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## **608 NEPOTISM**

### **1. PURPOSE**

To establish and define the policy as it relates to nepotism.

### **2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- 2.1. No individual shall be assigned, reassigned, permanently or temporarily employed or issued independent contract in a department, special program, location or school where one member of a family has direct administrative or supervisory responsibility over that individual.
- 2.2. For purposes of this policy, “supervisor” or “administrator” means any employee, regardless of job description or title, having authority in the interest of the employee to hire, set salary, transfer, suspend, buy off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or having responsibility to direct them, or to adjust their grievances, or effectively to recommend this action, if, in connection with the foregoing, the exercise of this authority is not of a routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgement.
- 2.3. For the purpose of this policy, family relationship (including “step” or half-blood relationship) shall include:
  - 2.3.1. Father, mother, son, daughter
  - 2.3.2. Spouse, spouse’s father or mother, or child’s spouse
  - 2.3.3. Grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, grandson, granddaughter
  - 2.3.4. Spouse’s grandfather or grandmother, spouse’s brother or sister
  - 2.3.5. Great grandfather, great grandmother, uncle, aunt, brother or sister’s son or daughter, great grandson, great granddaughter
- 2.4. For the purposes of the above:
  - 2.4.1. An adopted child is treated as the natural child of the adoptive parents.
  - 2.4.2. Any person, including a domestic partner, who resides in the same residence as Administrator or Supervisor.
- 2.5. This policy will apply to independent contracts and all forms of employment, including, but not limited to, regular full-time employment, regular part-time employment, temporary full-time employment, or temporary part-time employment. This policy will apply to all employees including student workers. Exceptions to this policy can be made

for unique circumstances. Exceptions to this policy must be requested in writing with justification from the department, special program, locations or school through administrative line to the Office of the Superintendent or designee.

- 2.6. This policy shall not be interpreted to restrict the rights of students to enroll in or be assigned to classes taught by close relatives. In such cases, the close relative faculty member shall be responsible for making those academic decisions normally incident to their instructional duties.
- 2.7. Persons employed prior to the date of adoption of this policy are exempted except for persons whose status as a relative arises after such date.
- 2.8. This policy shall not apply in any case in which its application would violate state or federal laws, rulings or regulations.

*Legal References*

Minn. Stat. §124D.10 (Charter Schools)

Minn. Stat. §363A (Human Rights)