### 2019-2020 COMPENSATION POLICY

### **Dedication to Non-discrimination**

It is the policy of The Cottonwood School not to discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed (which includes religious dress and grooming practices), color, national origin (which includes, but is not limited to, national origin groups and aspects of national origin, such as height, weight, accent, or language proficiency), ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex (which includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, and related medical conditions), gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, military or veteran status (including state and federal active and reserve members as well as those ordered to duty or training), immigration/citizenship status or related protected activities (which includes undocumented individuals and human trafficking), protected medical leaves, domestic violence victim status, political affiliation, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws, ordinances, or regulations.

## **Important Information**

- This summary does not alter the at-will nature of the employment relationship and nothing in this summary shall limit the School's right to terminate employment at-will or limit the School's right to transfer, demote, suspend, administer discipline, and change the terms and conditions of employment at its sole discretion. This includes, without limitation, the School's right to modify the compensation of any employee at any time, with or without notice and with or without cause.
- The School Board adopts this compensation schedule for 2019-2020 only. Pay increases are not granted automatically each year; therefore, neither past nor future compensation can be calculated, assumed, or predicted on the basis of this schedule or any information contained herein. Compensation of any employee may also be adjusted at any time based on operational needs of the School.
- The Principal shall recommend compensation for all School staff, consistent with the budget approved by the School Board. -An employee's regular compensation is paid on a semi-monthly basis in accordance with the School's payroll practices and policies.
- The School reserves the right to change, suspend, revoke, terminate, or supersede provisions of this compensation schedule at any time. To the extent any of provisions herein differ from the terms of an employee's employment agreement, the terms of the agreement shall prevail.

### **Compensation Philosophy**

A compensation philosophy is a statement that defines what an organization offers and chooses to reward via its compensation system. The School's compensation philosophy places emphasis on equity, transparency, excellence, and commitment. These five key values are the foundation for all School compensation structures and practices.

# **Voluntary Transfer to Lower Role Placement or Teaching position**

• Employees approved to voluntarily transfer to a position in a lower placement on the salary scale will be placed in the new salary placement or teacher salary schedule, and the salary will be calculated as it is in the new placement or schedule.

July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020 Preparation Salary Teacher Table B-Basis - 10 Month Calendar\*

| PAY SCALE GROUP     | IP        |           |          | ΡA       | PAY SCALE LEVEL | EL       |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Points*             | 1         | 2         | 8        | 4        | 2               | 9        | 7        | 8        | 6        | 10       |
| A<br>(Minimum)      | \$54250** | \$55800** | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250        | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250 |
| B<br>(+14 points)   | \$56250** | \$57250** | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250        | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$63,750 |
| C<br>(+ 28 points)  | \$58,250  | \$58,250  | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250        | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$63,110 | \$66,250 |
| D<br>( + 42 points) | \$58,250  | \$58,250  | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250        | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$62,350 | \$65,500 | \$68,750 |
| E<br>( + 56 points) | \$58,250  | \$58,250  | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250        | \$58,250 | \$61,550 | \$65,625 | \$67,850 | \$71,250 |
| F<br>( + 70 points) | \$58,250  | \$58,250  | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$58,250        | \$60,650 | \$63,700 | \$66,900 | \$70,225 | \$73,750 |
| G<br>( + 84 points) | \$58,250  | \$58,250  | \$58,250 | \$58,250 | \$59,750        | \$62,725 | \$65,850 | \$69,125 | \$72,600 | \$76,250 |
| H<br>( + 98 points) | \$58,250  | \$58,250  | \$58,250 | \$58,750 | \$61,650        | \$64,750 | \$68,000 | \$71,400 | \$75,000 | \$78,750 |

Additional Pay Scale Levels

| 13 14 | \$86,250 \$88,750                |
|-------|----------------------------------|
| 12    | \$83,750                         |
| 11    | \$81,250                         |
|       | (continued)<br>H<br>(+98 points) |

\$98,250 H30 \$96,250 H25 \$93,750 H20 \$91,250 H15

NBC or Doctorate Differential is 7.5%.
\*Annualized salary includes 207 work days. The 207 work days is a minimum number of work days, and team members may need to work additional days beyond the work calendar.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Staff holding an alternative certification (intern or emergency) are restricted to A1, A2, B1, and/or B2.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Annual salary advancements for longevity are not guaranteed and are subject to the school's operational needs and/or budget approved by the school Board.

