

# Alsea School District 7J

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## Board Member Standards of Conduct

The Board adopts the following basic code of ethics for the conduct of its members. A Board member should:

1. Understand that his/her basic functions are “legislative” and “judicial” rather than “administrative” and learn to intelligently differentiate between them;
2. Recognize that authority rests only with the Board in official meetings and that he/she has no legal status to act for the Board without specific Board authorization;
3. Not compromise his/her later decisions by making prior commitments on matters that may come before the Board as a whole and make decisions only after all available facts on a question have been presented and discussed;
4. Urge all persons having problems and complaints to take them up with the proper administrative personnel;
5. Present personal criticism of any district operations to the superintendent, rather than to other district personnel;
6. Insist that all district business transacted be on an ethical and above-board basis;
7. Refuse to use his/her position on the Board for personal gain or prestige;
8. Respect the opinions of others and graciously accept the principle of majority rule in Board decisions;
9. Comply with the ethics laws for public officials provided in state law;
10. Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at official Board meetings;
11. Respect the right of the public to attend and observe Board meetings;
12. Remember that content discussed in executive session is confidential;
13. Use social media websites judiciously in a manner that does not violate Oregon’s Public Meetings Laws;
14. Treat and refer to other Board members, staff, students and the public with respect, when using social media websites;

15. Never post confidential information about students, staff or district business on any websites.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 162.015 to -162.035](#)  
[ORS 162.405 to -162.425](#)

[ORS 192.630](#)  
[ORS 244.040](#)

[ORS 244.120](#)  
[ORS 332.055](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

BBFA - Board Member Ethics and Conflicts of Interest  
GBI - Gifts and Solicitations