

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR CODE OF ETHICS

High standards of ethical behavior for the professional school administrator are essential and are compatible with the school administrators' faith in the power of public education and commitment to the School District of West Salem. This responsibility requires the leader to maintain standards of exemplary professional conduct while recognizing that his or her actions will be viewed and appraised by the community, staff and students, and professional associations.

To these ends, the educational leader subscribes to the following statements of standards.

The educational leader:

1. Makes the education and well-being of students the fundamental value of all decision making.
2. Fulfills all professional duties with honesty and integrity and always acts in a trustworthy and responsible manner.
3. Supports the principle of due process and protects the civil and human rights of all individuals.
4. Implements local, state and national laws.
5. Advises the school board and implements the board's policies and administrative rules and regulations.
6. Pursues appropriate measures to correct those laws, policies, and regulations that are not consistent with sound educational goals or that are not in the best interest of the children.
7. Avoids using his/her position for personal gain through political, social, religious, economic, or other influences.
8. Accepts academic degrees or professional certification only from accredited institutions.
9. Maintains the standards and seeks to improve the effectiveness of the profession through research and continuing professional development.
10. Honors all contracts until fulfillment, release or dissolution mutually agreed upon by all parties.

West Salem School District  
Policy 211

11. Accepts responsibility and accountability for one's own actions and behaviors.
12. Commits to serving others above self.
13. Conducts him/herself in a manner befitting a public school administrator in all public settings.
14. Refrains from conduct which negatively impacts the district's reputational interest.

APPROVED: January 26, 2015