 2:	403
	Tier 3:	2,276
ier 2: July 1, 1973-July 26, 1976	Tier 4:	178,516
ier 3: July 27, 1976-August 31, 1983	Tier 5:	14,595
	Tier 6:	67,378
ier 4: September 1, 1983-December 31	, <b>2009</b> Total:	263,517
ier 5: January 1, 2010-March 31, 2012		
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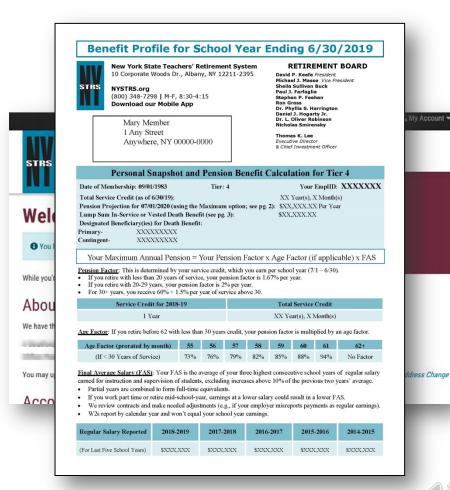
Service Credit

- Service Retirement
- Death Benefits
- Disability Retirement
- Loans



## Your Benefit Profile

- Most of the information you need to calculate various pension and option scenarios is contained in the Profile
- You should always review your Profile when you receive it, and correct errors or omissions as soon as you become aware of them
- In addition to the copy we mail you each year, you can view its contents on the "MyNYSTRS" area of our website NYSTRS.org



## Your Benefit Profile

- Every fall NYSTRS sends you a comprehensive, individualized **Benefit** Profile
- This contains information about your NYSTRS membership, including:
  - Service credit
  - Salaries 0
  - Contribution and loan balances 0
  - Pension projections 0
  - Options for beneficiaries 0
  - Death benefits

#### Benefit Profile for School Year Ending 6/30/2019

New York State Teachers' Retirement System 10 Corporate Woods Dr., Albany, NY 12211-2395 NYSTRS.org (800) 348-7298 | M-F, 8:30-4:15

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Personal Snapshot and Pension Benefit Calculation for Tier 4				
Date of Member	ship: 09/01/1983	Tier: 4	Your EmplID: XXXXXXX	
Total Service Cr	edit (as of 6/30/19):		XX Year(s), X Month(s)	
<b>Pension Projecti</b>	on for 07/01/2020 (usin	ng the Maximum option; see pg. 2):	\$XX,XXX.XX Per Year	
Lump Sum In-S	ervice or Vested Death	Benefit (see pg. 3):	\$XX,XXX.XX	
Designated Bene	eficiary(ies) for Death	Benefit:		
Primary-	XXXXXXXXXX			
Contingent-	XXXXXXXXXX			

Your Maximum Annual Pension = Your Pension Factor x Age Factor (if applicable) x FAS

Pension Factor: This is determined by your service credit, which you earn per school year (7/1 - 6/30).

- If you retire with less than 20 years of service, your pension factor is 1.67% per year.
- · If you retire with 20-29 years, your pension factor is 2% per year.
- For 30+ years, you receive 60% + 1.5% per year of service above 30.

e Credit for 2018-19	Total Service Credit	
1 Year	XX Year(s), X Month(s)	

Age Factor: If you retire before 62 with less than 30 years credit, your pension factor is multiplied by an age factor.

Age Factor (prorated by month)	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62+
(If < 30 Years of Service)	73%	76%	79%	82%	85%	88%	94%	No Factor

Final Average Salary (FAS): Your FAS is the average of your three highest consecutive school years of regular salary earned for instruction and supervision of students, excluding increases above 10% of the previous two years' average.

· Partial years are combined to form full-time equivalents.

Service

- · If you work part time or retire mid-school-year, earnings at a lower salary could result in a lower FAS.
- We review contracts and make needed adjustments (e.g., if your employer misreports payments as regular earnings).
- W2s report by calendar year and won't equal your school year earnings.

