

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ETHICS

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

1. Remember that the first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of all students attending the public schools.
2. Obey the laws of Missouri and the United States.
3. Recognize that as an individual Board member I have no authority to speak or act for the Board.
4. Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies.
5. Delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent.
6. Encourage ongoing communications between Board members and stakeholders.
7. Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment rather than succumbing to the influence of individuals or special interest groups.
8. Make every effort to attend all Board meetings.
9. Become informed concerning the issues to be considered at each meeting.
10. Improve my boardmanship by studying educational issues and by participating in in-service programs and training.
11. Support the employment of staff members based on qualifications and not as a result of influence.
12. Maintain a process of regular and systematic assessment of the educational system, in order to provide accountability for the school district.
13. Avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof.
14. Refrain from using my Board position for the benefit of family members, business associates or myself.

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- 15. Express my personal opinions but, once the Board has acted, accept the will of the majority.
- 16. Refrain from divulging confidential information presented during closed sessions, except when required by law.

Signature of Board Member

Date

Return signed form to the Board secretary.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to review policies and/or procedures for related information in this administrative area.

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Clinton School District #124, Clinton, Missouri