

Hugh Sutherland School Council Code of Ethics

The *School Council Resource Guide* suggests a Code of Ethics for school council as a whole, intended for all members of school council acting as a collaborative group. The following is a sample school council could consider.

As a school council, advocating for student learning and school improvement in Hugh Sutherland School, we shall:

- *Abide* by the legislation that governs school council.
- *Be guided* by the mission statement of the school and the school council.
- *Strive* to be familiar with division and school policies and the accompanying administrative procedures/regulations and act in accordance with them.
- *Practice* the highest standards of honesty, accuracy, integrity and truth.
- *Respect* the personal integrity of each member of the school community.
- *Act in accordance with* the School Council Operating Procedures.
- *Declare* any conflict of interest.
- *Foster* a positive atmosphere in which individual contributions are encouraged and valued.
- *Consider* the best interests of all students and the school community in our deliberations and decisions.
- *Respect* the confidential nature of some school business and *respect* limitations this may place on the operation of the school council.
- *Secure and never disclose* confidential information.
- *Focus* discussions at school council meetings to matters of concern to the school community as a whole.
- *Prohibit* discussions of legal, personal, and personnel related issues.
- *Use* the appropriate communication protocol when questions or concerns arise.
- *Promote* high standards of ethical practice within the school community.
- *Accept* accountability for school council decisions.



Code of Conduct for School Council Members

A code of conduct is a statement of principles in which a person or group of people believes, and which governs or influences their behavior. It is an expression of dedication to integrity. *Below is a sample code. It can be adapted to fit your council or serve as a guide to creating a unique code for your council.*

As a member of Hugh Sutherland School Council,

I will:

- *Devote* time, thought and study, to the role and responsibilities of a school council member so that I can provide effective service to my council.
- *Be* familiar with School Council Operating Procedures and policies.
- *Work* with my fellow school council members in a spirit of harmony, cooperation, and respect for differences of opinion.
- *Promote* positive and collaborative relationships on school council, and between school council and the greater school community.
- *Encourage* parent participation in school council.
- *Work* with my fellow school council members to support the goals of the school's education and improvement plans.
- *Assist* the school council to excel in all of its efforts and undertakings.
- *Act* as an advocate for excellence in education at the school and community levels.
- *Declare* any conflict of interest.
- *Secure and never disclose* any confidential information I may have access to through other involvements at the school.
- *Use* the appropriate communication protocols to address concerns.
- *Decline* payment for any school council activities.