Regular Salary Reported	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015
(For Last Five School Years)	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX

# Service Credit (page 14)





# Service Credit (page 14)

Membership / Subsequent Service
 Prior Service
 Military Service
 Transfer-in Credit
 Reinstatement
 Article 19 Credit

 (Tier 1 & 2 only)

**98%** AGREE THAT TEACHING IS MORE THAN A PROFESSION; IT IS HOW THEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

## **Benefit Profile - Page 4**

## **Your Service Credit History**

The information below is as of 6/30/2019, but may also include prior, transfer, reinstatement, or military service credited after. If you see a discrepancy, ask the applicable employer to review your records.

- "District Name Unavailable" appears if a district merged or was later renamed.
- If you worked at multiple districts in a school year, credit is combined on one line.

#### **Employment for the 2018-19 School Year (7/1/18 – 6/30/19):**

Employer	<b>Regular Salary Reported</b>	Days	Service Credit
Albany School District	\$XX,XXX.XX	XXX	1 Year
Schenectady School District	\$XX,XXX.XX	XXX	(Included Above)
Troy School District	\$XX,XXX.XX	XXX	(Included Above)



## Service Credit Benefit Profile - Page 4

- Includes all of the service credit history the page allows
- Any service not included will be viewable on your MyNYSTRS account

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#### Service Credit History:

School Year	Employer	Service Credit
7/1/2005 - 6/30/2018	Albany School District	13 years
7/1/2004 - 6/30/2005	Guilderland School District	5 months
7/1/2001 - 6/30/2004	New York State Public Service	3 years
7/1/1998 - 6/30/2001	Albany School District	3 years
7/1/1997 - 6/30/1998	Schenectady School District	5 months
7/1/1996 - 6/30/1997	Shenendehowa School District	2 months
7/1/1995 - 6/30/1996	Saratoga School District	5 months
7/1/1994 - 6/30/1995	Guilderland School District	5 months
7/1/1993 - 6/30/1994	Saratoga School District	2 months
7/1/1992 - 6/30/1993	Shenendehowa School District	4 months
7/1/1991 - 6/30/1992	Shenendehowa School District, Albany School District	4 months
7/1/1990 - 6/30/1991	Albany School District, Schenectady School District	3 months
7/1/1989 - 6/30/1990	Schenectady School District	2 months
7/1/1988 - 6/30/1989	Schenectady School District	3 months
7/1/1984 - 6/30/1988	Albany School District	4 years
7/1/1983 - 6/30/1984	Albany School District	5 months

#### Overflow Text for Members with a MvNYSTRS Account:

Your combination of current school year employment and service history was too long to fit on this page. For a complete, up-to-date record, see your MyNYSTRS account on NYSTRS.org or contact us.

This data is subject to audit and recomputation, does not constitute a binding representation, and does not consider any Domestic Relations Order (DRO) on file with us directing us to pay part of a benefit to an ex-spouse (or mandating you elect a specific payment option). For those with a membership date on or after 7/1/96, Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(17) limits benefit calculation compensation to 5280,000 for 2019-20. For questions, call us or visit NYSTRS, org where you can read the Active Members' Handbook, access your MYNSTRS account, and see our privacy policy.

## **Service Credit**

Days Per Year		Credit	Days Per Year		Credit
Under 20 days	=	None	90-109	=	5 months
20-29	=	1 month	110-129	=	6 months
30-49	=	2 months	130-149	=	7 months
50-69	=	3 months	150-169	=	8 months
70-89	=	4 months	170+	=	9 months
			9 months	=	1 year



## **Prior Service**

You may be able to claim New York State public employment that you rendered before your current NYSTRS date of membership

This service must have been creditable at the time of service in a NYS public retirement system (or would now be creditable)