January 1, 2020- December 31, 2020 Preparation Salary Teacher Table

C-Basis - 10 Month Calendar\*

| PAY SCALE GROUP        | ď          |           |          | ΡĄ       | PAY SCALE LEVEL | EL       |          |          |          |          |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Points*                | 1          | 2         | 3        | 4        | 2               | 9        | 7        | 80       | 6        | 10       |
| A<br>(Minimum)         | \$54,080** | \$54080** | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$55,000        | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$55,000 |
| B<br>(+ 14 points)     | \$54080**  | \$54080** | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$55,000        | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$60,500 |
| C<br>(+ 28 points)     | \$55,000   | \$55,000  | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$55,000        | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$59,860 | \$63,000 |
| D<br>( + 42 points)    | \$55,000   | 000'55\$  | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | 000′55\$        | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$59,100 | \$62,250 | \$65,500 |
| E<br>( + 56 points)    | \$55,000   | \$55,000  | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | \$55,000        | \$55,000 | \$58,300 | \$62,375 | \$64,600 | \$68,000 |
| F<br>( + 70 points)    | \$55,000   | 000'55\$  | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | 000′55\$        | \$57,400 | \$60,450 | \$63,650 | \$66,975 | \$70,500 |
| G<br>( + 84 points)    | \$55,000   | 000'55\$  | \$55,000 | \$55,000 | 005'95\$        | \$59,475 | \$62,600 | \$65,875 | \$69,350 | \$73,000 |
| H<br>( + 98 points)    | \$55,000   | \$55,000  | \$55,000 | \$55,500 | \$58,400        | \$61,500 | \$64,750 | \$68,150 | \$71,750 | \$75,500 |
| Additional Pay Scale L | ale Levels |           |          |          |                 |          |          |          |          |          |

| 14 | \$85,50                    |  |
|----|----------------------------|--|
| 13 | \$83,000                   |  |
| 12 | \$80,500                   |  |
| 11 | \$78,000                   |  |
|    | (continued) H (+98 points) |  |

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| H30 | \$95,000 |
|-----|----------|
| H25 | \$93,000 |
| H20 | \$90,500 |
| H15 | \$88,000 |
|     |          |

NBC or Doctorate Differential is 7.5%.

school Board.

<sup>\*</sup>Annualized salary includes 207 work days. The 207 work days is a minimum number of work days, and team members may need to work additional days beyond the work calendar.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Annual salary advancements for longevity are not guaranteed and are subject to the school's operational needs and/or budget approved by the \*\* Staff holding an alternative certification (intern or emergency) are restricted to A1, A2, B1, and/or B2.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>During the rate-in-process for new hires principals may approve additional units earned beyond post-baccalaureate credits equivalent to 4-semester units for each year starting with year 15. A candidate can earn a maximum of 60 credits for experience based on principal approval.

Special Education Teacher / Nurse / \*Speech and Language Pathologist 10 Month Calendar\*\* July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020 Preparation Salary Teacher Table

