

Wilson County Board of Education

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1 The Board adopts this Code of Ethics as recommended by the Tennessee School Boards Association as a guide
2 to its members as they provide educational leadership for the youth of our state.

3 4 **ARTICLE I. MY RELATIONS TO THE CHILDREN**

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6 Section 1. I will at all times think in terms of "children first," always determining other important
7 things according to how they affect education and the training of children.

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9 Section 2. I will seek to provide equal educational opportunities for all children regardless of
10 ability, race, color, sex, creed, or location of residence.

11 12 **ARTICLE II. MY RELATIONS TO MY COMMUNITY**

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14 Section 1. I will endeavor to appraise fairly both the present and future educational needs of the
15 community and to support improvements as finances permit.

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17 Section 2. I will represent at all times the entire school community and refuse to represent
18 special interests or partisan politics.

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20 Section 3. I will endeavor to keep the community informed about the progress and needs of the
21 schools.

22 23 **ARTICLE III. MY RELATIONS TO TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL**

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25 Section 1. I will support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as employees
26 and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.

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28 Section 2. I will support and protect personnel in the performance of their duties.

1 Section 3. I will not criticize employees publicly but will make such criticism to the director of
2 schools for investigation and action if necessary.
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4 **ARTICLE IV. MY RELATIONS WITH OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

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6 Section 1. I will recognize that authority rests only with the Board in official meetings and that
7 individual members have no legal status outside of such meetings.
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9 Section 2. I will refuse to make promises as to how I will vote on a matter which should properly
10 come before the Board as a whole.
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12 Section 3. I will make decisions only after full discussion of matters at a board meeting.
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14 Section 4. I will respect the opinion of other members and will accept the principle of "majority
15 rule."
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17 **ARTICLE V. MY RELATIONS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS**

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19 Section 1. I will support full administrative authority as well as responsibility for the director of
20 schools to discharge properly all professional duties.
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22 Section 2. I will support the director of schools' accountability for working and requiring staff to
23 work within the framework of policies established by the Board.
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25 Section 3. I will refer all complaints and concerns to the director of schools.
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27 **ARTICLE VI. MY RELATIONS TO MYSELF**

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29 Section 1. I will inform myself about my duties and responsibilities and current educational
30 issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed
31 information, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards
32 associations.
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34 Section 2. I will avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and will refrain from using
35 my board position for personal or partisan gain.
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