

Code of Ethics

All Franklin Community School Corporation employees shall uphold the highest ethical standards in their working relationships. Employees shall establish and maintain professional boundaries with students and colleagues. Employees are expected to treat all individuals with respect and courtesy.

Employees shall aim to protect the health, well-being, and safety of students and coworkers. Employees are expected to maintain the privacy of student information, except for circumstances where employees have a legal duty or professional obligation to report.

Employees shall set a positive example for students in words and actions. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining, while in the presence of students, from use of profanity, demeaning statements, and any other communications that set an inappropriate example for students.

Employees are expected to perform their assigned duties and responsibilities commensurate with their represented competence and expertise.

Employees shall not use their employment position to advance a private economic, political, or religious agenda. This does not limit an employee's constitutionally protected rights as a citizen.

104.1 LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against abuse or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or abuse and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession... law enforcement.

104.1.1 OBJECTION TO RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION

Reference to religious affirmation in the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics may be omitted where objected to by the officer.

104.2 CIVILIAN CODE OF ETHICS

AS A CIVILIAN MEMBER, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality, and justice.

I WILL keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will be honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life. I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I WILL never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions.

I RECOGNIZE that my position is a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other employees. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice. I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession...public service.