An administrator's professional behavior must conform to an ethical code. The code must be both idealistic and practical, so that it can apply to all administrators. The administrator acknowledges that schools belong to the public and that they must provide educational opportunities to all. An administrator's actions will be viewed and appraised by the community, his professional associates, and the students. Therefore, the administrator subscribes to the following standards:

The administrator: makes the well-being of students the basis for decision making and action;

Fulfills professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity;

Supports the principle of due process as required by law and protects the civil and human rights of all individuals;

Obeys local, state and national laws;

Implements the board's policies, rules and regulations;

Pursues appropriate measures to correct those laws, policies and regulations that are not consistent with sound educational goals;

Avoids using a position for personal gain;

Accepts academic degrees or professional certificates only from duly accredited institutions;

Seeks to improve the profession through research and continuing professional development; and

Honors employment contracts until fulfillment or release.

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