

## **Board Member Code of Ethics**

According to the Colorado Revised Statutes 22-18-105, the following ethical principles for school board members “are intended as guides to conduct and do not constitute violations as such of the public trust of office...”

1. A board member “should not acquire or hold an interest in any business or undertaking which that member has reason to believe may be directly and substantially affected to its economic benefit by official action to be taken by an agency over which the member has substantive authority.”
2. A board member “should not, within six months following the termination of office..., obtain employment in which the member will take direct advantage, unavailable to others, of matters with which the member was directly involved during the term of [office]. These matters include rules, other than rules of general application, which the member actively helped to formulate, and applications, claims or contested cases in the consideration of which the member was an active participant.”
3. A board member “should not perform an official act directly and substantially affecting a business or other undertaking to its economic detriment when the member has a substantial financial interest in a competing firm or undertaking.
4. A board member is discouraged “from assisting or enabling members of [the board member’s] immediate family in obtaining employment, a gift of substantial value, or an economic benefit tantamount to a gift of substantial value from a person whom [the board member] is in a position to reward with official action or has rewarded with official action in the past.

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