

Board Member Ethics

The following ethical principles are expected of all individual Board members. A school board member, operating under the highest of ethical standards, should:

1. Assure the highest possible educational opportunity for every student.
2. Observe local, state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to education.
3. Accept office as a Board member as a means of unselfish service and seek no personal financial gain.
4. Take official actions only in public sessions.
5. Represent the entire community without fear or favor.
6. Remember at all time that he/she is one member of an educational team.
7. Maintain privileged information with the strictest of confidence from closed session to information learned through Board work regarding staff and students.
8. Recognize that the strength of a Board is as a Board, not as individuals.
9. Delegate authority to the Superintendent as the Board's executive and confine Board action to policymaking, finances, planning, and appraisal.
10. Use the chain-of-command when citizens present concerns, so that they are addressed at the lowest level possible, by the individual closest to the situation.
11. Speak with forethought about staff or fellow Board members in the public.
12. Employ only competent and trained personnel.
13. Preserve the obligation of having controversial issues presented fairly and without bias.

14. Instill respect toward our country and people.
15. Carry out, in good faith, all the duties of his or her office as a Board member to the best of his or her ability.

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