| PAY SCALE GROUP     | ٥.       |          |          | ď        | PAY SCALE LEVEL | 13       |          |          |          |          |  |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Points*             | 1        | 2        | 8        | 4        | 2               | 9        | 7        | <b>∞</b> | 6        | 10       |  |
| A<br>(Minimum)      | \$55,590 | \$57,280 | \$59,950 | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$        | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | \$59,950 | 056'65\$ | \$59,950 |  |
| B<br>(+14 points)   | \$57,770 | \$58,860 | \$59,950 | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$        | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | \$59,950 | 056'65\$ | \$65,945 |  |
| C<br>(+28 points)   | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$        | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | \$65,247 | \$68,670 |  |
| D<br>( + 42 points) | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$        | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | \$64,419 | \$67,853 | \$71,395 |  |
| E<br>(+56 points)   | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$        | 056'65\$ | \$63,547 | \$67,989 | \$70,414 | \$74,120 |  |
| F<br>(+70 points)   | \$59,950 | \$59,950 | \$59,950 | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$        | \$62,566 | \$65,891 | \$69,379 | \$73,003 | \$76,845 |  |
| G<br>(+84 points)   | \$59,950 | \$59,950 | \$59,950 | 056'65\$ | \$61,585        | \$64,828 | \$68,234 | \$71,804 | \$75,592 | \$79,570 |  |
| H<br>(+98 points)   | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | 056'65\$ | \$60,495 | \$63,656        | \$67,035 | \$70,578 | \$74,284 | \$78,208 | \$82,295 |  |
|                     |          |          |          |          |                 |          |          |          |          |          |  |

Additional Pay Scale Levels

|                | 11       | 12       | 13       | 14       |  |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| (continued)    |          |          |          |          |  |
| I              | \$85,020 | \$87,745 | \$90,470 | \$93,195 |  |
| ( + 98 points) |          |          |          |          |  |
|                |          |          |          |          |  |

| H15      | H20      | H25       | H30       |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| \$95,920 | \$98,645 | \$101,370 | \$103,550 |

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Staffholding an alternative certification (intern or emergency) are restricted to A1, A2, B1, and/or B2.

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# SPED ASSESSMENT TEAM 2019-2020 Salary Schedule SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST

| STEP   | 1-2      | 3-4     | 5-6            | 7-8       | 9-10    | 11-13+  |
|--------|----------|---------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Salary | 81088    | 84088   | 88293          | 92709     | 97342   | 102209  |
|        | 3,378.67 | 3503.67 | 3678.88        | 2862.88   | 4055.92 | 4258.71 |
| •      |          | SPEEC   | H/LANGUAGE PA  | THOLOGIST |         |         |
| STEP   | 1-2      | 3-4     | 5-6            | 7-8       | 9-10    | 11-13+  |
| Salary | 74146    | 78049   | 82157          | 86481     | 91033   | 95585   |
|        | 3089.42  | 3252.04 | 3423.21        | 3603.38   | 3793.04 | 3982.71 |
|        |          |         | NURSE          |           |         |         |
| STEP   | 1-2      | 3-4     | 5-6            | 7-8       | 9-10    | 11-13+  |
| Salary | 70512    | 74038   | 77340          | 81227     | 85288   | 89552   |
|        | 2938.00  | 3084.92 | 3222.50        | 3384.46   | 3553.67 | 3731.33 |
| •      |          | O       | CCUPATIONAL TI | HERAPIST  |         |         |
| STEP   | 1-2      | 3-4     | 5-6            | 7-8       | 9-10    | 11-13+  |
| Salary | 70688    | 74387   | 78302          | 82423     | 86761   | 91327   |
|        | 2945.33  | 3099.46 | 3262.58        | 3434.29   | 3615.04 | 3805.29 |

NBC or Doctorate Differential is 7.5%

<sup>\$5,000</sup> Signing bonus for SLP/Nurse/OT applied at end of year 1- if returning for Year 2 All Psychologists and Program Specialists will be expected to travel overnight

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 205 work days of the 12-month calendar

### Additional Supplement Bonus ("Supplement"):

The principal may recommend a Supplement for teachers as set forth in this section.

