



## Sample Matching Policy

Board Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

It is the policy of the << school/district name >> Mentoring Program that the program coordinator will follow the guidelines outlined in the match procedure prior to creating a mentor/mentee match. The program coordinator should use the factors outlined in the matching procedure to determine the suitability of a mentor/mentee match.

The program coordinator will determine the suitability based on the following criteria:

- Preferences of the mentor, mentee, and/or parent/guardian
- Similar gender/ethnicity
- Common interests
- Geographic proximity
- Similar personalities

Matches must be either male adult to male youth or female adult to female youth. In special circumstances and with board or director approval, it is acceptable for female mentors to be matched with male youth. It is never acceptable for male mentors to be matched with female youth.