

## Board Member Standards of Conduct

A Board member should:

1. Comply with the Code of Ethics for public officials provided in state law;
2. Understand that the Board sets the standards for the district through Board policy. Board members do not manage the district on a day-to-day basis;
3. Understand that the Board makes decisions as a team. Individual Board members may not commit the Board to any action;
4. Respect the right of other Board members to have opinions and ideas which differ;
5. Recognize that decisions are made by a majority vote and should be supported by all Board members;
6. Make decisions only after the facts are presented and discussed;
7. Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office;
8. Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at official Board meetings;
9. Insist that all Board and district business is ethical and honest;
10. Be open, fair and honest - no hidden agendas;
11. Understand that information will be received that is confidential and cannot be shared;
12. Recognize that the superintendent is the Board's advisor;
13. Take action only after hearing the superintendent's recommendations;
14. Refuse to bring personal or family problems into Board considerations;
15. Give the staff the respect and consideration due skilled, professional employees;
16. Present personal criticism of district operations to the superintendent, when appropriate, not to district staff;

17. Respect the right of the public to attend and observe Board meetings;
18. Respect the right of the public to be informed about district decisions and school operations as allowed by law;
19. Remember that content discussed in executive session is confidential;
20. Remember always that the board's first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.
21. Use social media Web sites judiciously in a manner that does not violate Oregon's Public Meetings Laws;
22. When using social media Web sites, Board members will treat and refer to other Board members, staff, students and the public with respect;
23. Never post confidential information about students, staff or district business on any Web sites.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 162.015 - 162.035](#)

[ORS 162.405 - 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