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CODE OF ETHICS for SCHOOL COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Having a Code of Ethics and some guiding principles for School Council can help clarify understandings about why the School Council exists and how it deals with issues. Reviewing the Code from time to time is a good practice, especially when faced with conflict.

The following Code of Ethics for School Council is a sample that may be adapted and adopted. It is intended to be a guide for all members of School Council acting as a collaborative group.

As a School Council, advocating for student achievement and school improvement in _____ School, we shall strive to:

- Abide by the legislation that governs School Council.
- Be guided by the mission statement of the school and our School Council.
- Endeavour to be familiar with school policies and operating practices and act in accordance with them.
- Practice the highest standards of honesty, accuracy, and integrity.
- Recognize and respect the personal integrity of each members of the school community.
- Apply and adhere to democratic principles.
- Declare any conflict of interest.
- Foster a positive atmosphere in which individual contributions are encouraged and valued.
- Consider the best interests of all students in our decisions and deliberations.
- Support decisions of the majority after honouring each member's individual right to express opposing views and state their convictions and to disagree without being disagreeable.
- Respect the confidential nature of some school business and respect limitations this may place on the operation of the School Council.
- Never disclose confidential information.
- Use the appropriate communication channels when questions or concerns arise.