

**Cochise College  
District Board Policy**

**Category: Governance  
Policy Number: 204  
Title: Code of Ethics**

Each Board member is an elected representative of the citizens of the District, a position that is one of public trust. As a group, the Board has both legal and ethical obligations to carry out its duties under applicable laws and with the highest level of ethical conduct. Board members' responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Board members shall work with other Board members and the College President or designate in a spirit of cooperation. Board members shall when required help to create and sustain an atmosphere in which controversial issues or differing views can be presented fairly and in which the dignity of others is recognized.
- b. Board members shall communicate information that affects the Board or the College through appropriate channels.
- c. Board members shall avoid any conflict of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibilities.
- d. Board members shall maintain a position of loyalty to the College and to the interests of the students while exercising their authority as a member of the Board. This loyalty shall supersede any conflicting loyalties of a personal or political nature, such as membership on other bodies or as a consumer of College services.

Board members shall maintain a position of fairness in their treatment and relationship with College employees.