- A Principal, in his or her sole discretion, shall determine what duties shall be supplemented based upon the operational needs of the school.
- A supplement is not automatic, and can be provided at the discretion and approval of the Principal, based on additional work beyond the regular work responsibilities.
- A supplement will be paid to the employee in accordance with the schedule provided by the School at the time of supplement award.
- The supplemental award shall not exceed \$35,000 or 50% of annual salary.
- All supplements listed are paid for the performance of duties beyond the regular work day
  and normal job responsibilities and are not approved solely on the basis of position
  classification or previous supplement payment. Additional time spent fulfilling job duties
  does not constitute a basis for compensation beyond the teachers' regular salary.
- Teacher supplements will be set forth in a Supplement Performance Order. The Supplement Performance Order Request shall be completed and signed by the teacher and the Principal prior to performing the supplemental duties.
- Supplements will be paid in installments or one lump sum if less than \$1,001. However, this option will not be available where it would cause the employee to receive compensation prior to providing the service.
- Additional Supplements may include things such as Winter Break Coverage, Extra Student Pay and Enrollment Milestones.
- To qualify for an extended duty supplement, the following criteria must be met as requested and assigned by the Principal:
  - 1. The Principal must first agree with the teacher on the terms
  - 2. The supplemental work must be separate from the normal job responsibilities.
  - 3. The work must be completed or in the progress of being completed.

### Part-time Teachers:

For all part-time teachers.

- Part-time/Full time Status: Compensation for part-time teachers will be \$30.00 per hour. Estimated hours for part-time teachers each week includes a maximum of 10 hours per week for approved non-instructional activities (recruiting, planning, grading, parent conferences, etc.) and one (1) additional hour per week per enrolled student. This allotted time should be sufficient to complete each part-time teacher's duties. All time worked will be compensated at the part-time teacher's hourly rate. Part-time teachers will work no more than up to 17 hours of work per pay period in July and for up to 8.5 hours of training in August.
- Part-time teachers must accurately record and timely submit records of all time worked and observe all lunch and rest breaks as outlined in the School's employee handbook. Part-time employees may not work overtime (i.e., over 8 hours in a workday or 40 hours per workweek) without written authorization from their direct supervisor.

When a case load of 20 students is reached, employees may be rated in and placed on a salary table and given health care benefits contingent upon the teacher's expected maintenance of a case load at the norm of 28 students for full-time teachers. Carrying a case load of less than 28 students over a course of three (3) consecutive months may result in a return to part time status.

### **CLASSIFIED COMPENSATION**

# **Experience and Placement**

- Each classified employee will be placed on the salary schedule based on their creditable years of experience, which will be categorized as equivalent or applicable experience.
- Equivalent experience is the directly related experience of an employee to the position held or hired. Applicable experience is the other administrative, teaching, or professional experience which is not directly related to the position held or hired.
  - Example: Office Manager experience at a private school is accepted as equivalent experience for a person in the Office Manager position, but teaching experience will be applicable experience.
  - Example: SPED instructional aide at a school district, or a company may be equivalent experience for the SPED instructional aide position, but SPED center aide will be applicable experience.
- The evaluation of prior experience and placement on the Salary Scale will be recommended by the Human Resources Department and the Principal or designee makes the final decision, consistent with the School's approved budget.
- The following criteria will be considered in the evaluation of prior experience:
  - The number of days worked in a year must be at least 180 days as a full-time employee
  - The percentage of days worked
  - Position held
  - Type of the organization and accreditation
- Each equivalent year of creditable experience will be equal to 1 YEAR, and each year of creditable applicable experience will be equal to a 0.5 YEAR. If the total years of experience is a fraction of a whole, it will be rounded up.
  - Example: 3.5 YEARS will be rounded to 4.0 YEARS of experience.
- Rehired employee's years of experience in the same or higher salary placements will be treated as equivalent experience.
- The starting salary of a new employee may exceed the salary of a current employee in the same position based on the creditable years of experience as defined herein.
- Creditable experience may be earned from other schools, districts or any other employer.
- The Principal shall recommend the creation of new positions as needed and will evaluate and recommend placement of the new positions in the appropriate role, together with any necessary budget adjustments required, to be approved by the School Board

