

Board Member Oath and Conduct

Section A - Introduction

It is the policy of the Board of Education that each school board member, before taking his or her seat on the Board for each term, shall take the oath of office (105 ILCS 5/10-16.5).

Section B - Oath of Office

I, (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of a member of the Board of Education of Glenbrook High School District 225, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further swear (or affirm) that:

- I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;
- I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;
- I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting;
- I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels;
- As part of the Board of Education, I shall accept the responsibility for my role in the equitable and quality education of every student in the School District;
- I shall foster with the Board extensive participation of the community, formulate goals, define outcomes, and set the course for Glenbrook High School District 225;
- I shall assist in establishing a structure and an environment designed to ensure all students have the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework;
- I shall strive to ensure a continuous assessment of student achievement and all conditions affecting the education of our children, in compliance with State law;
- I shall serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and our community's school (or schools) to advance the vision for Glenbrook High School District 225; and
- I shall strive to work together with the Superintendent to lead the school district toward fulfilling the vision the Board has created, fostering excellence for every student in the areas of academic skills, knowledge, citizenship, and personal development.

Section C - Administration of the Oath of Office

The Secretary Pro Tem will administer the oath in an open Board meeting.

Section D - Code of Conduct

The Board adopts the Illinois Association of School Boards' Code of Conduct for Members of School Boards. A copy of the Code shall be displayed in the regular Board meeting room.

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