

CODE OF ETHICS

This code of ethics expresses the personal ideals which the Governing Board believes should guide each school Board member's activities.

In all actions as a school Board member, the member's first commitment is to the well-being of our youth. His/her primary responsibility is to every student in the District.

Board members also have other major commitments to:

- The Community. Each Board member is responsible to all residents of the District and not solely to those who elected him/her; nor solely to any organization to which he/she may belong, or which may have supported his/her election.
- Individuals. Each Board member has a direct concern for every individual in the community. As an integral part of his/her duties, he/she represents the authority and responsibility of government. This authority must be exercised with as much care and concern for the least influential as for the most influential member of the community.
- Employees. The Board member's actions may affect the capability of District employees to practice their trade or profession and should encourage their increasing competence and professional growth.
- Laws, Policies. Each Board member must be aware of, and comply with, the constitutions of State and Nation, the Education Code of the State of California, other laws pertaining to public education and the established policies of the District.
- Decision Making. Each Board member is obliged by law to participate in decisions pertaining to education in the District. As an elected representative of the people, the Board member can neither relinquish nor delegate this responsibility to any other individual or group.
- Individual Feelings and Philosophy. Each individual Board member has something to contribute to society.