

Harrisburg School District	NEPN Code: BBF
Policy Manual	

BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the District's Board of Education recognize that they are state officials of local government, elected to provide public education to the children in their communities. Members understand that alone, they have no authority – but convened as a board at a legal meeting, they provide governance to the district and strive to improve student achievement.

In working to do so, the following standards of conduct will serve as a guide for the official conduct of Board members:

1. I will consider myself a trustee of public education and will do my best to provide children in my community with high quality educational opportunities.
2. I will recognize that the responsibility of the school board is to govern the District and forward its visions and goals by establishing effective policies, planning and appraisal.
3. I will practice good stewardship of the District's resources.
4. I will encourage community stakeholders to be engaged in public education and supportive of their students and schools.
5. I will leave the daily administration of schools to the Superintendent.
6. I will respect the privileged communications from executive sessions and other administrative sources, and will not discuss confidential business of the Board at home, on the street or at work.
7. I will keep myself informed about education issues, through individual study and professional development, in an effort to become a more effective board member.
8. I will express my honest and thoughtful opinions at board meetings and will listen to the opinions of other board members.
9. I will make no disparaging remarks, in or out of the board meeting, against board members or their opinions.
10. I will refuse to use my position as a board member for personal gain or the gain of special interests or partisan politics.
11. I will render decisions only after I have discussed matters with board members, reviewed applicable data, and considered recommendations from the Superintendent and community members – once a majority vote has been reached, I will support Board decisions.

12. I will vote for the most competent and best-trained personnel recommended by the Superintendent, and will support them in the performance of their duties.
13. I will refer complaints, including personal criticism, to the Superintendent. Only after the failure of administrative solution will I discuss the matter at a board meeting.
14. I will observe and enforce school district, state and federal laws and regulations.
15. I will remember that my first and greatest concern is the educational welfare of all students attending the District's schools.

Legal References:

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