

D: A teacher shall take reasonable disciplinary action in exercising the authority to provide an atmosphere conducive to learning.

E: A teacher shall not use professional relationships with students, parents and colleagues to private advantage.

F: A teacher shall delegate authority for teaching responsibilities only to licensed personnel.

G: A teacher shall not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter.

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H: A teacher shall not knowingly falsify or misrepresent records or facts relating to that teacher's own qualifications or to other teachers' qualifications.

I: A teacher shall not knowingly make false or malicious statements about students or colleagues.

J: A teacher shall accept a contract for a teaching position that requires licensing only if properly or provisionally licensed for that position.



What you need to know:

A teacher's guide to the Minnesota Department of Education's Code of Ethics



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Why is there a Code of Ethics?

The Minnesota Department of Education has established a Minnesota statute pertaining to the professional conduct of all teachers entering the profession.



Each teacher entering the profession assumes a number of obligations, one of which is to adhere to a set of principles defining professional conduct. These principles are reflected in a code of ethics, which sets forth to the education profession and the public it serves, standards of professional conduct and procedures for implementation.

Who is required to follow the Code?

In August of 1997, the Minnesota Department of Education finalized the Code of Ethics which will “apply to all persons licensed according to rules established by the Board of Teaching.

The Minnesota Department of Education website — www.education.state.mn.us — has set up an entire subsection specifically aimed at the Code of Ethics, which is observed state-wide as law.



What are the Ethics?

The following 10 standards have been established as Minnesota Statute as the Code of Ethics for all licensed teachers:

A: A teacher shall provide professional education services in a nondiscriminatory manner.

B: A teacher shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to health and safety.

C: In accordance with state and federal laws, a teacher shall disclose confidential information about individuals only when a compelling professional purpose is served or when required by law.