

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CODE OF ETHICS

The members of the Board of Education of Consolidated School District No. 1 are guided by the following philosophy as recommended by the Missouri School Boards Association in the conduct of their duties.

While serving as a member of my Board of Education, I will accept the responsibility to improve public education. To that end I will:

- Remember that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of all students attending the public schools;
- Obey the laws of Missouri and the United States;
- Recognize that as an individual board member I have no authority to speak or act for the board;
- Work with other members to establish effective board policies;
- Delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent and staff;
- Encourage ongoing communications among board members, the board, students, staff and community;
- Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment rather than succumbing to the influence of individuals or special interest groups;
- Make every effort to attend all board meetings;
- Become informed concerning the issues to be considered at each meeting;
- Improve my boardmanship by studying educational issues, by participating in in-service programs and Certified Board Member training;
- Support the employment of staff members based on qualifications and not as a result of influence;
- Cooperate with other board members and administrators to establish a system of regular and impartial evaluations of all staff;
- Avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof;
- Refrain from using my board position for benefit of myself, family members or business associate.
- Express my personal opinions but, once the board has acted, accept the will of the majority;
- Refrain from divulging confidential information presented during closed sessions except when required by law.