Poplar School District

PERSONNEL 5223

Personal Conduct

Employees are expected to maintain high standards of honesty, integrity and impartiality in the conduct of District business.

In accordance with state law, an employee should not dispense or utilize any information gained from employment with the District, accept gifts or benefits, or participate in business enterprises or employment that creates a conflict of interest with the faithful and impartial discharge of the employee's District duties. A District employee, before acting in a manner that might impinge on any fiduciary duty, may disclose the nature of the private interest that would create a conflict. Care should be taken to avoid using or avoid the appearance of using official positions and confidential information for personal advantage or gain.

Further, employees are expected to hold confidential all information deemed not to be for public consumption as determined by state law, Federal law and Board policy. Employees also will respect the confidentiality of people served in the course of an employee's duties and use information gained in a responsible manner. The Board may discipline, up to and including discharge, any employee who discloses confidential and/or private information learned during the course of the employee's duties. Discretion should be used even within the school system's own network of communication.

Administrators and supervisors may set forth specific rules and regulations governing staff conduct.

Cross Reference: Staff Handbooks

Legal Reference: § 20-1-201, MCA School officers not to act as agents

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