

### **Board Member Code of Ethics**

- I. As a member of my local Board of Education, representing all the citizens of my school district, I recognize
  1. That my fellow citizens have entrusted me with the educational development of the children of this community.
  2. That the public expects my first concern to be the best interest of children without distinction as to who they are or what their backgrounds may be.
  3. That the future welfare of our community, state, and nation depends upon the quality of education we provide in the public schools.
  4. That my fellow board members and I must take the initiative in helping the people of this community to have all the facts about their schools, to the end that they will readily provide a program of quality education.
  5. That legally the authority of the Board is derived from the State of Colorado which ultimately controls the organization and operation of the School District and which determines the degree of discretionary power exercised by the Board and the people of this community.
  6. That I must never neglect my personal obligation to the community and my legal obligation to the State, nor surrender these responsibilities to any other person, group, or organization.
  
- II. In view of the foregoing consideration, it shall be my constant endeavor
  1. To devote time, thought, and study to the duties and responsibilities of a school board member so that I may render effective and creditable service.
  2. To work with my fellow board members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that arise during debate of points at issue.
  3. To base my decisions upon all available facts; to vote my honest convictions and thereafter, to abide by and uphold the majority decision of the Board.
  4. To remember that as an individual, I have no legal authority outside the meetings of the Board.
  5. To resist pressure to use my position as a school board member to benefit either me or other individuals or agencies apart from the interest of the School District.

6. To establish policies by which the schools are to be administered, but to leave the administration of the educational program and the conduct of school business to the Superintendent of Schools and his/her staff.
7. To encourage active participation by citizens, District personnel, community, and organizations with respect to establishing policy.
8. To strive for effective school board service to our community, in a spirit of teamwork, recognizing that public education is the greatest instrument for the preservation and perpetuation of our representative democracy.