

## CHAPTER 24:11:03

### CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

**24:11:03:01. Code of ethics for professional administrators.** ~~The professional administrator~~ In fulfilling their obligations to the profession, administrators shall comply with the following code of ethics:

- (1) ~~Make~~ Shall make the well-being of the students the basis of decision making and action;
- (2) ~~Enforce~~ Shall enforce and obey local, state, and national rules and laws in the performance of duties;
- (3) ~~Exemplify~~ Shall exemplify high moral standards by not engaging in or becoming a party to such activities as fraud, embezzlement, deceit, moral turpitude, gross immorality, illegal drugs, or use of misleading or false statements;
- (4) ~~Respect~~ Shall respect the civil rights of those with whom the administrator has contact in the performance of duties;
- (5) ~~Interpret~~ Shall interpret, accurately represent, and implement the policies and administrative regulations of the appropriate educational governing board;
- (6) ~~Distinguish~~ Shall distinguish personal politics, attitudes, and opinions from stated policies of the appropriate educational governing board;
- (7) ~~Fulfill~~ Shall fulfill professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity;

(8) ~~Maintain~~ Shall maintain professional relationships ~~which that~~ are free from vindictiveness, willful intimidation, and disparagement;

(9) ~~Safeguard~~ Shall safeguard confidential information;

(10) ~~Not allow~~ Shall make professional decisions or actions ~~to be impaired that are~~ unimpaired or ~~influenced~~ uninfluenced by personal gain, gifts, gratuities, favors, and services made or withheld;

(11) ~~Avoid~~ Shall avoid preferential treatment and conflicts of interest;

(12) ~~Honor~~ Shall honor all contracts until fulfillment, release, or dissolution by mutual agreement of all parties;

(13) ~~Apply~~ May apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position of responsibility on the basis of professional preparation and legal qualifications;

(14) ~~Accurately~~ Shall accurately represent personal qualifications and the evaluations and recommendations of others;

(15) Shall report to the Department of Education if they have knowledge, which is not privileged, that another educator has violated the code of ethics;

~~(4516)~~ Cooperate Shall cooperate with authorities regarding violations of the codes of ethics of the South Dakota Professional Administrators Practices and Standards Commission and the South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission.

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