# 2019-20 Classified Pay Scale

| Office Tech 1         Hourly \$15.024         \$15.745         \$16.226         \$16.707         \$17.308         \$17.788         \$18.269         \$19.471         \$20.072         \$20.072         \$20.072           Office Tech 1         Annual \$31,250         \$32,750         \$33,750         \$34,750         \$30,000         \$31,270         \$40,500         \$41,750         \$43,000           Office Tech 2         Hourly \$18.029         \$18.510         \$19.111         \$19.591         \$20.072         \$20.673         \$21.274         \$21.875         \$40,500         \$43,000           Office Tech 3         Hourly \$19.231         \$19.41,150         \$41,750         \$44,250         \$445,500         \$46,750         \$48,000         \$49,500           Office Tech 3         Annual \$40,000         \$41,250         \$42,500         \$46,375         \$44,750         \$49,250         \$50,750         \$52,250           Office Tech 4         Hourly \$24,038         \$24,760         \$45,750         \$46,375         \$49,250         \$50,750         \$52,250           Office Tech 4         Hourly \$24,038         \$22,408         \$27,885         \$22,550         \$49,250         \$50,750         \$50,750         \$50,750         \$50,750         \$65,050         \$65,250         \$65,750         \$65,750  |                 |        | 4        | 8        | O        | ٥        | ш        | ш        | Ø        | I        | -        | 7        | ¥        | ٦        |
|---|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Hourly \$18,029 \$18,510 \$19,111 \$19,591 \$20,072 \$20,673 \$21,274 \$21,875 \$22,476 \$23,077 \$40,000 \$44,250 \$45,500 \$44,250 \$44,250 \$44,250 \$46,750 \$48,000 \$41,250 \$41,250 \$42,500 \$44,750 \$44,250 \$44,250 \$44,250 \$46,750 \$48,000 \$41,250 \$42,500 \$44,250 \$44,250 \$44,250 \$44,250 \$46,750 \$48,000 \$41,250 \$42,500 \$43,750 \$445,000 \$44,750 \$44,250 \$49,250 \$50,750 \$52,250 \$40,000 \$41,250 \$42,500 \$43,750 \$445,000 \$44,750 \$449,250 \$50,750 \$52,250 \$40,000 \$51,500 \$53,000 \$54,750 \$56,250 \$56,750 \$56,250 \$56,000  | Office Tech 1   | Hourly | \$15.024 | \$15.385 | \$15.745 | \$16.226 | \$16.707 | \$17.308 | \$17.788 | \$18.269 | \$19.471 | \$20.072 | \$20.673 | \$21.274 |
| Hourry         \$18,029         \$18,150         \$19,111         \$19,591         \$20,072         \$20,673         \$21,274         \$21,875         \$22,476         \$23,077           Annual         \$37,500         \$38,500         \$39,750         \$40,750         \$41,750         \$44,250         \$45,500         \$46,750         \$48,000           Hourry         \$19,231         \$10,832         \$21,034         \$21,635         \$22,296         \$22,957         \$23,678         \$24,399         \$25,120           Annual         \$40,000         \$41,250         \$42,500         \$45,000         \$46,375         \$40,250         \$49,250         \$50,750         \$52,250           Hourry         \$24,760         \$25,481         \$26,322         \$27,043         \$27,885         \$28,750         \$60,750         \$63,250         \$60,750         \$6   |                 | MINIM  | 062,154  | 432,000  | 432,750  | 433,750  | 00/,454  | 000/004  | 437,000  | 938,000  | 40,500   | 941,750  | 343,000  | 344,250  |
| Annual         \$37,500         \$38,500         \$39,750         \$40,750         \$41,750         \$43,000         \$44,250         \$45,500         \$46,750         \$48,000           Hourly         \$19,231         \$19,832         \$20,433         \$21,034         \$21,635         \$22,286         \$22,957         \$23,678         \$24,389         \$25,120           Annual         \$40,000         \$41,250         \$42,500         \$45,700         \$46,375         \$47,750         \$49,250         \$50,750         \$52,250           Hourly         \$24,038         \$24,760         \$25,481         \$27,043         \$27,885         \$28,726         \$59,750         \$65,000           Annual         \$50,000         \$53,500         \$56,750         \$56,000         \$65,000         \$65,000   | Office Tach 2   | _      | \$18,029 | \$18.510 | \$19.111 | \$19.591 | \$20.072 | \$20.673 | \$21.274 | \$21.875 | \$22.476 | \$23.077 | \$23.798 | \$24.519 |
| Hourly         \$19.231         \$19.832         \$20.433         \$21.034         \$21.635         \$22.296         \$22.957         \$23.678         \$24.399           Annual         \$40,000         \$41,250         \$42,500         \$43,750         \$46,375         \$47,750         \$49,250         \$50,750           Hourly         \$24,038         \$24,760         \$25.481         \$28,222         \$27,043         \$27,885         \$28,726         \$29,567         \$30,409           Annual         \$50,000         \$51,500         \$53,000         \$54,750         \$56,250         \$58,000         \$59,750         \$61,500         \$63,250  | 100             | —      | \$37,500 | \$38,500 | \$39,750 | \$40,750 | \$41,750 | \$43,000 | \$44,250 | \$45,500 | \$46,750 | \$48,000 | \$49,500 | \$51,000 |
| Annual         \$40,000         \$41,250         \$42,500         \$45,000         \$46,375         \$47,750         \$49,250         \$50,750           Hourly         \$24,038         \$24,760         \$25,481         \$26,322         \$27,043         \$27,885         \$28,726         \$29,567         \$30,409         \$30,409         \$40,500         \$40,50   | Office Tech 2   | ⊢      | \$19.231 | \$19.832 | \$20.433 | \$21.034 | \$21.635 | \$22.296 | \$22,957 | \$23.678 | \$24.399 | \$25.120 |          |          |
| Hourly \$24,038 \$24,760 \$53,000 | S LIDGE LECTL S | -      | \$40,000 | \$41,250 | \$42,500 | \$43,750 | \$45,000 | \$46,375 | \$47,750 | \$49,250 | \$50,750 | \$52,250 |          |          |
| Hourly \$24,038 \$24,760 \$25,481 \$26,322 \$27,043 \$27,885 \$28,726 \$29,567 \$30,409 \$3 \$4,750 \$53,000 \$51,500 \$53,000 \$53,000 \$54,750 \$56,250 \$58,000 \$59,750 \$61,500 \$63,250   |                 |        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Annual \$50,000 \$51,500 \$53,000 \$54,750 \$56,250 \$58,000 \$59,750 \$61,500 \$63,250 \$  | Office Tech 4   |        | \$24,038 | \$24.760 | \$25,481 | \$26.322 | \$27.043 | \$27.885 | \$28.726 | \$29,567 | \$30.409 | \$31.250 |          |          |
|   |                 | _      | \$50,000 | \$51,500 | \$53,000 | \$54,750 | \$56,250 | \$58,000 | \$59,750 | \$61,500 | \$63,250 | \$65,000 |          |          |

