



## **CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

As a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ School Council, on behalf of all the residents of my school community and the constituencies I represent, I recognize that:

1. The public expects school council members to have as their first and greatest concern the overall best interest of each and every student and the general improvement and well-being of the school.
2. School councils are created by Georgia law, but the governance and operation of school councils is controlled by both federal and state law. It is also federal and state law which determines the degree of discretionary power granted to local boards of education and their communities for the exercise of local autonomy.
3. School staff members, together with school council members, are responsible for helping inform the broader school community about the school's mission, vision, goal for improvement and the progress made toward reaching those goals.

**In view of the foregoing considerations, I shall endeavor to:**

- A. Participate regularly in school council meetings and training/information meetings, and prepare myself through study and discussion so that I can provide effective service.
- B. Recognize that in all circumstances, the school council functions to provide recommendations and advice to the school Principal, and possibly the Cobb County Board of Education, on issues related first and foremost to student achievement and school improvement.
- C. Work to improve student achievement and performance.
- D. Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues.
- E. Act as a link between the school council and the community of represented parents and businesses
- F. Remember that at all times, as an individual, I have no authority beyond that given to school council members; therefore, I will conduct my relationships accordingly with school staff, parents and community members.
- G. Work with my fellow school council members in a spirit of harmony, teamwork and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion on school issues.
- H. Base my personal decisions upon all available facts and vote my honest convictions in every case, unswayed by personal interest or bias; abide by and uphold the final majority vote of the school council.
- I. Maintain the confidentiality of any sensitive or restricted information learned during the course of my school council service.

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Signature

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Date