Glens Fall

y-Schenectady-Troy

Syracuse

Metro New York/Long Island

Rochester

Buffalo-Niagara Falls

Jamestown

Service must equal at least 20 days in a year to be creditable

# **Prior Service**

You are responsible to claim, and obtain verification of, the prior service

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Metro New York/Long Island

Schenectady-Tro

- There is no cost for Tier 1 and 2 members
- Tier 3 members must pay 3% of the salary earned
- Tier 4 members also pay 3%, but must also pay 5% compounded interest
- Tier 5 members pay 3.5% of former salaries, plus 5% compounded interest
- Tier 6 members pay 6% of former salaries, plus 5% compounded interest

## **Prior Service**

Glens Falls

y-Schenectady-Troy

Metro New York/Long Island

Jamestown

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- The processing of your claim usually takes 4 to 6 months from date we receive documentation of service
- The granting of prior service does not affect your membership date or put you into an earlier tier
- Any prior credit granted after retirement occurs and the benefit is finalized will count retroactively to date of retirement

## **Military Service**

#### Obtain copy of <u>DD214</u>-Discharge Papers at:

National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138

Phone: (314) 801-0800

Standard Form (SF) 180

www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records



# **Transferred Service**

- Transfers merge active memberships in multiple NYS retirement systems
- You retain earliest membership
- Salary and service combine, often yielding higher benefits
- Limitations apply, and service is limited to a maximum of one year of credit per school year
- You may only transfer into the system in which you last rendered service
- Contact both systems prior to electing to transfer to ensure a transfer is to your advantage!



## Reinstatement

- Reactivates a former ceased or withdrawn membership with any NYS public retirement system
- Receive earlier date of membership and tier status
- Receive service credit originally earned during previous membership
- There often is a cost to reinstate
- Election is irrevocable; contact NYSTRS prior to submitting application

## Article 19 Service (Tiers 1 & 2)

## Eligibility

Must be credited with at least one month of service in any school year after 7/1/92

#### Credit Provided

1/12 year of credit for each year of service up to the maximum additional credit of two years



## **Service Retirement**





## Pension Formula (pages 14-16)

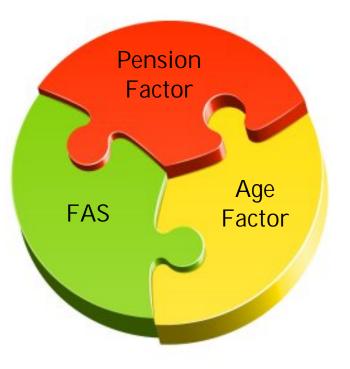
### □ Pension Factor –

Determined by tier and number of years and months of service

## □ Final Average Salary (FAS) –

Calculated from district-reported income

■ Age Factor (If applicable) — Determined by tier, age and years of service at retirement





## Pension Factor Benefit Profile - Page 3

TIER	TYPE OF SERVICE	PENSION %
Tier 1	NYS service before 7/1/59	1.8% per year
	NYS service on or after 7/1/59	2% per year
	Prior out-of-state service	1% per year
Tier 2	NYS service before 7/1/59 NYS service on or after 7/1/59	1.8% per year 2% per year
Tiers 3-4	Less than 20 years of service From 20-30 years of service Over 30 years of service	1.67% per year 2% per year 60% + 1.5% per year beyond 30

## Pension Formula (pages 14-16)

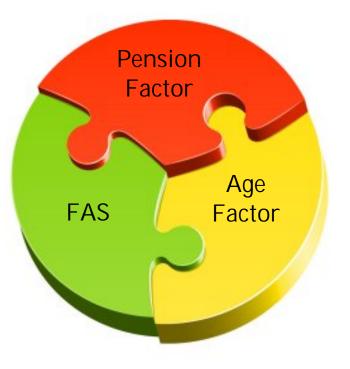
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Determined by tier and number of years and months of service

## Final Average Salary (FAS) –

Calculated from district-reported income

#### ■ Age Factor (If applicable) — Determined by tier, age and possibly years of service at retirement





## Final Average Salary (3-Year FAS)

- NYSTRS will determine your three highest consecutive full school years of regular salary earned (3-year FAS)
- The 3-year FAS <u>only includes</u> regular compensation, which covers the instruction or supervision of students (coaching, chaperoning, etc.)
- The 3-year FAS cannot include any form of nonregular compensation (payment in lieu of health insurance, retirement bonus, unused sick leave payment, etc.)



