

CODE OF ETHICS

of the

School Administrators of South Dakota

Every member of a profession carries a responsibility to act in a manner becoming a professional person. The conduct of any administrator influences the attitude of the public toward the profession and education in general. To these ends, the members of the School Administrators of South Dakota subscribe to the following Code of Ethics:

The professional administrator shall:

- 1. Make the well-being of the students the basis of decision-making and action;*
- 2. Enforce and obey local, state and national rules and laws in the performance of duties;*
- 3. Exemplify high moral standards by not engaging in or becoming a party to such activities as fraud, embezzlement, deceit, moral turpitude, illegal drugs or use of misleading or false statements;*
- 4. Respect the civil rights of those with whom the administrator has contact in the performance of duties;*
- 5. Interpret, accurately represent, and implement the school board policies and administrative regulations;*
- 6. Distinguish personal politics, attitudes and opinions from stated school board policies;*
- 7. Fulfill professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity;*
- 8. Maintain professional relationships which are free from vindictiveness, willful intimidation and disparagement;*
- 9. Safeguard confidential information;*
- 10. Not allow professional decisions or actions to be impaired or influenced by personal gain, gifts, gratuities, favors and services made or withheld;*
- 11. Avoid preferential treatment and conflicts of interest;*
- 12. Honor all contracts until fulfillment, release or dissolution by mutual agreement of all parties;*
- 13. Apply for, accept, offer or assign a position of responsibility on the basis of professional preparation and legal qualification;*
- 14. Accurately represent his/her own qualifications and the evaluations and recommendations of others;*
- 15. Cooperate with authorities regarding violations of the code of ethics of the South Dakota professional administrators practices and standards commission.*