Comparison between 403(b) and 457(b)

PLAN	403(b)	457(b) Governmental
SPONSOR/ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER	 public education employers 501©(3) organizations 	• state and local governments
ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS	 SRJC – All Faculty, Classified, Foundation Management/Confidential STNC employees 	 SRJC –All Faculty, Classified, Foundation Mgmt/Confidential STNC employees
TYPE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO PLAN	employee salary reduction contributions	 employee salary reduction contributions
MAXIMUM ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	-\$19,000 2019	• -\$19,000 2019
CATCH –UP CONTRIBUTION	 employee with 15 yrs full- time service with the District limited to lesser of: (1) \$3,000: (2) \$15,000 less previously excluded special catch-ups; or (3) \$5,000 multiplied by yrs of service minus previously excluded deferrals 	 special 457 catch-up -only in 3 years prior to the year of normal retirement age: -limited to lesser of: (1) twice the basic annual limit [\$33,000 for 2009]; or (2) basic annual limit plus underutilized basic annual limit in prior years (only allowed if not utilizing the age 50 or over catch-up)
AGE 50 CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTIONS	• additional employee contribution of \$6,000	• additional employee contribution of \$6,000
QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS RECOGNIZED	• yes	• yes

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TIMING OF DISTRIBUTION	 withdrawals permitted after a distributable event occurs, generally: -death -retirement -severance from employment -disability must start receiving distributions by April 1 following later of date of retirement or age 70 ½ minimum distribution age 59 ½ 	 withdrawals permitted after severance from employment must start receiving distributions by April 1 following the later of date of retirement or age 70 ¹/₂
OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS	hardship withdrawals	 unforeseeable emergency withdrawals small inactive accounts
ROLLOVERS AND TRANSFERS	 rollovers permitted to eligible retirement plan transfers upon severance of employment only. Permitted if both employer plans allow purchase permissive service exchanges between one approved 403(b) to another approved 403(b) only while employed 	 rollovers permitted to eligible retirement plan transfers permitted from one government 457(b) to another 457(b) purchase permissive services
VESTING	 employee salary deferrals are immediately 100% vested 	 employee salary deferrals are immediately 100% vested
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