

**South Coast Education  
Service District**

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**Board Member Standards of Conduct**

A Board member should:

1. Comply with ethics laws for public officials;
2. Understand that the Board sets the standards for the ESD through Board policy. Board members do not manage the ESD on a day-to-day basis;
3. Understand that the Board makes decisions by a quorum vote of the Board. Individual Board members may not commit the Board to any action;
4. Respect the right of other Board members to have opinions and ideas which differ;
5. Recognize that decisions are made by a quorum vote are final decisions of the Board. Such decisions should be supported by all Board members;
6. Make decisions only after the facts are presented and discussed;
7. Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office;
8. Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at properly noticed Board meetings;
9. Insist that all Board and ESD business is ethical and honest;
10. Be open, fair and honest — no hidden agendas;
11. Understand that Board members will receive information that is confidential and cannot be shared;
12. Recognize that the superintendent is the Board's employee and designated as the chief executive officer of the ESD and should be present at all meetings, except when the Board is considering the superintendent's evaluation, contract or salary;
13. Take action only after hearing the superintendent's recommendations;
14. Refuse to bring personal or family problems into Board considerations;
15. Give the ESD the respect and consideration due to skilled, professional employees;
16. Present personal criticism of ESD operations to the superintendent, not to ESD staff or to a Board meeting;

17. Respect the right of the public to attend and observe Board meetings;
18. Respect the right of the public to be informed about ESD decisions and ESD operations as provided by law;
19. Remember that content discussed in executive session is confidential;
20. Use social media, websites, or other electronic communication judiciously, respectfully, and in a manner that does not violate Oregon’s Public Meetings Laws;
21. When positing online or to social media, Board members will treat and refer to other Board members, staff, students and the public with respect, and will not post confidential information about students, staff or ESD business.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 162.015 - 162.035](#)  
[ORS 162.405 - 162.425](#)  
[ORS 192.610 - 192.710](#)

[ORS 244.040](#)  
[ORS Chapter 244](#)  
[ORS 334.095](#)

[ORS 334.100](#)