CHAPTER 24:11:03

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

24:11:03:01. Code of ethics for professional administrators. The professional administrator shall comply with the following code of ethics:

(1) Make the well-being of the students the basis of decision making and action;

(2) Enforce and obey local, state, and national rules and laws in the performance of duties;

(3) 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 the civil rights of those with whom the administrator has contact in the performance of duties;

(5) Interpret, accurately represent, and implement the policies and administrative regulations of the appropriate educational governing board;

(6) Distinguish personal politics, attitudes, and opinions from stated policies of the appropriate educational governing board;

(7) Fulfill professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity;

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

(9) Safeguard confidential information;

(10) Not allow professional decisions or actions to be impaired or influenced by personal gain, gifts, gratuities, favors, and services made or withheld;

(11) Avoid preferential treatment and conflicts of interest;

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

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

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

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

(~~15~~16) 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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