## Final Average Salary (3-Year FAS)

There is a limitation on the amount your earnings can increase each year and still be used in your FAS:

Tier 1: Increases above 20% of the previous year's salary

□ Tier 2: Increases above 20% of the *average* of the previous two year's salaries

Tier 3-5: Increases above 10% of the average of the previous two year's salaries



## Salary Limitations Example

### Tiers 3-5

(Cannot exceed 10% increase over average of previous two years)

School Year Ending	Salary Earned	Salary Limitation
2020	\$74,000	\$ 62,000
2019	\$72,000	→ \$72, <u>£\$0.600,000</u> age
2018	\$70,000	\$122,000/2 \$ 61,000
2017	\$62,000	<u>x 1.10</u>
2016	\$60,000	\$ 67,100

NOTE: Tier 6 cannot exceed 10% increase over average of previous FOUR years

## Salary Limitations Example

### Tiers 3-5

(Cannot exceed 10% increase over average of previous two years)

School Year Ending	Salary Earned	Salary Limitation
2020	\$74,000	\$78,100
2019	\$72,000	\$72,600
2018	\$70,000	\$67,100
2017	\$62,000	
2016	\$60,000	

\$71,033 FAS

NOTE: Tier 6 cannot exceed 10% increase over average of previous FOUR years)

## **Benefit Profile - Page 1**

There is a five-year salary history on page 1 of profile
Iseful for checking that salaries are reported correctly

 Useful for checking that salaries are reported correctly and for calculating your FAS

Helps to check if there is any salary increase limitation

Regular Salary Reported	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015
(For Last Five School Years)	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX

## **3-Year FAS: Retire Mid-Year**

□ 2020 salary = \$80,000 You retire on February 1, and have worked 100 days and earned half of your salary (\$40,000) 2017 full salary (200 days) was \$74,000

19-2020\$40,000100 days18-2019\$78,000200 days17-2018\$76,000200 days16-2017\$37,000100 daysTOTAL\$231,000600 days

\$231,000/3 FAS = \$77,000

## **3-Year FAS: Retire Mid-Year**

### 2019-2020 Earnings

	Salary Earned	Days Credited	Daily Rate
Contract Salary	\$40,000	100	\$400
Curriculum Work	\$ 2,500	10	\$250
Coaching	\$ 3,300	15	\$220
TOTAL	\$45,800	125	\$366



## **3-Year FAS: Retire Mid-Year**

2020 earnings \$45,800

 2017 full salary (200 days) was \$74,000

FAS calculation is \$1,150 less 19-2020\$45,800125 days18-2019\$78,000200 days17-2018\$76,000200 days16-2017\$27,75075 daysTOTAL\$227,550600 days

\$227,350/3 FAS = \$75,850

## Pension Formula (pages 14-16)

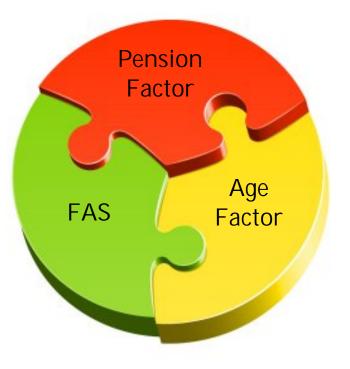
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#### ■ Age Factor (If applicable) — Determined by tier, age and possibly years of service at retirement



