

ACADEMY OF ARTS AND KNOWLEDGE
Code of Conduct

The Board commits itself, and its members, to ethical, business like, and lawful conduct, including proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as Board members. As such, Board member conduct shall adhere to the following principals:

1. I shall serve the students, staff, and parents of AAK in accordance with the Vision, Mission, Charter, Bylaws, approved Policies, this Code of Conduct and any other documents approved by the Board.
2. I acknowledge that the role of the Board is governance and policy development and not administration of the school and, therefore, I do not personally direct any staff member or student at the school.
3. I shall listen, speak my mind and share all relevant information with other members of the Board in a respectful courteous manner.
4. I shall respect the opinion of others, and presume positive intentions.
5. I shall make decisions based on what is best for the students and AAK as a whole.
6. I acknowledge the implications of my role and how it affects my relationships with other school community members.
7. I shall vote for an Executive Session of the Board only if the situation requires it and acknowledge that secret sessions of Board members is unethical.
8. I shall not use AAK, or any part of its program, for my own economic advantage or for the advantage of my friends.
9. I shall inform the Board and recuse myself for any vote in which it might appear I have a possible conflict of interest.
10. I shall not attempt to exercise my Board authority over the school or speak for the Board except to repeat explicitly stated Board decisions.
11. I shall make no disparaging remarks, in or out of Board meetings, about other members of the Board. I will honor those in their absence.
12. I shall carefully read all information and ask critical questions so that I am fully informed about matters facing the Board.
13. I shall express my honest and most thoughtful opinions frankly, in Board meetings, in an effort to have all decisions made for the best interest of the students and the school.
14. I shall encourage all members of the Board to participate fully in Board action.
15. I shall not violate any family or student confidentiality at the school.
16. I shall not discuss the confidential business of Executive Session outside of those Sessions.
17. I shall not conduct Board business outside of Board meetings.
18. I shall not individually judge the Directors, administration, or staff performance.
19. I shall not make decisions without a careful examination of an issue from all sides.
20. As a member of the Board, once a vote has been taken on a policy or issues, I shall respect the decision of the group and support its implementation.
21. I shall promptly notify the Board, no later than the next Board meeting, of any change in my status that may affect my eligibility to serve on the Board or my ability to abide by these rules.
22. I acknowledge that if I fail to attend any three Board meetings out of six consecutive Board meetings I may be removed from the Board.

Signed by _____

Board Director Name _____

Date _____