



School Council Code of Ethics

Supporting Document

The following code of ethics, derived from Ministry guidelines, privacy and legal consultations, made by the Board may be used by school councils in an attempt to outline expectations for members and as a guideline for behaviour.

A member shall:

- consider the best interests of all students;
- be guided by the school and the Board's mission statements;
- act within the limits of the roles and responsibilities of a school council, as identified in the Education Act, its regulations, and the applicable by-laws and procedures;
- become familiar with the school's policies and operating practices and act in accordance with them;
- maintain the highest standards of integrity;
- recognize and respect the personal integrity of each member of the school community;
- conduct themselves in accordance with the Board's Equity and Inclusive Education policy;
- treat all other members with respect and allow for diverse opinions to be shared without interruption;
- encourage a positive environment in which individual contributions are encouraged and valued;
- acknowledge democratic principles and accept the consensus of the council;
- respect the confidential nature of some school business and respect limitations this may place on the operation of the school council;
- not disclose confidential information;
- act in accordance with relevant laws, including Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), and relevant Board policies and procedures;
- advise the principal immediately if the member believes that there may have been a privacy breach;
- abide by applicable laws and policies with respect to access, use or disclosure of Board data and information;
- limit discussions at school council meetings to matters of concern to the school community as a whole;
- use established communication channels when questions or concerns arise;
- promote high standards of ethical practice within the school community;
- declare any conflict of interest;
- not accept any payment or benefit financially through school council involvement.