

The Columbia County Board of Education believes its members should observe the ethics of public office and subscribes to the principles of conduct set forth by the Georgia School Boards' Association.

- Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use the office to benefit self or other individual or agency apart from the total interest of the school district.
- Devote time, thought and study to the duties and responsibilities of a school board member in order to render effective and credible service.
- Work with fellow board members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion.
- Base decisions upon all available facts. Vote convictions in every case, unswayed by bias of any kind. Uphold the final majority decision of the board.
- Never neglect the personal obligation to the community and the legal obligation to the state, nor surrender these responsibilities to any other person, group or organization.
- Give first and greatest concern to the students of your school system, without any distinction to who they are or what their background may be.
- Work toward effective school board service in a spirit of teamwork and devotion in public education and all that it can mean to the citizens of this democracy.
- Seek self-improvement by attending meetings and conventions of GSBA, NSBA and other educational organizations.

**PROCEDURE: NO**

**ADOPTED:**

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