

SCHOOL DIRECTOR ETHICS

Each School Director must conduct herself/himself by highest ethical standards including, but not limited to the following:

1. Work to assure high quality education for every student.
2. Not attempt to take action apart from the Board as a whole.
3. Represent the entire District without fear or favor.
4. Maintain confidentiality of privileged information.
5. Reserve execution of policy to the Superintendent.
6. Elect on the nomination of the Superintendent only the best qualified persons that are available as administrators and faculty.
7. Accept office as a means of unselfish service.
8. Listen to and act appropriately on fairly given criticism.
9. Recognize that the strength and authority of a school board is as a board, not as individuals.
10. Respect other directors, hear fairly their opinions and work in a spirit of harmony despite differences of opinion.
11. Confine action to elections, policy-making, planning, and appraisal.
12. Abstain from discussion and voting where a conflict of interest exists.
13. Devote sufficient time to the study of Board issues.
14. Make all decisions on the basis of an honest evaluation of the available facts, unswayed by partisan bias of any kind.
15. Abide by and represent fairly to the public all final majority decisions of the Board.
16. Welcome and encourage active cooperation by the public in establishing Board policy.

17. Understand and, through the Administration, evaluate educational programs.
18. Understand and, through the Administration, evaluate the business of school operation.
19. Consider the impact of school operation on the taxes to be raised by the District.
20. Serve on Board committees, prepared to spend the necessary time to achieve the assigned goal.
21. Avoid every temptation and outside pressure to use directorship for personal gain or any gain outside of the legitimate interests of the District.
22. Uphold applicable Federal and State laws and relevant local ordinances.
23. Attend every Board meeting except when ill or absent for valid reason. Inform the Superintendent's Office as early as possible if absence is anticipated.

ADOPTED: Hanover 27 September 1977