



**Board Policy**

## **Board Member Ethics**

**Board  
Operations  
Policy 2005**

### **Policy Statement**

All members of the Red Clay Board of Education shall subscribe to the following ethical beliefs:

- The citizens of the District have entrusted the Board with the educational development of all students.
- Board members have no legal authority individually.
- Board members must make every effort to interpret and translate into reality the collective educational philosophy of the citizens of the District.
- The first concern of the Board must be the best interests of *all* students.
- The future welfare of the community, state, and nation depends on the quality of education opportunity provided by the public schools to meet the needs of every student.
- The Board must take the initiative in informing community members about the schools and the resources needed to provide quality schools.
- The Board members' responsibilities must not be ceded to other persons or groups.
- The Board's primary function is to establish the policies under which the schools will function. The authority for the administration of the educational program and the conduct of school business is delegated to the Superintendent.
- Individual citizens and groups must have input on Board policy and District operations.
- Effective internal communication shall allow the Board's focus to be placed appropriately on education.
- Board members are not entitled to any cash or in-kind payment or personal services that are not available to any District citizen.
- Board members shall not be placed in a position of conflict of interest and shall not use their Board positions for personal or partisan gain. No Board members shall be employed by or engage in any business with the District, nor use personal influence to secure special favors or treatment.

### **Responsibility**

The Board President and the Superintendent, as Executive Secretary to the Board shall ensure that the policy is followed.

### **References**

29 Del. C. §5801-5807  
Related Policies: 2002 Board Powers and Duties

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