

The Code of Ethics

While serving as a member of my Board of Education, I will accept the responsibility to improve public education. To that end, I will:

- Remember that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of all students attending the public schools;
- Obey the laws of Ohio and the United States;
- Respect the confidentiality of privileged information;
- Recognize that as an individual Board member, I have no authority to speak or act for the Board;
- Work with other members to establish effective Board policies;
- Delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent and staff;
- Encourage ongoing communications among Board members, the Board, students, staff, and the community;
- Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment rather than succumbing to the influence of individuals or special interest groups;
- Make every effort to attend all Board meetings;
- Become informed concerning the issues to be considered at each meeting;
- Improve my boardmanship by studying educational issues and by participating in inservice programs;
- Support the employment of staff members based on qualifications and not as a result of influence;
- Cooperate with other Board members and administrators to establish a system of regular and impartial evaluations of all staff;
- Avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof;
- Refrain from using my Board position for benefit of myself, family members, or business associates;
- Express my personal opinions, but once the Board has acted, accept the will of the majority.