

TYLER COUNTY POLICY: GAR

STAFF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

West Virginia Code 61-10-15 prohibits any member of the Board of Education, superintendent, principal or teacher from having personal financial interests, directly or indirectly, in a contract, service, purchase or sale over which their public position gives them “voice, influence, or control.” This prohibition extends to their spouse, dependents, or businesses in which they have ownership interest or by which they are employed.

In addition to complying with the Pecuniary interest statute, all employees must follow the ethical standards set forth by the West Virginia Government Ethics Act. Essentially, the code of conduct created by the Ethics Act is that those in public service should use their position for the public benefit and not for their private gain or the private gain of another.

Under the limitations of the Ethics Act, a teacher may not use school facilities for private tutoring of students, if the teacher is charging and collecting a fee from the individual student. Further, teachers should not privately tutor, for pay, their own students during the school year.

REFERENCE: School Laws of West Virginia 61-10-15; 61-5A-3; 61-5A-6; The West Virginia Governmental Ethic Act, 1989; State Superintendent Interpretation, March 2, 1995 to Tyler County Board of Education

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