

## Code of Ethical Conduct for Kentucky School Board Members

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**A**s a member of the local board of education, acknowledging that my actions must be centered on the educational welfare of all students, I shall adhere to the following ethical standards:

- Be fair, just and impartial in all of the decisions as a school board member
- Come to every meeting prepared for the work to be undertaken at that session
- Accord other members, parents and the community with respect
- Seek involvement in my decision making by those I have been elected to represent
- Uphold all laws, regulations and final court orders pertaining to schools and related processes
- Be honest with my colleagues, district personnel, my constituents and other interested parties
- Respect the professional expertise of district staff in the management of our schools
- Ensure the prudent and accountable use of the district's resources and finances
- Listen to other points of view with an open mind
- Pursue opportunities to improve my knowledge of educational issues and board skills
- Refuse to surrender my judgment to any individual or group at the expense of the district
- Keep confidential any information that is privileged under Kentucky law or board policy
- Recognize the scope of my role as a board member and that of the board as a whole
- Work collaboratively with fellow board members to adopt and apply board policies
- Refer issues requiring administrative action to the appropriate school or district authority
- Refrain from actions which would encroach on the assigned responsibilities of school personnel
- Avoid conflicts of interest as well as any public appearances of conflicts with my office
- Express my personal opinion but upon final board action accept the will of the majority
- Make no promise or take individual steps that may impede the ethical performance of my duties.