

Board of Education Policy 2.1200

**Administrative Procedure
Code of Ethics Statement for School Board Members**

As a member of the Catawba County Schools Board of Education, I hereby commit to the following provisions:

- attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board meetings;
- render all decisions based on the available facts and any independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
- encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members, and seek systematic communications between the board and students, staff and all elements of the community;
- work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent;
- communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of public reaction to the board policies and school program;
- learn about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the state and national school boards associations;
- support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
- avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using the board member's position on the board for personal or partisan gain;
- take no private action that will compromise the board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law;
- comply with North Carolina General Statute 115C-50 by earning the required 12 hours of training annually; and
- remember always that a board member's first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

Board of Education Member

Date

Administrative Procedure Approval:

Superintendent

Date