Ethical & Professional Guidelines for School Professionals

Ethics:

Code of Ethics for Educators (American Association of Educators)

Code of Ethics (American Association of School Administrators)

Code of Ethics (National Education Association)

Code of Ethics (National Association of Secondary School Principals)

Code of Ethics (National Association of Special Education)

Ethical Standards for School Counselors (American School Counselor Association)

Principles for Professional Ethics (National Association of School Psychologists)

School Social Work Standards (Indiana School Social Work Association)

Ethical Considerations for Indiana Educators [video]

Boundaries:

Connecting With Students While Maintaining Ethical Boundaries

Healthy Boundaries for Teachers

Understanding Professional Boundaries

Boundary Dilemmas in Teacher-Student Relationships: Struggling with “the line”

Considerations:

- Mandatory ethical training and thorough background checks for teachers & coaches
- When communicating with a student, use school email or school owned technology
- If meeting with individual student or small group, leave classroom door open
- Do not text message individual students
- Do not become friends with students on Facebook until they have graduated from high school
- Do not drive students in your car by yourself
- Criminal history checks for all staff and volunteers
- Request for a search of the Child Protection Index (return form SF 52802 to your local DCS office or the DCS central office). [Instructions] to complete this form.
- Do not give individual students gifts/trips/outings/undue special attention (classroom prizes/rewards don’t apply)
- Do not give students your home phone number or address
• Ask another staff member to sit in during a 1:1 meeting with a student
• Do not meet students outside of school without permission of an administrator

Resources: