

***218- Code of Ethics.** This policy is updated to reflect an additional ethical duty with respect to the board of trustees establishing positive relationships with all stakeholders.

As a member of the board of trustees, I will strive to improve public education and to that end I will:

1. **Work diligently to build and maintain a relationship of trust and respect with other Board members, the Superintendent, staff, students, parents, and the community.**
2. Attend regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
3. Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussions at publicly held board meetings;
4. Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
5. Encourage the free expression of opinions by all board members and seek systematic communications between the board and students, staff, and elements of the community;
6. Work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent;
7. Communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of public reactions to board policies and school programs;
8. Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and thorough participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards association;
9. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
10. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my board position for personal or partisan gain;
11. Take no private action that will compromise the board or administration and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law;
12. Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.



SOURCE: National School Boards Association
Idaho Code §33-506(1) – Organization and Government of Board of Trustees

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