

PRINCIPLES FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

The following principles are recommended to individual school boards as members of that group of citizens having legal responsibility for the operation and conduct of the public schools of the state and nation. A school board member, operating under the highest ethical standards, should:

1. Assure the opportunity for high-quality education for every student.
2. Observe state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to education.
3. Accept office as a board member as a means of unselfish service.
4. Take official actions only in public sessions, except where otherwise provided or required by law.
5. Represent the entire community without fear or favor.
6. Remember at all times the board member is one of an educational team.
7. Maintain confidentiality of privileged information.
8. Recognize that the strength of a school board is as a board, not an individuals.
9. Delegate authority to the chief school administrator as the board executive and confine board action to policy-making, planning, and appraisal.
10. Preserve the obligation of having controversial issues presented fairly and without bias.
11. Instill respect toward our country and towards each other.

Adoption date: November 18, 2015