

## Code of Ethics

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- ***A member shall*** consider the best interests of all students.
- ***A member shall*** be guided by the school's and the school board's mission statements.
- ***A member shall*** act within the limits of the roles and responsibilities of a school council, as identified by the school's operating guidelines, the school board, and the Ontario Ministry of Education.
- ***A member shall*** become familiar with the school's policies and operating practices and act in accordance with them.
- ***A member shall*** maintain the highest standards of integrity.
- ***A member shall*** recognize and respect the personal integrity of each member of the school community.
- ***A member shall*** treat all other members with respect and allow for diverse opinions to be shared without interruption.
- ***A member shall*** encourage a positive environment in which individual contributions are encouraged and valued.
- ***A member shall*** acknowledge democratic principles and accept the consensus of the council.
- ***A member shall*** respect the confidential nature of some school business and respect limitations this may place on the operation of the school council.
- ***A member shall*** not disclose confidential information.
- ***A member shall*** limit discussions at school council meetings to matters of concern to the school community as a whole.
- ***A member shall*** use established communication channels when questions or concerns arise.
- ***A member shall*** promote high standards of ethical practice within the school community.
- ***A member shall*** declare any conflict of interest.
- ***A member shall*** not accept any payment or benefit financially through school council involvement.