

HIGHVIEW SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL
CODE OF ETHICS

ALL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS shall:

- ! maintain confidentiality at all times not disclosing confidential information
- ! be guided by the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board's and Highview School Council Mission Statements
- ! respect Highview School's guiding principles
- ! become familiar with and act within the School's policies and procedures
- ! consider the best interests of all students focussing on improving student achievement
- ! protect the rights and interests of all individuals within the school community
- ! promote high standards of ethical practice. Honesty, truth, personal integrity, respecting the rights and dignity of others
- ! act within the limits of the rules and responsibilities of the School Council. Respect and comply with the School Council Constitution, Policies and Procedures of the HWDSB and the Ministry of Education
- ! encourage a positive atmosphere where individual contributions are encouraged and valued
- ! exercise democratic values
- ! accept accountability for decisions
- ! limit discussions at School Council meetings to matters of concern to the school community as a whole. Treating all members with civility allowing for diverse opinions to be discussed without interruption especially if disagreements occur. Interruptions may be necessary by the Chair/Co-Chairs should an agenda item exceed the allotted time for discussion.
- ! use appropriate communication channels when questions/concerns or issues arise
- ! declare a conflict of interest on any issue discussed at Council meetings that would benefit that member personally
- ! not accept honorariums

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