



Policy 1.2.2R

BOARD OF EDUCATION – CODE OF ETHICS

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The ethical Board of Education member shall:

- I. Recognize the integrity of his/her predecessors and associates and the merit of their work.
- II. Realize that he/she owes primary allegiance to the educational welfare of the people, especially children, of the community.
- III. Recognize that it is the Board's responsibility to see that the schools are properly operated-but not to operate them.
- IV. Function as a part of a legislative, policy-making body-not in an administrative capacity.
- V. Work through the administrative employees of the District—not over or around them.
- VI. Recognize that, except in the case of Executive Session, Board business must be transacted only in a legally called, open meeting.
- VII. Avoid using a position on the Board of Education as a stepping-stone to political power.
- VIII. Respect the rights of others to have and express opinions.
- IX. Recognize that authority rests with the Board in legal session-not with individual members of the Board except as authorized by law.
- X. Make decisions in Board meetings only after all sides of debatable questions have been presented.
- XI. Insist that special committees be appointed to serve only in an investigative and advisory capacity.
- XII. Vote for an Executive Session of the Board when there is need for one.
- XIII. Refrain from discussing the confidential business of the Board outside of the legally constituted Board meeting.

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