

CODE OF ETHICS/STANDARDS OF PRACTICEBP No.  
2715

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I. The Board of Trustees maintains high standards of ethical conduct for its members *and adopts Standards of Good Practice to promote a healthy working relationship among its members and its Superintendent/President, based upon mutual trust and support.* Members of the Board of Trustees are responsible to:

- Act only in the best interest of the entire community;
- Ensure public input into Board of Trustees deliberations, adhering to the law and spirit of the open meeting laws and regulations;
- Prevent conflicts of interest and the perception of conflicts of interest;
- Support the District mission;
- Ensure that students receive the highest quality education;
- Exercise authority only as a Board of Trustees;
- Use appropriate channels of communication;
- Respect others and act with civility;
- Remain informed about the District, educational issues, and responsibilities of Board membership;
- Devote adequate time to Board of Trustees work;
- Maintain the confidentiality of closed sessions; and
- Deal with any violations.

II. *The Board of Trustees will promptly address any violation by a Board member or Board members of the Code of Ethics in the following manner:*

*If a Board member feels the Standard of Good Practice Policy has been violated, the Board member should go to the Board member who violated the Standard and have a discussion to resolve the violation.*

*If not resolved, the Board President / Vice President is notified of the Standard violation. The Board President / Vice President, in open session at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, appoints a committee of two Board members to hear the case within a two week period of the notification to determine if censure is in order.*

*If the appointed Board committee finds that the Board member should be censured, the item will be placed on the next regular Board meeting agenda for full Board discussion.*

*If the alleged behavior violates laws, the Board President /Vice President of the Board of Trustees may seek legal counsel and the violations referred to the District Attorney or Attorney General as provided for in law.*

III. Source/Reference  
Accreditation Standards10.A.5.