

CODE OF ETHICS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Insert School Name

Spirituality: There is a focus on prayerful discernment at the meetings asking for God's blessing and guidance to permeate discussions, decisions, and all communications. In this manner, board members are seeking the gifts of the Holy Spirit enabling each member to share more fully in the teaching ministry of Jesus Christ and grow in their own faith journey.

Confidentiality: Members of the board are responsible to keep matters discussed in executive / closed session in confidence. Official information / business discussed in such sessions cannot be shared with non-board members.

Objectivity: It is important that board members make an effort to see situations from multiple points of view rather than solely from their own perception, assumptions, and feelings. Due to the possible make-up of the Board, a potential conflict of interest may arise. In these instances, the affected individual is expected to excuse him/herself or may be asked to do so based upon a majority vote of the remaining members.

Justice / Fairness: Decisions made by the board should be the result of honest and open discussion by all members. Consideration for the good of the total Catholic Community and the school community should be integral to the decision making process and reflect the social justice teachings of the Church. Decisions made by the Board should be upheld by every Board member. When decisions will affect various constituencies, those constituencies should be informed at the same time and through an agreed-upon vehicle of communication.

Maintenance of Unity: Board members should function within the framework of the total leadership of the Catholic Community and the school community and strive to cooperate with other leadership groups in the local faith community and in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.