

TEACHER ETHICS

The Holdenville Board of Education realizes that codes of ethics are normally developed by the professions themselves, and are not imposed upon them by employers or any higher body. However, because the actions of school district employees are viewed and appraised by the community, professional associates, and students, activities by employees which adversely affect the educational goals of the district will not be condoned by the board of education. Therefore, all school employees are expected to maintain certain standards of conduct and assume responsibility for providing professional leadership in the school and community. These standards include the following:

In the performance of his/her professional duties, an educator shall:

- 1.** Be accountable for using the current knowledge available concerning the profession
- 2.** Recognize basic dignities of all individuals with whom he or she interacts
- 3.** Exercise due care to protect the mental and physical safety of students, colleagues, and subordinates for whom the educator is responsible
- 4.** Be accountable for maintaining integrity and shall avoid accepting anything of substantial value offered by another which is known to be or which may appear to be for the purpose of influencing the educator's judgment or the performance of his or her duties
- 5.** Accurately represent his or her professional qualifications
- 6.** Extend to students the opportunity for individual action in pursuit of learning and shall take steps to ensure that the students shall have access to varying points of view unless there is just cause to act otherwise

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- 7.** Take steps to ensure that his or her actions, or those of another on the educator's behalf, do not result in the advancement of private economic interest. Private economic interests shall not be construed as including fair remuneration for professional services.
- 8.** Keep in confidence such information as may be secured unless disclosure serves professional purposes or is required by law
- 9.** Not use his or her professional position, or public property, or intentionally permit another person to use the educator's professional position or public property for which the educator is responsible, for partisan, political, or sectarian religious purposes

Violations of any of the above could lead to disciplinary action.