New classified team members will be placed on this salary schedule based on:

a. Row (Office Tech 1, 2, ,3 or 4) where other department members start as an Inspire team member

Column (A-L) is determined by the lowest column all other recently added department members started, previous job experience, educational level attained, and demonstrated proficiency or experience in necessary job skills

2. Classified team members who start at an Office Tech 1 position may move to Office Tech 2 Column H by meeting all of the following criteria:

a. Reaching step 12 in the Office Tech 1 column

Maintain satisfactory or better evaluations in the current and previous year

Participate in professional growth opportunities agreed to by department supervisor

d. Based on the above criteria receive approval from department supervisor

Annually on July 1st classified team members may move from one column of the pay scale to the next if they have been in their current cell for a minimum of 3 months and they receive a satisfactory or better end of the year evaluation the previous year. Yearly salary advancements are not guaranteed and are subject to the organization's operational needs

4. Deparment Managers may request from the Executive Director, or his designee, in writing that a team member is placed into a new higher (can't move down) cell on the salary schedule during the fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) based on:

a. New learn member exceeding job expectations and performance after a 3 month new hire period

Team member taking on new assignments, tasks, or job responsibilities

Team member becoming highly proficient in specific skills that allows him/her to train other department members

### **Role/Salary Placements**

All positions are classified according to the corresponding role and/or salary placements
based on the required set of skills, education, effort, and responsibility of the job assignment
as indicated in the specific job description. All positions may be reclassified as necessary by
the Principal or designee. Some hard-to staff positions may be compensated out of the salary
schedule as approved by the Principal.

