



POLICY 105

Board Code of Ethics

The Board expects its members to demonstrate ethical and businesslike conduct. This commitment includes proper use of authority and respect in group and individual behavior when acting as Board members.

Board members will:

1. Devote time, thought, and study to the duties of a member in order to be effective and provide credible service.
2. Consider information received from all sources and base decisions upon all available facts while maintaining confidentiality of privileged information.
3. Work with fellow members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation, in spite of differences of opinion.
4. Recognize that authority over the organization is only vested in the Board when it meets in legal session.
5. Maintain the integrity of the Board and the position of the member when communicating and interacting with outside individuals and agencies. This includes full disclosure to participants when attending meetings as an ordinary citizen.
6. Respect the majority decisions of the Board.
7. Be loyal to the interests of the school community and the Board.
8. Demonstrate discretion when making public statements in person, online or in other forums, so as to minimize the impression that such statements reflect the corporate opinion of the Board when they do not.
9. Maintain the highest standards of civility and respect through the absence of unwarranted criticism of fellow Board members, the Board, or employees, in or out of Board meetings.
10. Deal appropriately with sensitive issues and respect the confidentiality of discussions that take place during in-camera sessions.
11. Represent everyone the school serves.
12. Declare any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest. A member will not participate in, vote on, or exert influence on, any decision in which the member has any interest.