PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE FOR TEACHERS

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- 1 The Transylvania Board of Education ("Board") is dedicated and committed to providing all
- 2 teachers with opportunities and resources to further their growth as professional educators. To
- 3 that end, the performance of every teacher is assessed and the teacher is provided with
- 4 constructive feedback through a formal evaluation and review process targeted to enhance
- 5 professional growth. In addition, it is the Board's expectation that all teachers, regardless of
- 6 their years of experience, are capable of and must adhere to certain minimum professional
- 7 standards of conduct and performance as set forth in this policy.
- 8 Therefore, all teachers employed by the Transylvania County Board of Education shall comply
- 9 with and adhere to the following professional standards of conduct and performance:
- 10 1. Adhere to the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators.

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- 2. Comply with all Board policies regarding appropriate and/or prohibited behavior with students, including electronic communications with students directly or through the Internet.
 - 3. Direct all complaints regarding the work environment to the appropriate supervisors and/or file grievances (See Policy GBM "Staff Complaints or Grievances"). instead of acting to undermine or diminish the authority of coworkers and supervisors.
- 4. An employee at no time shall act in a manner to undermine or diminish the authority of co-workers and/or supervisors.
 - 5. Avoid confrontations with co-workers, including but not limited to, engaging in actions or conversations which the teacher knows or should know will result in an actual disruption.
 - 6. Manage students' classroom behavior to minimize disruption to the educational environment and refer students, when necessary, to the administration for disciplinary action.
 - 7. Respond to all parent inquiries, complaints and/or concerns in a timely and professional manner.
 - 8. Comply with all administrative directives in a timely and professional manner, including written directives regarding specific issues or behaviors.
- 9. Perform all assigned and/or accepted extracurricular and non-instructional
 duties in a timely and professional manner.
- 32 10. Participate in and complete any required professional development activities.
- Participate in all required staff meetings and student academic meetings, including required meetings for students with special needs, in a professional manner.
 - 12. Complete and transmit all required reports and other documentation in a timely and professional manner.
- Arrive at school each day at an appropriate time designated by the principal ready and prepared to complete all assigned duties.

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41	The failure or unwillingness of a teacher to comply with the professional standards of conduct
42	and performance listed herein may result in contract non-renewal or disciplinary action. This
43	disciplinary action may result in contract non-renewal or other action up to and including
44	dismissal from employment. In all matters concerning a teacher's compliance with this policy,
45	consideration shall be given to the impact on the education of a student or group of students and
46	on the overall educational environment of the school.
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48	Statutory Authority: G.S. 115C-47(1), (4), (9), (12), and (18); G.S. 115C-325(e)(3); 16 NCAC
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