

# CODE OF ETHICS



*W*e believe membership in the Washington Association of School Administrators requires a commitment to the highest standards of ethical behavior and to providing competent professional leadership to the educational program of our local school districts and the state of Washington.

This responsibility requires the administrator to maintain exemplary standards of professional conduct; therefore, the Washington Association of School Administrators endorses the following Code of Ethics.

The Washington School Administrator:

1. Makes the success of students the fundamental value of all decision-making and action.
2. Fulfills professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity.
3. Supports the principles of constitutionalism and due process and protects the civil and human rights of all individuals.
4. Obeys local, state, and national laws and supports the orderly and constitutional process of change.
5. Implements the governing board of education's policies and administrative rules and regulations.
6. Provides leadership within the state and community to amend those laws, policies, and regulations that are not consistent with sound educational policy and professional practice.
7. Does not improperly use his or her position to influence for personal economic gain.
8. Accepts academic degrees or professional certification only from duly accredited institutions.
9. Maintains high standards and seeks to improve the effectiveness of the profession through research and continuing professional development.
10. Honors all contracts until fulfillment or release.