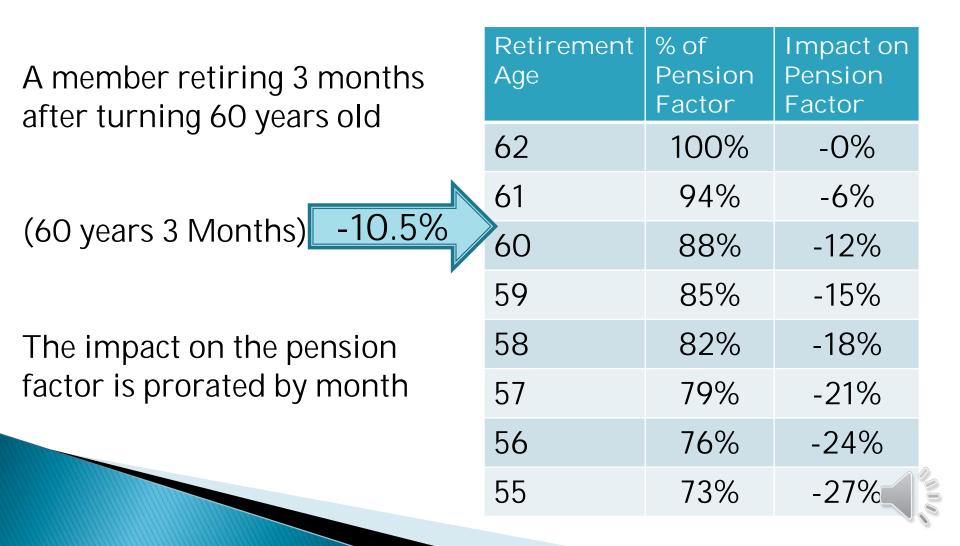


### Age Factor – Page 15 Tier 2 and 4 Age Factor (Less than 30 Years service)



Retirement Age	% of Pension Factor	Impact on Pension Factor
62	100%	-0%
61	94%	-6%
60	88%	-12%
59	85%	-15%
58	82%	-18%
57	79%	-21%
56	76%	-24%
55	73%	-27%

### Age Factor – Page 15 Tier 2 and 4 Age Factor (Less than 30 Years service)



### Impact of the Age Factor Example

29 Yea	rs Tier 2-4	30 Yea	rs Tier 2-4
	Age 55		Age 56
	<u>Calculation</u> 29 years X 2% = 58%		<u>Calculation</u> 30 years X 2% = 60%
	Age Factor = 73%		No age factor (30+ years)
	58% x .73 = 42.34%		30 years x 2% = 60%

### Impact of the Age Factor Example





**Final Average Salary** 

\$80,000

Calculation 30 years X 2% = 60%

No Age Factor at 30 years

### **Age Factor – Page 15** *Tier 5 Age Factor (Less than 30 Years service)*



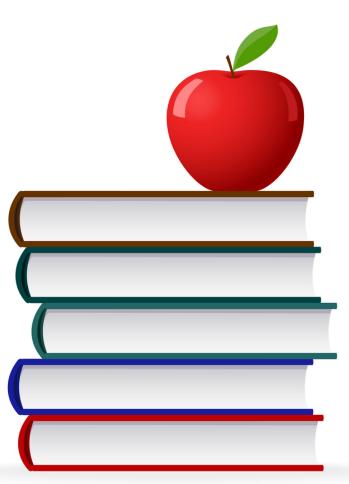
Retirement Age	% of Pension Factor	Impact on Pension Factor
62	100%	-0%
61	93.33%	-6.67%
60	86.67%	-13.33%
59	81.67%	-18.33%
58	76.67%	-23.33%
57	71.67%	-28.33%
56	66.67%*	-33.33%
55	61.67%*	-38.33%
*Applies	even with	30 years

### **Age Factor – Page 15** *Tier 6 Age Factor (Collecting before age 63)*



Retirement Age	% of Pension Factor	Impact on Pension Factor
63	100%	0%
62	93.5%	-6.5%
61	87%	-13%
60	80.5%	-19.5%
59	74%	-26%
58	67.5%	-32.5%
57	61%	-39%
56	54.5%	-45.5%
55	48%	-52%

