

# Van Buren County Board of Education

Monitoring:  Review: Annually, in March	Descriptor Term:  <b>Staff-Student Relations</b>	Descriptor Code: 5.610	Issued Date: 12/13/01
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 Staff members shall maintain professional relationships with students at all times and develop  
2 wholesome and constructive relationships with them. Staff members shall be expected to regard each  
3 student as an individual and to accord each student the rights and respect that is due.

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5 Staff members shall promote a learning environment that encourages fulfillment of each student's  
6 potential in regard to his/her program, consistent with district goals and with optimal opportunities  
7 for students. This goal may be reached by adapting instruction to individual needs, by:

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- 9 1. Insisting on reasonable standards of scholastic accomplishment for all students;
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- 11 2. Creating a positive atmosphere in and out of the classroom;
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- 13 3. Extending courtesy and respect to students; and
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- 15 4. Treating all students with consistent fairness.<sup>1</sup>
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17 Staff members shall use good judgment in their relationships with students beyond their work  
18 responsibilities and/or outside the school setting and shall avoid excessive informal and social  
19 involvement with individual students. Any appearance of impropriety shall be avoided. Sexual  
20 relationships between employees and students shall be prohibited.<sup>2</sup>

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Legal References:

1. TEA Code of Ethics of the Education Profession
2. TCA 39-13-506; TCA 39-13-527

Cross References:

- Staff Rights & Responsibilities 5.600  
Ethics 5.611