

Policy 6 – Trustee Code of Ethics

The Board commits itself and its members to ethical and appropriate conduct. It is expected that all personal interactions and relationships are characterized by mutual respect, which acknowledges the dignity and affirms the worth of each person.

Therefore, the Board has established the following Standards of Conduct to help provide the conditions necessary for effective Board operations.

Board members will:

1. Devote time, thought, and study to the duties of a trustee in order to be effective and provide credible service.
2. Consider information received from all sources and base personal decisions upon all available facts while maintaining confidentiality of privileged information.
3. Work with fellow trustees in a spirit of harmony and co-operation 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 trustee 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 public education and the Board.
8. Demonstrate discretion when making public statements that do not reflect the corporate opinion of the Board.
9. Maintain the highest standards of civility and respect accorded to public office through the absence of unwarranted criticism of fellow trustees, the Board, or employees, in or out of the Board room.
10. Deal appropriately with sensitive issues and respect the confidentiality of discussions that take place during in-camera sessions.
11. Trustees will not disclose the confidential business of the Board.
12. Represent the best interests of the entire District. This accountability supersedes any conflicting loyalty such as that to advocacy or interest groups and membership on other Boards or staffs, or acting as an individual consumer of the District's services.
13. Be mindful of legislation governing conflict of interest and avoid placing themselves in positions of conflict of interest. A trustee will not participate in, vote on, or exert influence on, any decision in which the trustee has any interest.