

1 **1511 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

2 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

3 **AS A MEMBER OF MY LOCAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I WILL STRIVE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC**  
4 **EDUCATION, AND TO THAT END I WILL:**

5 Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the  
6 issues to be considered at those meetings;

7 Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board  
8 meetings;

9 Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender  
10 that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;

11 Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications  
12 between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;

13 Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the  
14 administration to the Superintendent;

15 Recognize and respect the responsibilities that properly are delegated to the Superintendent;

16 Communicate to the Superintendent expression of public reaction to Board policies, school programs, or  
17 staff;

18 Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs  
19 providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the Montana and National School Boards  
20 Associations;

21 Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on regular and  
22 impartial evaluation of staff;

23 Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using my Board position for  
24 personal or partisan gain;

25 Avoid compromising the Board or administration by inappropriate individual action or comments, and  
26 respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law;

27 Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare and safety of the  
28 students attending public schools.

29 Policy History:

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