

## **Board Policy –Code of Ethics of Board Members**

### **Board Policy – 9323**

BRIDGES Board Members believe that as a member of the Board, we shall promote the best interest of BRIDES Charter School as a whole and shall adhere to the following ethical standards;

#### Equity in Attitude

1. I will be fair, just and impartial in all of my decisions and actions.
2. I will accord others the respect I wish for myself.
3. I will encourage expressions of different opinions and listen with an open mind to others' ideas.
4. I will seek to foster positive, respectful and peaceful collaboration in alignment with the charter vision.

#### Trustworthiness in Stewardship

1. I will be accountable to the public by representing BRIDGES policies, programs, and progress accurately and equitably.
2. I will be responsive to the community by seeking its involvement in the School's affairs and by communicating its priorities and concerns.
3. I will work to ensure prudent and accountable use of BRIDGES' resources.
4. I will make no personal primes to take private action that may compromise my performance or my responsibilities as a Board Member.

#### Honor in Conduct

1. I will tell the truth.
2. I will share my views while working for consensus.
3. I will respect the majority decision as the decision of the Board.
4. I will base my decisions on fact rather than supposition, opinion, or public favor.

#### Integrity of Character

1. I will refuse to surrender judgment to any individual or group at the expense of the School as a whole.
2. I will uphold all applicable laws, rules, policies, and governance procedures.
3. I will not disclose information that is confidential by law or that needlessly harm the BRIDGES school board if disclosed.

#### Commitment to Service

1. I will focus my attention on fulfilling the Board's responsibilities of school governance, goal setting, policymaking and evaluation.

2. I will diligently prepare for and attend Board meetings.
3. I will avoid personal involvement in activities the Board has delegated to the Executive Director or designee.
4. I will remain mindful of my position and authority as a Board Member and not use this position or authority, intentionally or otherwise, to obtain information, favors or benefits to which I would otherwise not be entitled.
5. I will seek continuing education that will enhance my ability to fulfill my duties effectively.
6. I will strive to always operate within the guidelines and laws as set forth in the Ralph M. Brown Act and will support my fellow Board Members to do the same.

#### Student-Centered Focus

1. I will be continuously guided by what is best for all students of BRIDGES Charter School.