ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY (Gov. Board approved ____)

Overview

The purpose of this policy is to maintain the highest level of integrity in all actions of CMP by avoiding favoritism, the appearance of impropriety, and conflicts of interest often associated with nepotism. Nepotism is inconsistent with CMP’s policy of making decisions based solely on CMP’s mission, business needs, and any individual’s qualifications, skills, ability and performance.

Definition of “Related Persons”

The following relationships in employment create an inference of nepotism:

- Parent and child
- Siblings
- Grandparent and grandchild
- Aunt and/or uncle and niece and/or nephew
- First cousins
- Spouses and registered domestic partners
- Guardian and ward
- Any corresponding in-law, step, or adoptive relative, or anyone residing in a permanent basis in the home of a current School employee or student.
- Persons engaged in amorous relationships; an amorous relationship exists when two (2) persons voluntarily have a physical relationship or are engaged in a romantic courtship (e.g. dating or engaged) that may or may not have been consummated.

Job Applicants

As a family-friendly organization, CMP does not discriminate against job applicants who are relatives of CMP employees. Such applicants may apply for employment in any department that is not under the supervision or control of a relative. A job applicant who is a relative of a CMP employee shall be subject to the same application requirements as all other candidates. The hiring process may not include the CMP employee relative. Screening and interviewing will be conducted by an impartial interview and hiring committee consisting of multiple members. In the event the applicant is selected for employment, the applicant shall not be hired for a position where one relative would be under the supervision or control of the other relative.

Employment Decisions

No CMP employee (including administrators, certificated employees, and classified employees) or any volunteer may make, participate in, or attempt to influence the hiring, management, or other business decisions involving a relative, or pressure or cause others to do so. Therefore, there can be no direct reporting or supervisory relationship between relatives, and all employment decisions must be made by others.
If an employee is to be assigned to a position that is under the supervision or control of a relative who has or may have a direct effect on the individual’s progress or performance, or an individual is to be assigned to a position with the same immediate supervisor as a relative, a management plan must be devised and approved by the head of the department, with final approval by the Executive Director. A management plan is also required when an individual already assigned to a position becomes a relative of a supervisor, subordinate, or someone who works for the same immediate supervisor.

The purpose of the management plan is to outline supervision and evaluation procedures that will mitigate possible conflicts of interest. The management plan must address reporting relationships, supervision, and evaluation that will assure that there will be no decision-making based upon relationships between relatives in promotion, compensation, hours, or other conditions of employment.

Final approval of hiring recommendations and personnel actions is the exclusive right of the Executive Director or his or her appointed representative.

**Policy Violations**

Policy violations will not be tolerated and can subject the involved parties to adverse action, up to and including discipline/termination.