

**Policy Statement #1740 (Administration) of the Board of Education
Regarding Ethics**

- I. Purpose
 - A. To provide guidance to members of the Calvert County Public Schools Board of Education, school officials, and employees to guard against improper influence.
- II. Definitions
 - A. Employee – An individual whose compensation is paid by the Calvert County Public Schools
 - B. Official – An elected or appointed member of the Board of Education
- III. Policy Statement
 - A. The Calvert County Board of Education, recognizing that our system of representative government is dependent in part upon the people maintaining the highest trust in their members of the Board of Education, school officials and employees, finds and declares that the people have a right to be assured that the impartiality and independent judgment of those members of the Board of Education, school officials and employees will be maintained.
 - B. It is evident that this confidence and trust is eroded when the conduct of public business is subject to improper influence and even the appearance of improper influence.
 - C. Therefore, the Calvert County Board of Education shall require members of the Calvert County Public Schools Board of Education, school officials, and employees to disclose their financial affairs under certain conditions and shall set minimum standards for their conduct of school system business.
- IV. Delegation of Authority
 - A. The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.
- V. Exceptions
 - A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations and the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VI. Review

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- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of three years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective October 10, 2024.

Citations

State Law: Title 5 of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

State Reg.: COMAR 19A.05.01-.03 and Appendices A & B

Federal Law:

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

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