

Michigan Professional Educator's Code of Ethics

Preamble: Society has charged public education with trust and responsibility that requires of professional educators to the highest ideals and quality service.

The Michigan State Board of Education adopts this Code of Ethics to articulate the ethical standards to which professional educators are expected to adhere in their job performance.

Ethical Standards: The following ethical standards address the professional educator's commitment to the student and the profession.

1. *Service toward common good*

Ethical Principle: The professional educator's primary goal is to support the growth and development of all learners for the purpose of creating and sustaining an informed citizenry in a democratic society.

2. *Mutual respect*

Ethical principal: Professional educators respect the inherent dignity and worth of each individual.

3. *Equity*

Ethical principal: Professional educators advocate the practice of equity. The professional educator advocates for equal access to educational opportunities for each individual.

4. *Diversity*

Ethical principal: Professional educators promote cross-cultural awareness by honoring and valuing individual differences and supporting the strengths of all individuals to ensure that instruction reflects the realities and diversity of the world.

5. *Truth and honesty*

Ethical principle: Professional educators uphold personal and professional integrity and behave in a trustworthy manner. They adhere to acceptable social practices, current state law, state and national student assessment guidelines, and exercise sound professional judgment.