

Procedure 1040-PR(1): DGB Ethics and Professional Conduct – Code

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All District Governing Board (DGB) members are expected to understand and adhere to the directions given below.

DIRECTIONS

Each DGB member will diligently serve the best interests of the residents of Santa Cruz County and appropriately associated stakeholders as the Board and the District strive to provide superior and meaningful educational and community enrichment opportunities.

As a member of the DGB and representative of the District, maintain professional standards of conduct.

Recognize that only the DGB as a whole has the legal status to act for the Governing Board and the District.

Provide careful stewardship and oversight of the public funds allocated to the District. Make decisions based on all available facts and accept the principle of majority rule in decision-making.

Understand the important and fundamental role of the DGB is that of policymaking. Written policies (and procedures) that are thoughtfully developed with direction and input from the DGB are the basis for governance and administration of the District.

Delegate the administration and day-to-day management of the District to the President and provide the respect and support necessary to make that delegation meaningful and successful.

Become educated in the many responsibilities and rules inherent in public service and remain cognizant of the same while serving as a member of the DGB.

Participate fully in all necessary activities (meetings, information review, decision-making, accreditation initiatives, etc.).

Serve as appropriate on standing and ad-hoc committees germane to DGB activities as requested and agreed upon.