

**Professional Code of Ethics
Arkansas State University**

The pre-service educator believes in the worth and dignity of each human being and to the right of equal educational opportunities for all. The educator recognizes the magnitude of the responsibility associated with the teaching process. The highest level of ethical conduct will be maintained by adhering to the principles of this code of ethics. The educator accepts the responsibility to adhere to the code and violation of the code of ethics may be grounds for withdrawal from the assigned public school, the university class, and/or the teacher education program.

Principle 1

Commitment to the Profession

1. Shall exemplify behaviors that maintain the integrity of the profession (including appropriate attire, attitude, attendance, appropriate interpersonal relations)
2. Shall exhibit just and equitable treatment to all members of the profession
3. Shall keep in confidence information acquired about colleagues (public school administrators, teachers, and staff or university personnel) while conducting field experience activities in the school
4. Shall not make false or malicious statements about colleagues
5. Shall not use coercive means or give special treatment in order to influence professional decisions

Principle 2

Commitment to the Student

1. Shall respect the rights of all students
2. Shall provide students with educational services in a nondiscriminatory manner and in agreement with accepted best practices
3. Shall make reasonable effort to protect the students from conditions harmful to learning or to health, safety, and emotional well-being
4. Shall not use professional relationships or authority with students for personal advantage
5. Shall not disclose information about students obtained while conducting field experiences activities in the school, unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law
6. Shall not make false or malicious statements about students
7. Shall not intentionally expose the student to embarrassment or belittlement
8. Shall not engage in any unprofessional behavior with a student with or without consent, but shall maintain a professional demeanor with students

I understand that if I violate the Professional Code of Ethics, I will be withdrawn from the assigned public school, the university class, and/or the teacher education program.

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Print Name: _____

Date: _____