

# World Learner School



POLICY: 104 School Board Conduct Policy

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## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assist school board members in recognizing the role of individual school board members and the contribution that each must make to develop an effective and responsible school board.

## II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Adherence to the following set of principles will ensure effective guidance and operation of the school board and will accentuate a positive, open, and productive environment for all.

Each school board member shall follow the code of ethics stated in this policy.

A. Every member of a school board should represent open-mindedly the entire school district; and, consequently, must let his or her consideration for the entire district take precedence over every form of partisanship and special interest – political, racial, religious, geographic, economic, social, civic or other.

B. Generally, elected members of the school board have binding authority only when acting as a school board legally in session. The school board will not be bound in any way by an action or statement on the part of any individual board member except when such statement or action is authorized by the school board.

C. All actions of the board shall be taken only in official school board meetings called, scheduled and conducted according to these bylaws and the statutes of the state.

D. No school board member, by virtue of his/her office shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or, as an individual, command the services of any school employee.

E. To increase school board effectiveness, board members will:

1. Prepare for school board and committee meetings.
2. Share relevant information with the school board.
3. Follow the school district's "chain of command".
4. Actively participate in meetings by engaging in focused discussions on the agenda topics and actively listen to other school board members, administrators or stakeholders.
5. Share respect and courtesy while seeking to promote our positions on issues or to resolve differences, and more importantly, focus on the best interests of students and the school district.
6. Abide by rules of confidentiality.
7. Support school board decisions and ensure the accuracy of public information on school district or school board decisions.
8. Volunteer for school board responsibilities.

F. In accordance, the board through its mode of operating, shall seek to achieve the following:

1. To concentrate the school board's collective effort on its policy making and planning responsibilities.
2. To formulate policies which best serve the education needs of District 112 students.
3. To provide the superintendent with adequate guidelines for implementing board policies.

4. To maintain effective communication with the public, staff and students in order to maintain awareness of attitudes, opinions, desires and ideas.
5. To conduct business openly, and encourage broad-based involvement in the decision making processes by the public, students and staff.
6. To handle public concerns of both individuals and groups in tactful, orderly, and effective ways.

*Legal Reference:*

Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 1 (School District Powers)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (School Board Powers)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.