

DIVISION: Board**POLICY #:** GOV-105**POLICY NAME**
TRUSTEE CODE OF ETHICS

POLICY STATEMENT

Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board (“the Board”) recognize the role of individual trustees, and the Board as a whole, in providing effective and proper governance to the District. All decisions of the Board reflect legislation, provincial policies, as well as the vision, mission, values and resource allocations of the Board.

The Trustee Code of Ethics reflects the applicable legislation, strategic plan of the Board, and the above-mentioned values and principles.

BACKGROUND

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board operates within the authority granted under the *Schools Act, 1997*. The purpose of this policy is to outline the responsibility of each trustee to provide leadership in educational governance by adhering to the highest standards of behavior.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Board Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

POLICY DIRECTIVES

1. Trustees shall adhere to the values as outlined in the Board's Strategic Plan.
2. No trustee shall violate any part of the Code of Ethics. Therefore, each person shall, at all times:
 - 2.1 View service on the Board as an opportunity to serve the students of the entire school district.
 - 2.2 Recognize that the Board is an agent of the Provincial Government and, as such, abides by the relevant legislation.
 - 2.3 Make decisions after consideration of all available facts and research, relevant legislation and the Board's constitution and by-laws.
 - 2.4 Adhere to the highest standards of behaviour when dealing with the Board and members of the school community.
 - 2.5 Encourage cooperation and participation of relevant stakeholders when Required.
 - 2.6 Maintain the confidentiality of the business of the Board.
 - 2.7 Recognize and support the importance of the Board speaking with one voice.
 - 2.8 Comply with the Board's *Acceptable Use of Technology* policy.
 - 2.9 Comply with Conflict of Interest Articles as outlined in the By-Laws and as stipulated in the *Schools Act, 1997*.
 - 2.10 Recognize the integrity of the Board's predecessors and associates.

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