

Nepotism: Employment of Relatives

It is the policy of the Board of Education that individuals shall not be appointed to any full-time, part-time or temporary position which would create a supervisor/employee relationship within any one department between two individuals who are related by blood, marriage, civil union or law.

*The term “marriage” includes a same-sex marriage that is legally recognized in Connecticut.

Persons related by blood or marriage to a Board of Education member may only be employed following full disclosure of the relationship in a public meeting. Board members and/or school administrators shall not participate in, or attempt to influence, any employment decision that has a direct affect upon a family member. This shall not preclude participation in employment decisions that have an impact on a family member only as a member of a broad group or class of employees.

As used in this policy, the word “Department” shall mean and include those levels of organization under the Superintendent's office into which the various structural areas of operation of the school district are divided.

In the event of marriage or civil union between employees of the District, creating a relationship which violates this policy, one of the persons affected must transfer to a location compatible with policy provisions, or in cases of refusal to transfer, be terminated from that location by the end of the school/fiscal year or within six months from the date the relationship was established, whichever is the greater period.

The degrees of relationship included in the above restrictions are as follows:

By Blood: Parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin.

By Marriage: Husband, wife, stepparent, stepchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, half-sister, half-brother, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

By Law: Guardianship relationships, adoptive parent/child relationships, partner in a civil union, same-sex marriage.

For the purposes of this policy, a relative also includes an individual living/domiciled in the same household.

In the appointment and selection of new employees, the District shall adhere to this policy. All current supervisor/employee relationships established prior to the adoption of this policy will not be affected by this policy so long as they remain in present assignments.

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

7-479 Conflicts of Interest

46b-38nn Equality of benefits, protections and responsibilities (civil unions)

46b-38oo applicability of statutes to civil unions and parties to a civil union.

United States v. Windsor, U.S. 133 S. Ct. 2675 (2013)