




SEATTLE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NO. 1  
BOARD BYLAWS  
  
CODE OF CONDUCT AND  
ETHICS

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It is the policy of the Seattle School Board for its members to subscribe to the following code of conduct and ethics, keeping in mind that the primary purpose of all Board acts is improving public education and providing an overall direction to the District that is in the best interest of all of the District's students and is also within available budget.

Code of Conduct

1. Members are expected to attend all Board and committee meetings and become fully informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings.
2. Members shall endeavor to make policy decisions only after consideration of discussion and citizen comment at publicly held meetings and shall make policy decisions keeping in mind the interests of all the District's students.
3. Members shall encourage systematic communication between the Board members and parents, students, staff, and all elements of the community.
4. Members shall communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
5. Members shall work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and will delegate authority for the administration of the entire School District to the Superintendent.
6. Members are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to inform themselves about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information and to disseminate information to other members.
7. Members shall support employment of persons best qualified to serve as employees of the District.
8. Members shall insist on regular and impartial evaluations of staff and programs.
9. Members will recognize that the Board President is the official voice of the Board and that members have the responsibility to identify themselves with personal statements to the media or to the public. Members shall respect the confidentiality of all privileged information, including that discussed in Executive Session.
10. Board members shall not engage in discussions of personalities, and shall respect the views of others.

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Code of Ethics

1. Members shall render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups in participation in or voting on official District business. It shall be unlawful for any member to request or receive, directly or indirectly, anything of value for or because of his or her vote or influence with respect to any act or proceeding of the District.
2. Members shall not have any direct or indirect financial interest, except a remote interest, in any contract, purchase of materials, or activity financed from School District funds. Members shall decline to vote on or participate in official District business in which the individual has a remote interest as defined by state statute.
3. Members shall take no private actions that will compromise the Board or administration.
4. Members shall not abuse their official positions. They shall not use District facilities, resources, or position for the purpose of advancing the interest of any individual, real or corporate.

Reference: RCW 28A.343.390 Directors – Quorum – Failure to attend meetings may result in vacation of office  
42.23.030 Interests in contracts prohibited – excepted cases  
42.23.040 Remote interests  
42.23.070 Prohibited Acts

Board Policy G44.00 Conflict of Interest

Former Code: B03.00