



New Mexico School Board Member

Code of Ethics

The citizens in my community have elected me to represent them. As a member of my local board of education, I will strive to improve public education for all children, and to that end, I will:

- ⊕ Attend all scheduled board meetings insofar as possible;
- ⊕ Recognize that I have no legal authority outside the board meetings, and that all decisions of the board will be made at a public meeting where a quorum of the board is present and only after a thorough review of the available information;
- ⊕ Work in harmony with the rest of the board members to always promote and preserve the integrity of the board;
- ⊕ Avoid speaking on behalf of the board except at those times when the board, by official action authorizes me to do so, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law;
- ⊕ Upgrade my performance as a board member by informing myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs provided by the local school district and by the state and national school boards associations;
- ⊕ Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff and make every effort to ascertain that all employees are properly remunerated for their services, and that they are dealt with fairly in the performance of their duties;
- ⊕ Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my board position for personal or partisan gain;
- ⊕ Accept that my primary function is to establish policy by which schools are administered; and that the actual administration of the education program is delegated to the superintendent and his/her staff;
- ⊕ Welcome and encourage active participation by citizens for better understanding of their needs and improvement of relations with the public that I serve;
- ⊕ Strive to promote and perpetuate our democratic way of life;
- ⊕ Remember that my first and greatest concern must be the fair and equal educational opportunities for all students attending public school.