

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION No. 300.1
CERTIFIED STAFF**

STATEMENT OF ETHICS

The primary obligation of those in the teaching profession is to guide the students under their direction in the pursuit of knowledge and skills which will prepare them to become happy, useful, self-supporting citizens. The ultimate strength of the nation lies in the social responsibility, economic competence and moral strength of the individual American.

To accomplish these goals, a teacher will:

1. Deal justly and impartially with students, regardless of their physical, mental, emotional, political, economic, social, racial or religious characteristics.
2. Recognize the difference among students and seek to meet student's individual needs.
3. Encourage students to formulate and work for high individual goals in the development of their physical, intellectual, creative and spiritual endowments.
4. Aid students in the development of understanding and appreciation for the opportunities, obligations and benefits of American democracy.
5. Respect the right of every student to confidentiality except when information is required to be released to authorized agencies, or as required by law.
6. Respect the basic responsibility of parents for their children; seek to establish friendly and cooperative relationships with the home.
7. Keep parents informed about the progress of their children in accordance with the policy of the School District. Maintain confidentiality in regard to all information that is obtained in parent-teacher discussions.

The teacher occupies a position of public trust involving not only the individual teacher's personal conduct, but also the interaction of the school and the community. Accordingly, the teacher will:

1. Adhere to a reasonable pattern of behavior accepted by the community for professional persons.
2. Perform the duties of citizenship and participate in community activities with due consideration for the teacher's obligations to students, family and self.

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3. Discuss controversial issues from an objective point of view and in accordance with the policies of the School District.
4. Respect the Carson City Community and be loyal to the school system, community, state and nation.
5. Work to improve education in the community and to strengthen the community's moral, spiritual and intellectual life.
6. Conduct professional business through the proper channels.
7. Refrain from discussing confidential and official information with unauthorized persons.
8. Engage in no outside employment which would adversely affect the teacher's professional status or present a conflict of interest.

Community support and respect are influenced by the standard of teachers and their attitude toward the profession and other educators. Accordingly, the teacher will:

1. Deal with other educators in a professional manner.
2. Report situations which may involve the welfare of students, the school system, or the profession with persons who have authority to deal with such cases.
3. Maintain professional growth through a program of study, research, travel and/or attendance at professional meetings.

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