

DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTIFICATION 10/98

Preamble: According to Kentucky Law, a public school teacher is held to a standard of high personal conduct that does not permit the commission of immoral or criminal acts. Furthermore, the Kentucky Education Standards Board has adopted a Professional Code of Ethics applicable to all school personnel.

NAME: _____ SS#: _____ DATE: _____

Item 1: Do you understand and agree that as a school teacher, you will be held to a high standard of personal conduct and shall be required to abide by the Kentucky Professional Code of Ethics for teachers?

YES _____ NO _____

Item 2: Have you ever held a teaching certificate from Kentucky or any other state, territory or foreign country?

YES _____ NO _____

Have you ever had a credential, certificate or license to teach denied, suspended, voluntarily surrendered, annulled or revoked?

YES _____ NO _____

Is any proceeding now pending? YES _____ NO _____

Item 3: Have you ever been dismissed, resigned, or been asked to resign/retire from any teaching position for immorality, incompetence, neglect of duty, unprofessional conduct or unfitness for service?

YES _____ NO _____

Is any proceeding now pending? YES _____ NO _____

Have you ever been discharged, resigned, or been asked to resign/retire from military service for immorality, incompetence, neglect of duty, unprofessional conduct or unfitness for service?

YES _____ NO _____

Item 4: Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor (other than a moving traffic violation), been found guilty, or entered a nolo contendere plea (no contest) even if adjudication was withheld, in Kentucky or in any other state?

YES _____ NO _____

Item 5: I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I UNDERSTAND THE STANDARD OF PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT EXPECTED OF A TEACHER IN KENTUCKY. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND EXAMINED THE PROFESSIONAL CODE OF ETHICS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL, UNDERSTAND ITS PROVISIONS, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ITS TERMS DURING THE COURSE OF MY CAREER AS A SCHOOL TEACHER.

I affirm and declare that all information given by me on this form is true, correct and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation of facts, by omission or addition, may result in the denial or admission to the teacher education program or continuation in the program, and/or denial of my teaching certificate. Further, I understand that KRS 161.120 provides that a teaching certificate may be revoked upon determination that false information was presented toward obtaining a teaching certificate.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

NOTE: If you answered yes to any items in sections **2-4** you will need to provide documentation of all specifics. If your answers change during the time of participation in the teacher education program, you must notify the Director, Teacher Education Services, immediately.

KENTUCKY SCHOOL PERSONNEL CODE OF ETHICS

as developed by
The Education Standards Board

Educators in the Commonwealth strive toward excellence, recognize the importance of the pursuit of truth, nurture democratic citizenship and safeguard the freedom to learn and to teach. Kentucky educators believe in the worth and dignity of each human being and in educational opportunities for all. Educators in the Commonwealth strive to uphold the responsibilities of the education profession according to the highest ethical standards. The commitment of all Kentucky educators is symbolized by this code of ethics of the education profession in the Commonwealth.

Preamble

In 1990, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky enacted landmark legislation for education reform throughout the state. As the Kentucky Education Reform Act is implemented across the state, the Education Professional Standards Board calls Kentucky's educators to reaffirm their commitment to the highest ethical standards. In recognizing the magnitude of our responsibility to learners and to society, we offer this Code of Ethics which reflects and promotes the aspirations of our profession.

The Students

1. Shall provide students with professional education services in a non-discriminatory manner and in consonance with accepted best practice known to the educator.
2. Shall respect the constitutional rights of all students.
3. Shall not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter for which the educator bears responsibility.
4. Shall take reasonable measures to protect the health, safety, and emotional well-being of students.
5. Shall not use professional relationships or authority with students for personal advantage.
6. Shall keep in confidence information about students which has been obtained in the course of professional service, unless disclosure serves professional purposes or is required by law.
7. Shall not knowingly make false or malicious statements about students or colleagues.
8. Shall refrain from subjecting students to embarrassment or disparagement.
9. Shall maintain a professional approach to personal relationships with students.

The Parents

1. Shall make reasonable effort to communicate to parents information which should be revealed in the interest of the student.
2. Shall endeavor to understand community cultures and diverse home environments of students.
3. Shall distinguish between personal views and the views of the employing educational agency.
4. Shall not interfere in the exercise of political and citizenship rights and responsibilities of others.
5. Shall not use institutional privileges for private gain, for the promotion of political candidates, or partisan political activities.
6. Shall not accept gratuities, gifts, or favors that might impair or appear to impair professional judgment, nor offer any such to obtain special advantage.

Education Profession

1. Shall exemplify behaviors which maintain the dignity and integrity of the profession.
2. Shall accord just and equitable treatment to all members of the profession in the exercise of their professional rights and responsibilities.
3. Shall keep in confidence information acquired about colleagues in the course of employment, unless disclosure serves professional purposes or is required by law.
4. Shall not use coercive means or give special treatment in order to influence professional decisions.
5. Shall apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position of responsibility only on the basis of professional preparation and legal qualifications.
6. Shall not knowingly falsify or misrepresent records of facts relating to his/her own qualifications or those of other professionals.