

Lakeland Board of Education

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1 The Board adopts these standards as recommended by the Tennessee School Boards Association as a
2 guide to its members as they provide educational leadership for the youth of our state.

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4 **ARTICLE I. MY RELATIONS TO THE CHILDREN**

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6 Section 1. I will at all times think in terms of “children first,” always determining how
7 my actions and decisions will affect the education and training of children.

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9 Section 2. I will seek to provide equal educational opportunities for all children
10 regardless of ability, race, color, sex, creed or location of residence.

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12 **ARTICLE II. MY RELATIONS TO MY COMMUNITY**

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14 Section 1. I will endeavor to appraise fairly both the present and future educational
15 needs of the community and to support improvements as finances permit.

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17 Section 2. I will represent at all times the entire school community and refuse to
18 represent special interests or partisan politics.

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20 Section 3. I will endeavor to keep the community informed about the progress and
21 needs of the schools.

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23 **ARTICLE III. MY RELATIONS TO TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL**

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25 Section 1. I will support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as
26 employees and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.

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28 Section 2. I will support and protect personnel in performance of their duties.

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30 Section 3. I will not criticize employees publicly but will make such criticism to the
31 superintendent for investigation and action if necessary.

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33 **ARTICLE IV. MY RELATIONS WITH OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

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35 Section 1. I will recognize that authority rests only with the Board in official meet-
36 ings and that the individual member has no legal status outside of such
37 meetings.

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39 Section 2. I will refuse to make promises as to how I will vote on a matter that will
40 come before the Board.
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1 Section 3. I will make decisions only after a complete discussion of items at a board
2 meeting.

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4 Section 4. I will respect the opinion of other members and will accept the principle
5 of “majority rule.”
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7 **ARTICLE V. MY RELATIONS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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9 Section 1. I will support the full administrative authority as well as responsibility for
10 the superintendent to properly discharge all professional duties.

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12 Section 2. I will hold the superintendent accountable for working with staff and and
13 requiring them to work within the framework of policies set up by the
14 Board.

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16 Section 3. I will refer all complaints and concerns to the superintendent.
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18 **ARTICLE VI. MY RELATIONS TO MYSELF**

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20 Section 1. I will educate myself about my duties and responsibilities and current edu-
21 cational issues by individual study and through participation in programs
22 providing needed information, such as those sponsored by my state and
23 national school boards associations.
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25 Section 2. I will avoid conflicts of interest, and I will refrain from using my position
26 on the Board for personal or partisan gain.
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