

# Oath of Office

Nova Classical Academy Board Member

It is an honor that you were elected to guide the education of our community's children. As you commit to this oath of office, you assume a tremendous responsibility as a director of our school district with the duties empowered by the Minnesota Legislature. This power puts you and the other members of our school board in the position of being both morally and legally responsible for equitable, quality education of every student in the district.

The Nova Classical Academy Board of Directors is responsible for improving the learning, achievement, and success of every student attending the school. In carrying out this tremendous responsibility. In accepting a role on the Nova Classical Academy Board, I pledge to adhere to the following standards:

## **1. Duty of Care**

- I will prepare for Board meetings by reading and evaluating, in advance of each meeting, all materials received.
- I will assist with the work of the Board by participating in Board committees.
- I will actively participate in Board and committee meetings by asking questions to obtain information necessary to make informed decisions.
- I will base my decisions on fact rather than on presumption, supposition, opinion, or public favor.
- I will not surrender judgement to any individual or group at the expense of the school as a whole.
- I will share my opinions while working for consensus.
- I will ensure that the school's mission, vision, and strategic plan are foundational in my decision making.
- I will govern in a professional manner, treating everyone with civility, dignity, and respect, while honoring the right to disagree with one another and recognizing differences of perspective and communication styles among staff, students, parents, and the community.
- I will make decisions in the best interests of the school as a whole.
- I will obtain continuing education that will enhance my ability to fulfill my duties effectively.

## **2. Duty of Loyalty**

- I will not engage in any financial or other interest which conflicts with the interests of the school.
- I will make no promise and will take no action that may compromise my performance or my responsibilities as a Board member.
- I shall put the best interests of the school first.

- I will strive to attend school events to express my enthusiasm and encouragement for students and staff, and I will support the authority of school officials at school events.

### 3. Duty of Obedience

- I will uphold and comply with all applicable laws, rules, and school policies and procedures.
- I, alone, am not the Board and, as such, I will not act on behalf of the Board or make representations on behalf of the Board unless the Board specifically authorizes me to do so.
- I will respect the majority decision as the decision of the Board.
- I will avoid personal involvement in activities the Board has delegated to the Executive Director.
- I will discuss Board matters only in publicly-announced Board meetings.
- I will ensure that the school is accountable to its authorizer, Friends of Education, and to the Minnesota Department of Education.
- I will not disclose confidential information.
- I will tell the truth.

I affirm my pledge to adhere to these standards this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Signature

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Date

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My term expires \_\_\_\_\_[mmddyyyy]