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1210 - STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the term "administrator" means those individuals identified in F.S. 1012.01(3). Administrative personnel typically perform management activities such as developing broad policies for the District and executing those policies through the direction of personnel at all levels within the District. Administrative personnel are generally high-level, responsible personnel who have been assigned the responsibilities of systemwide or schoolwide functions, including the following:

- A. the superintendent;
- B. District-based instructional administrators;
- C. District-based noninstructional administrators;
- D. school administrators;
- E. others who perform management activities, such as managers.

Standards of Ethical Conduct

The School Board hereby establishes the ethical and disciplinary principles set forth in the Florida Administrative Code as the *Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession in Florida* as the District's standards of ethical conduct and requires all administrators to adhere to them.

No administrator shall intentionally provide classroom instruction to students in kindergarten through grade 3 on sexual orientation or gender identity

An administrator shall not harass or discriminate against any student on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, marital status, handicapping condition, sexual orientation, or social and family background and shall make reasonable efforts to assure that each student is protected from harassment or discrimination; discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex includes subjecting any student to training or instruction that espouses, promotes, advances, inculcates, or compels such student to believe any of the concepts listed in F.S. 1000.05(4)(a).

No administrator shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect; engage in any business transaction or professional activity; or incur any obligation of any nature that is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his/her duties in the public interest. (see also Policy 1129, Conflict of Interest)

No administrator shall solicit or accept anything of value including a gift (See F.S. 112.312), loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon an understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the administrator would be influenced thereby.

Certificate Holder Serving as Principal

Pursuant to the *Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession*, a principal who is a certificate holder shall not prevent, direct school personnel to prevent, or allow school personnel to prevent students from accessing any material used in a classroom, made available in a school or classroom library, or included on a reading list unless the certificate holder or his/her designee has reviewed the material and determines it violates the prohibitions in State law, or the material is unavailable to students based upon Board policies adopted to implement the relevant provisions of State law.

Training

All administrators shall be required to complete training on the standards established herein upon employment and annually thereafter.

Responsibilities Related to Allegations of Misconduct

Pursuant to F.S. 1001.42(7), the superintendent may not knowingly sign and transmit to any State official a report of alleged misconduct by instructional personnel or school administrators which affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student which the superintendent knows to be false or incorrect, or knowingly fail to adopt policies that require instructional personnel and school administrators to report alleged misconduct by other instructional personnel and school administrators, or that require the investigation of all reports of alleged misconduct by instructional personnel and school administrators, if the misconduct affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student. Violation of these provisions will result in the forfeit of the superintendent's salary for one (1) year.

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