## Key Service Thresholds (page 18)



5 years: Vested (Tiers 1-4)

**<u>10 years</u>:** Vested (*Tiers 5-6*)

**<u>20 years</u>:** Higher pension calculation (*Tiers 1-4 & 6*)

**<u>25 years</u>:** Higher pension calculation *(Tier 5)* 

**<u>30 years</u>:** No age factor at age 55+ (*Tiers 2-4*) or age 57+ (*Tier 5*)

Note: If under 30 years of service, no age factor applies at age 62+ (Tiers 2-5)

## Death Benefits (page 16)



- All members with a minimum amount of service are covered under an in-service death benefit
- If you pass away before retirement, your beneficiary(ies) will receive a lump-sum payment from NYSTRS
- The payment could be substantial, depending on your salary and other factors



# Paragraph 2 Death Benefit



#### For Tiers 2-6

- Benefit = Year of pay for each year credited, up to 3 years (See page 2 of Benefit Profile)
- If a Tier 3-6 member dies in service, member contributions and interest are also paid to beneficiary
- In most cases there is a post-retirement death benefit which diminishes to 10% of original, pre-retirement benefit after retired for 3 years
- There is also an accidental death benefit for Tiers 3-6 if member dies from an on-job accident. It pays certain beneficiaries an income of 50% of your last year of salary

# **Disability Retirement (page 16)**

If You Are No Longer Able to Work





A Guide for Making Disability Retirement Decisions

Must be physically/mentally incapacitated

- Must have 10 years of service; this requirement can be waived if on-the-job accident causes disability
- The benefit generally equals 33% of Final Average Salary
- Disability must be approved by NYSTRS Medical Board
- Tier 1 and 2 disability retirees may work while on disability; earnings are restricted
- Tier 3-6 disability retirees are prohibited from working while collecting disability pension
- Filing "For Protection Only"



# **Filing "For Protection Only"**

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- If you are facing a potentially lifethreatening illness or surgery, consider filing a disability application "For Protection Only"
- In most cases, the lump-sum payment a beneficiary would receive would be significantly more than the in-service death benefit
- A member filing for protection must complete the forms Application for Disability Retirement RET-54.1 and Medical Information Summary



# **Filing "For Protection Only"**

RELG-SLIB (4/12) NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany New York 12211-2395 MEDICAL INFORMATION SI COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR RETIRE	UMMARY
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Names and Addresses	Phone and FAX Numbers
*If is your responsibility to give a medical report form to	each of the physicians named
B. Briefly describe your illness and symptoms (If more room is needed,	please use reverse side}
C. On what date did you become incapacitated?	
D. What was the last date you rendered service?	
E. What subject area and grade level was your last teaching position?	
F. Do you work in any other capacity? No Ye If yes, please explain.	25
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The member would need to:

- Clearly write "For Protection Only" on the application
- Indicate the medical condition necessitating the retirement
- Leave the requested date of retirement blank
- Select either the Declining Reserve Option (Tier 1 only) or Largest Lump Sum Option (Tiers 2-6)
- Have signature notarized prior to mailing
- Complete the Medical Information Summary



### Loans (page 16)

### <u>Tiers 3-6</u>

- May borrow up to 75% of your contributions fund once each calendar year
- Some loans may be federally taxable at issuance if above certain thresholds



- Loans are repayable until you retire
- There may be significant negative consequences tax-wise and with your pension if you default on a loan at retirement



## Loans-Default (page 17)

#### <u>Tiers 3-6</u>

For example, on a loan default at retirement of \$10,000, a 58-year-old member would see an annual decrease of \$524.00 in his/her pension:

Factor = \$52.40/thousand at age 58 Loan default = \$10,000

#### 10 X \$52.40= \$524.00 yearly pension reduction

Age at Service Retirement with an Outstanding Loan	55	58	62	65
Annual Pension Reduction Per \$1,000 of Loan Owed	\$49.37	\$52.40	\$57.46	\$62.30

