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CODE OF ETHICS

The following is the Code of Ethics for Professional Administrators. SDCL 24:11:03:01

- (1) Make the well-being of the students the basis of decision making and action;
- (2) Enforce and obey local, state, and national rules and laws in the performance of duties;
- (3) Exemplify high moral standards by not engaging in or becoming a party to such activities as fraud, embezzlement, deceit, moral turpitude, gross immorality, illegal drugs, or use of misleading or false statements;
- (4) Respect the civil rights of those with whom the administrator has contact in the performance of duties;
- (5) Interpret, accurately represent, and implement the policies and administrative regulations of the appropriate educational governing board;
- (6) Distinguish personal politics, attitudes, and opinions from stated policies of the appropriate educational governing board;
- (7) Fulfill professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity;
- (8) Maintain professional relationships which are free from vindictiveness, willful intimidation, and disparagement;
- (9) Safeguard confidential information;
- (10) Not allow professional decisions or actions to be impaired or influenced by personal gain, gifts, gratuities, favors, and services made or withheld;
- (11) Avoid preferential treatment and conflicts of interest;
- (12) Honor all contracts until fulfillment, release, or dissolution by mutual agreement of all parties;
- (13) Apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position of responsibility on the basis of professional preparation and legal qualifications;
- (14) Accurately represent personal qualifications and the evaluations and recommendations of others;
- (15) Cooperate with authorities regarding violations of the codes of ethics of the South Dakota Professional Administrators Practices and Standards Commission and the South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission.

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CODE OF ETHICS Continued

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- (1) Not, without just cause, restrain students from independent action in their pursuit of learning;
- (2) Not, without just cause, deny to the students access to varying points of view in the classroom;
- (3) Present subject matter for which they bear responsibility without deliberate suppression or distortion;
- (4) Make a reasonable effort to maintain discipline and order in the classroom and the school system to protect the students from conditions harmful to learning, physical and emotional well-being, health, and safety;
- (5) Conduct professional business in such a way that they do not expose the students to unnecessary intimidation, embarrassment, or disparagement;
- (6) Accord just and equitable treatment to every student, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, sexual preference, age, marital status, handicapping condition, national origin, or ethnic background;
- (7) Maintain professional relationships with students without exploitation of a student for personal gain or advantage;
- (8) Keep in confidence information that has been obtained in the course of professional service, unless disclosure serves professional purposes or is required by law;
- (9) Maintain professional relationships with students in a manner which is free of vindictiveness, recrimination, and harassment.

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The following is the Code of Ethics for Professional Administrators. SDCL 24:08:03:02
Obligations to the public. In fulfilling their obligations to the public, educators shall act as follows:

- (1) Take precautions to distinguish between their personal views and those of the local school district or governing body;
- (2) Not knowingly distort or misrepresent the facts concerning educational matters in direct and indirect public expressions;
- (3) Not interfere with a colleague's exercise of political and citizenship rights and responsibilities;
- (4) Not exploit the local school district or governing body for public or personal gain;
- (5) Not exploit the local school district or governing body to promote political candidates or partisan political activities;
- (6) Neither accept nor offer any gratuities, gifts, services, or things of value that impair professional judgment, offer special advantage, or provide personal benefit;
- (7) Engage in no act that results in a conviction;
- (8) Commit no act of moral turpitude or gross immorality; and
- (9) Not misuse or abuse school equipment or property.

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CODE OF ETHICS Continued

The following is the Code of Ethics for Professional Administrators. SDCL 24:08:03:03

Obligations to the profession. In fulfilling their obligations to the profession, educators shall act as follows:

- (1) Accord just and equitable treatment to all members of the profession in the exercise of their professional rights and responsibilities;
- (2) Maintain confidentiality of professional information acquired about colleagues in the course of employment, unless disclosure serves professional purposes;
- (3) Discuss professional matters concerning colleagues in a professional manner;
- (4) Accept a position or responsibility only on the basis of professional preparation and legal qualifications;
- (5) Adhere to the terms of a contract or appointment unless the contract has been altered without the consent of the affected parties, except as provided by law, legally terminated, or legally voided;
- (6) Use sound professional judgment in delegating professional responsibilities to others;
- (7) Not interfere with the free participation of colleagues in the affairs of their associations;
- (8) Not use coercive or threatening means in order to influence professional decisions of colleagues;
- (9) Not knowingly misrepresent their professional qualifications;
- (10) Not knowingly distort evaluation of colleagues;
- (11) Not criticize a colleague before students, except as unavoidably related to an administrative or judicial proceeding;
- (12) Cooperate with authorities and the commissions regarding violations of the codes of ethics of the South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission and the Professional Administrators Practices and Standards Commission;
- (13) Perform duties in accordance with local, state, and federal rules and laws.