### **Advancements on Pay Scale**

 An advancement on the Pay Scale is the placement of an employee from a position in a lower salary placement to a position in a higher salary placement and will be determined on the same basis and factors articulated herein.

### **Lateral Transfer**

 A lateral transfer is the movement of an employee from one position to another within the same salary placement. The employee may continue to progress in the same salary placement as experience in the position is accumulated. Prior experience will not be reevaluated for purposes of placement or advancement in the new salary placement.

### **Partial Assignments**

• In cases where a classified employee has been given multiple assignments (e.g. a SPED coordinator with partial ESL duties), the employee will be placed on the salary schedule (or salary placement) with the higher salary.

### Reassignments

- Employees approved to voluntarily transfer to a position in a lower placement on the salary scale, if applicable, will be placed in the new salary placement, and the salary will be calculated as it is in the new placement or schedule
- When an employee is reassigned for any reason to a position in a lower salary placement, the
  employee's salary will be lowered during the next payroll cycle, or when determined by the
  Principal to avoid disruption so long as it is not earlier than the next payroll period.

### **Rehires**

- A former employee who returns to a position similar to the role held prior to separation will be placed on the salary scale as follows:
  - The converted grade and step of individuals who separated employment will be identified for appropriate entry placement on the salary scale.
  - All applicable work experience earned outside of The Cottonwood School subsequent to separation, may be identified and used for credit as equivalent experience in accordance with the creditable years of service as described herein.

### **Experience – Nonexempt Employees**

- Each nonexempt employee will be placed on the salary schedule based on their years of relevant experience. Although non-exempt employees may be paid a monthly salary (paid on a semi-monthly basis), all non-exempt salaried employees will be paid for all hours worked and are eligible for overtime in accordance with applicable law. Employees should receive approval from their supervisor before working overtime.
- The evaluation of prior experience will be made by the Principal or his/her designee. The following criteria, among others, may be considered in evaluation of prior experience:
  - The number of days worked in a year must be at least 180 days as a full time employee
  - The percentage of days worked
  - Position held
  - Type of the organization and accreditation
- Experience including secretarial, clerical, teaching, professional, and substitute experience may be credited.
- Each year of experience may be 1 YEAR in the schedule.
- The starting salary of a new employee may exceed the salary of a current employee in the same position based on their years of experience.
- Experience may be earned in other districts or other companies.
- The Principal or his or her designee may adjust a rehired non-exempt employee's placement on the pay scale as appropriate based on the employee's accumulated relevant experience following the employee's separation from the School, which may result in a higher or lower placement on the scale than the employee would have otherwise been placed had the employee been continuously employed. Adjustments to an employee's salary may be made in any subsequent school year.

### Additional Supplement Bonus ("Supplement"):

The principal may recommend a Supplement for classified staff members as set forth in this section.

- A Principal, in his or her sole discretion, shall determine what duties shall be supplemented based upon the operational needs of the school.
- A supplement is not automatic, and can be provided at the discretion and approval of the Principal, based on additional work beyond the regular work responsibilities.
- A supplement will be paid to the employee in accordance with the schedule provided by the School at the time of supplement award.
- The supplemental award shall not exceed \$35,000 or 50% of annual salary.
- All supplements awarded are paid for the performance of duties beyond the regular work
  day and normal job responsibilities and are not approved solely on the basis of position
  classification or previous supplement payment. Additional time spent fulfilling job duties
  does not constitute a basis for compensation beyond the classified staff members' regular
  salary.

