



SCHOOL DISTRICT #49 (CENTRAL COAST) Policy Manual

POLICY 120: Trustee Code of Conduct

The Board of Education of the Central Coast School District (49), comprised of elected members of the community, is fundamental to the effectiveness of the public education system. In order to fulfill the Board's responsibilities in an ethical and business-like manner, a Trustee Code of Conduct will guide the behavior of individual trustees.

Integrity

- All decisions will be based on putting students first
- Trustees will carry out their responsibilities in accordance with the *School Act*, Regulations, Ministerial Orders and board policy
- Trustees will make all decisions based on available facts and their independent judgment and shall refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups
- Trustees will act with the highest standards of professional integrity and in a manner that inspires public confidence in the board.

Respect

- While trustees will express their individual opinions on issues under consideration by the board, in doing so they will respect the differing points of view of colleagues, staff and the public and thereby enhance public confidence in the work of the board
- Trustees will carefully review all information packages in preparation for discussion at all scheduled meetings of the board and its committees.

Confidentiality

- Trustees will maintain confidentiality of privileged information, including information discussed in closed sessions.

Responsibility

- Once the board has voted, trustees are bound by the majority decision and will publicly uphold the board's decisions
- Trustees will recognize that the expenditure of board funds is a public trust and will ensure effective stewardship of the board's resources in the best interests of the students.

Conflict of Interest

- Trustees will voluntarily and immediately declare any pecuniary conflict of interest (direct, indirect or deemed) in matters before the board or a committee of the board.



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Relationships

- Trustees will speak as the voice of their entire community at the board table
- Trustees will work with other trustees in a spirit of respect, openness, courtesy and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate. Trustees will refrain from gossip
- Trustees will refrain from any negative commentary, public or private, about the superintendent or other members of staff.