



Te Tāhuhu o
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Code of Conduct for State School Board Members

Issued by the Minister of Education under section 166 of the Education and Training Act 2020 to apply to members of State school boards.

Individual boards of schools/kura can decide to expand the minimum standards in this code to protect the special character/ different character/ principles of Te Aho Matua and any special characteristics of the school or its community.

Acting to achieve our objectives

The purpose of all school boards is to govern the school. As board members, we share the common objectives, as outlined in section 127 of the Education and Training Act 2020, including ensuring the school gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. These objectives are not achieved alone, but in partnership with parents/caregivers, whānau, iwi, hapū, communities, and students/ kōhanga.

<p>7. I take responsibility for ongoing development in my role</p>	<p>I make myself available to undertake appropriate professional development, including a focus on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and good governance.</p>
<p>8. I engage with our community in sensitive and appropriate ways</p>	<p>I work with my fellow board members to authentically engage with all people in our school community, including whānau, local Māori communities, iwi and hapū, fairly, impartially, promptly, and sensitively to help inform the decisions we make.</p>
<p>9. I speak up for all students</p>	<p>I put students' wellbeing, progress and achievement first and foremost, unaffected by my personal beliefs or interests.</p>
<p>10. I come prepared</p>	<p>I come to board meetings prepared to fully participate in decision-making.</p>
<p>11. I use my position responsibly</p>	<p>I maintain confidentiality when I receive non-public information gained in the course of my duties and use it only for its intended purpose. I publicly represent the school in a positive manner and do not publicly disclose information that may be harmful to the school. I do not pursue my own interests at the expense of the school or community's interests.</p>
<p>12. I do not seek gifts or favours</p>	<p>I follow our board policy procedures in relation to any offers of gifts or hospitality. I never seek gifts, hospitality or favours for myself, members of my family or other close associates.</p>
<p>13. I am politically impartial in my role as a board member</p>	<p>I do not endorse or campaign for a political party or candidate in my capacity as a school board member.</p>
<p>14. I meet statutory and administrative requirements</p>	<p>I act in accordance with all statutory and administrative requirements relevant to the role of the school board (including as an employer) and will seek guidance and support if and where required.</p>
<p>15. I identify and manage conflicts of interest</p>	<p>I identify, disclose, manage and regularly review all interests. I become familiar with, and follow, all conflicts of interest requirements, including those of the board, the school, and all statutory requirements.</p>