- Classified staff member's supplements will be set forth in a Supplement Performance Order.
   The Supplement Performance Order Request shall be completed and signed by the classified staff member and the Principal prior to performing the supplemental duties.
- Supplements will be paid in installments or one lump sum if less than \$1,001. However, this option will not be available where it would cause the employee to receive compensation prior to providing the service.
- Additional Supplements may include things such as Winter Break Coverage and Enrollment Milestones
- To qualify for an extended duty supplement, the following criteria must be met as requested and assigned by the Principal:
  - 1. The Principal must first agree with the classified staff member on the terms
  - 3. The supplemental work must be separate from the normal job responsibilities.
  - 4. The work must be completed or in the progress of being completed.

# **PAYROLL ADVANCE POLICY**

### **POLICY BRIEF AND PURPOSE**

Our payroll advance policy describes our terms for advancing pay to our employees as an emergency short-term loan.

### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all employees, with the exception of the Principal and officers of The Cottonwood School. In addition, temporary employees with contracts that are less than one year will not be eligible for Payroll Advances.

### **POLICY ELEMENTS**

"Payroll advance" refers to employees receiving a portion of their pay before their next normal payday. This does not include any money paid to the employee for work-related expenses.

The School is not obliged to pay employees in advance and may choose to do so if employees have qualifying reasons.

### **CONDITIONS FOR REQUESTING A PAYROLL ADVANCE**

Employees can ask for a pay advance if they:

- Have been employed with the school for three consecutive months.
- Have not taken any other company-sponsored loan.
- Do not have any current negative evaluations or disciplinary actions.

These conditions apply to all eligible employees without discrimination against protected characteristics.

Employees should have a legitimate reason to ask for advance pay, usually an unexpected or unavoidable occurrence. Examples of such reasons, although not conclusive, are for:

- Family or personal emergencies (e.g. being victims of a robbery or fire, having to pay funeral fees)
- Hospital bills not covered by medical insurance
- Car repairs not covered by insurance
- To save a family home

Examples of non-qualifying reasons, include but are not limited to:

- Taking a planned vacation
- Entertainment expenses
- Gambling
- Fines

### **PAYROLL ADVANCE TERMS**

Subject to approval, the maximum advance pay may be up to \$5,000. If employees find themselves in need of more frequent or larger pay advances than they are allowed, they should discuss the situation with their Principal. The Principal may decide to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

We will deduct the amount of the advance pay from an employee's future paychecks. This may mean:

- Depending on the amount, deducting the full amount from their next paycheck.
- Repaying the amount in small installments out of a number of future paychecks.

The repayment terms must be in writing and signed by employees and will comply with applicable laws.

We will not charge any administrative fees or interest.

If an employee resigns or is terminated before they repay their payroll advance, HR, subject to approval by the Principal, is responsible for reaching a new agreement with the employee. Any relevant legal requirements (whether federal, state or local) must be followed.

### **PAYROLL ADVANCE AGREEMENTS**

Employees who want to request a payroll advance should request a Payroll Advance form from HR. They must:

- Indicate their reasons for filing the form.
- State the amount of money they want to receive in advance.
- Sign to accept this policy's terms.

This procedure must be followed:

- 1. Employees should submit the form to their Principal or their Supervisor, if the Principal is unavailable.
- 2. The Principal should first review the form. If they approve, they must sign the form and submit it to HR.
- 3. HR and the CFO or designee must also review the form and decide whether to grant the employee's request in consultation with the Principal. If they approve, HR must create an agreement form for the pay advance and repayment terms taking any applicable taxes into account. This agreement must be signed by HR, the CFO or designee and the employee and include relevant dates.
- 4. HR must forward the signed agreement to the accounting department. The accounting department will generally give employees their advance pay through check or bank transfer within a week, if possible, after receiving the form.

If the request is denied, the Principal must inform the employee.

The advance must be paid back within one year of the initial payment to the employee, subject to applicable law. If there is a problem with meeting the requirement then the employee must sign an agreement that moves them toward quickly meeting that requirement.

### **NOTICE TO BOARD**

The Board must be informed by the Principal if an employee resigns prior to repaying their payroll advance.