

EMPLOYMENT OF FAMILY MEMBERS

A. The School Board may not employ, and the Superintendent may not recommend for employment, any family member of the Superintendent or of a School Board Member except as authorized below.

This prohibition shall not apply to the employment, promotion, or transfer within a school division of any family member who:

- Has been employed pursuant to a written contract with the School Board or employed as a substitute teacher or teacher’s aide by the School Board prior to the taking of office of the Superintendent or School Board Member; or
- Has been employed pursuant to a written contract with the School Board or employed as a substitute teacher or teacher’s aide by the School Board prior to the inception of the family relationship; or
- Was employed by a School Board at any time prior to June 10, 1994, and had been employed at any time as a teacher or other employee of any Virginia School Board prior to the taking of office of any member of such School Board or Division Superintendent.

A family member employed as a substitute teacher may not be employed to any greater extent than he/she was employed by the School Board in the last full school year prior to the taking of office of such School Board Member or Division Superintendent or to the inception of such relationship.

B. Notwithstanding the rules stated in Section A above, the School Board may employ or pay and the Superintendent may recommend for employment, any family member of a School Board Member provided that:

- The member certifies that he had no involvement with the hiring decision; and
- The Superintendent certifies to the remaining members of the School Board in writing that the recommendation is based upon merit and fitness and the competitive rating of the qualifications of the individual and that no member of the Board had any involvement with the hiring decision.

C. Notwithstanding the rules stated in Section A above, the School Board may employ or pay any family member of the Superintendent provided that:

- The Superintendent certifies that he/she had no involvement with the hiring decision; and
- The Chief Human Resources Officer certifies to the members of the School Board in writing that the recommendation is based upon merit and fitness and the competitive rating of the qualifications of the individual and that the Superintendent had no involvement with the hiring decision.

D. No family member of any employee may be employed by the School Board if the family

48 member is to be employed in a direct supervisory and/or administrative relationship
49 either supervisory or subordinate to the employee. The employment and assignment of
50 family members in the same organizational unit shall be discouraged.

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52 Family members are defined as a father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, son-in-
53 law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law or step children.

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