

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #33

**District Commitment to Standards for  
Ethical and Responsible Behavior**

The Board of Directors believes that promoting ethical and responsible behavior is an essential part of the District's educational mission. The Board recognizes that ethics, constructive attitudes, responsible behavior, and "character" are important if a student is to leave school as a "Responsible and Involved Citizen," as described in the Guiding Principles of the Maine Learning Results.

Therefore, the Board is committed to create and maintain a school climate in which ethical and responsible behavior can flourish. The Board believes that instilling a sense of ethics and responsibility in students requires setting positive expectations for student behavior as well as establishing disciplinary consequences for behavior that violates Board policy or school rules.

Recognizing that respect, honesty, compassion, fairness, responsibility, and courage are the core values which will provide a foundation for a school culture that encourages and reinforces ethical and responsible behavior, the Board will establish and implement a process that will clearly define behavioral expectations and standards associated with these core values. These defined expectations and standards will further be translated into a "Student Code of Conduct" which is to be consistent with state standards.

The process will include valuable input from a cross representation of administrators, educators, parents, students and community members who represent diverse points of view. The result of this process should generate a sense of "ownership" and a commitment to support, promote, model and reinforce ethical and responsible behavior.

The administrators shall periodically review the District's progress towards the achievement of an ethical and responsible school culture.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 254, 1001 (15)

Cross Reference: JIC-E Student Code of Conduct

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