



Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts

Morton School District #214

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Policy: 1815 Ethical Conduct for School Directors

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Policy Statement

Each board director has taken an oath of office to support the Constitutions of the United States and Washington state. The Morton School Board and each of its school directors is committed to upholding the oath of office and to ethical behavior.

Ethical behavior is an individual responsibility. Each school director and the board as a whole will base their conduct on these core ethical principles:

Objectivity – School directors must place the public’s interest before any private interest or outside obligation – choices need to be made on the merits.

Selflessness – School directors should not take actions or make decisions in the performance of their position in order to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.

Stewardship – School directors should conserve public resources and funds against misuse and abuse.

Transparency – School directors must practice open and accountable government. They should be as open as possible about their decisions and actions, while protecting truly confidential information.

Integrity – School directors should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organizations that might inappropriately influence them in the performance of their official duties.

Failure to adhere to these core ethical principles or failure to comply with other policies adopted by the board or the law may result in the school board taking formal censure of the offending school director in accordance with **1825 – Addressing School Board**

Director Violations.

Cross References:

1111 - Oath of Office

1220 - Board Officers and Duties of Board Members

1610 - Conflicts of Interest 2nd Class Districts

1610 - Conflicts of Interest 1st Class Districts

5271 - Reporting Improper Governmental Action (Whistleblower Protection)

Management Resources:

RCW 28A.320.040 Bylaws for board and school government

RCW 28A.635.050 – Certain corrupt practices of school officials

RCW 42.20 – Misconduct of Public Officers

Adoption Date: **5/22/2023**

Classification: **Discretionary**

Revised Dates: ;

The Morton School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator/ADA Coordinator/Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator and Superintendent John Hannah, 152 Westlake Avenue, Morton, WA, 98356, 360-496-5300, jhannah@morton.k12.wa.us, or Section 504 Coordinator Jordan Austin, 152 Westlake Avenue, Morton, WA, 98356, 360-496-5137, jaustin@morton.k12.wa.us