

KENTUCKY SCHOOL PERSONNEL CODE OF ETHICS

Educators in the Commonwealth strive toward excellence, recognize the importance of the pursuit of truth, nurture democratic citizenship and safeguard the freedom to learn and to teach. Kentucky educators believe in the worth and dignity of each human being and in educational opportunities for all. Educators in the Commonwealth strive to uphold the responsibilities of the education profession according to the highest ethical standards. The commitment of all Kentucky educators is symbolized by this code of ethics of the education profession in the Commonwealth.

The Professional Educator:

In Relation to Students

- Shall provide students with professional education services in a non-discriminatory manner and in consonance with accepted best practice known to the educator.
- Shall respect the constitutional rights of all students.
- Shall not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter for which the educator bears responsibility.
- Shall take reasonable measures to protect the health, safety, and emotional well-being of students.
- Shall not use professional relationships or authority with students for personal advantage.
- Shall keep in confidence information about students which has been obtained in the course of professional service, unless disclosure serves professional purposes or is required by law.
- Shall not knowingly make false or malicious statements about students or colleagues.
- Shall refrain from

1. Have you ever had a professional certificate, license, credential, or any document issued to you for practice denied, suspended, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered. Yes No
2. Are you currently being reviewed or investigated for purposes of such action as stated in #1 or is such action pending?
3. Have you ever been dismissed, resigned, released, or asked to resign/retire or discharged from a professional position or military service for immorality, incompetence, willful neglect of duty, misconduct, or presenting false information toward obtaining the position? Yes No
4. Is any such action as stated in #3 pending? Yes No
5. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a moving traffic violation), been found guilty, or entered a plea of

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