

Board Members' Code of Conduct and Ethics

The Board commits itself and its members to ethical, businesslike and lawful conduct, including proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as Board members. The Board acting in its legislative capacity shall have the authority and responsibility to interpret and apply these standards of conduct.

1. As a member of the Washougal School District Board of Directors, I will:
 - Listen carefully and respectfully to others
 - Respect the opinions of others
 - Respect and support the majority decisions of the Board
 - Recognize that authority is only vested in the full Board when it meets in legal session
 - Keep informed of developments relevant to issues that may come before the Board
 - Participate actively in Board and committee meetings
 - Bring to the attention of the Board any issues that may adversely affect the school district
 - Interpret the needs of the community to the district and the school district's actions to those we serve
 - Refer complaints to the proper level of our chain of command
 - Understand that my job is to see that the school district is well-managed, not to manage the organization
 - Represent everyone this school district serves, not a particular interest group or geographic area
 - Act as a trustee of this school district and work carefully to ensure that it is well-maintained, fiscally secure, and operating in the best interests of those we serve
 - Declare any conflict of interest between my personal life and my position on the Board and abstain from voting when appropriate

2. As a Member of the Washougal School District Board of Directors, I will not:
 - Publicly criticize citizens, fellow board members or the superintendent and staff, either in or out of the board room
 - Use the school district for my personal advantage, or that of my friends, business associates or family members
 - Discuss the confidential workings of the Board outside the board room
 - Promise how I will vote prior to a meeting
 - Interfere with the superintendent's duties in day-to-day management, or undermine his or her authority with staff members
 - Surprise the Board or Superintendent at meetings

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