

Hancock County Board of Education

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- 1 An effective educational program requires the services of men and women of integrity, high ideals and
 2 human understanding. To maintain and promote these essentials, all employees are expected to
 3 maintain high standards in their school relationships.¹ These standards include the following:
- 4 1. The maintenance of just and courteous professional relationships with students, parents, staff
 5 members and others;
 - 6 2. The maintenance of their own efficiency and knowledge of the developments in their fi elds of
 7 work;
 - 8 3. The transaction of all official business with the properly designated authorities of the school
 9 system;
 - 10 4. The establishment of friendly and intelligent cooperation between the community and the
 11 school system;
 - 12 5. The representation of the school system on all occasions that the contributions of the school
 13 system to the community are recognized;
 - 14 6. The welfare of children as the first concern of the school system when placing professional per-
 15 sonnel. The use of pressure on school officials for appointments or transfers is unethical;
 - 16 7. Restraint from using school contacts and privileges to promote partisan politics, sectarian
 17 religious views or selfish propaganda of any kind;
 - 18 8. The responsibility to make any criticism of other staff members or of the school system directly
 19 to the particular school administrator who has the administrative responsibility for improving
 20 the situation and then to the director of schools, if necessary; and
 - 21 9. The proper use and protection of all school properties, equipment and materials.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-5-501(3)(D); TCA 49-5-1003; TCA 49-5-1004